



## Spring Term

### Reception

#### *Exploring the world/Traditional tales*

These topics are used as a stimulus to learning; we also follow your child's interests and incorporate this into their learning.

#### Spring 1

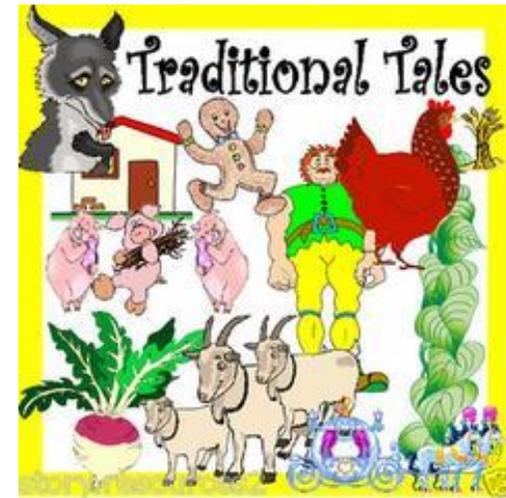
##### *Exploring the world*

- Maps
- Chinese New Year
- Songs and stories from other countries.
- Languages
- Festivals
- Costumes.

#### Spring2

##### *Traditional tales*

- Three Little Pigs
- Goldilocks and the Three Bears
- Gingerbread Man
- Billy Goats Gruff
- The Enormous Turnip.
- (Easter Crafts) (Mother's Day)



## AROUND the WORLD



## Physical development

This term we will continue to practise cutting out carefully and writing all of the letters of the alphabet correctly. We will also be talking about ways to stay healthy by eating well and getting lots of exercise.

To help your child at home you could:

- Practise writing different letters with them by writing labels, lists or cards together.
- Ask them to tell you about healthy food and unhealthy food that you can only have as a treat.
- Continue to practise cutting out together.

## Literacy

This term we will be using the sounds that we have learnt to read and write simple words and begin to use these skills to make lists, labels and sentences. We will practise reading words and sentences and talk in more detail about the traditional tales that we have read.

To help your child at home, you could:

- Read stories with your child and encourage them to talk about them.
- Practise writing simple words with your child and sound out the words of things that are around you with them.

Please make sure that your child is reading 3 times a week at home and practising their letter sounds regularly. We will also be sending home 'Action Words' for your child to learn

## Expressive Arts and Design

This term we will be teaching different skills in art such as model making, collage and how to use different art equipment. We will also be developing our musical skills and playing different instruments to make our own sound effects and pieces of music.

To help your child at home, you could:

- Encourage your child to move around and dance to music on the radio and television.
- Make up games and stories with your child using toys and dressing up clothes.
- Help your child to make their own pieces of art at home using paper, pencils, paint or even junk.

## Communication and Language

We will be encouraging the children to use their language skills to make up games and stories. We will ask the children to explain their ideas and feelings in detail and give simple instructions to explain how to do something. We will expect the children to be developing their concentration and be able to talk about something that they have heard such as a story.

To help your child at home, you could:

- Play with cars, dolls and other toys with your child acting out silly made up stories.
- Play games like Simon Says with increasingly complicated instructions such as 'Touch your head, then your nose.'



## Mathematics

We will be learning to read and write numbers to 20 this term. We will solve simple number problems including addition, subtraction, doubling and halving and will learn about different shapes and ways of measuring weight, size and capacity.

To help your child at home, you could:

- Practise their Big Maths problems with them.
- Look for different shapes when you are playing, or out and about.
- Cook with your child and ask them to help you to measure things.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will be working on your child's awareness of themselves and their feelings. We will encourage them to talk about their favourite things and their dislikes and their aims and goals when they are in school.

To help your child at home, you could:

- Encourage them to talk about themselves and their day at school.
- Continue to help them to develop their independence by dressing themselves at home including doing their own buttons and laces.
- Play games with your child and ask them to help you to follow the rules.

## Knowledge of the world

We will be learning about different countries this term. We will spend time using the computers and other ICT equipment such as laptops, iPads, robots and recording equipment. We will also be finding out about Chinese New Year, and Easter.

To help your child at home, you could:

- Help your child to find out about different countries by looking on the internet together or visiting the library.
- Help your child to operate simple technology such as the phone, TV remote, computer and any electrical toys and games that are safe for them to use.