

Reception - Spring 1

Literacy

This term our topic is Traditional Tales. We will be reading, sequencing, retelling and doing additional work on the following traditional tales;

1. The Gingerbread Man
2. Jack and the Beanstalk
3. Goldilocks and the Three Bears
4. Little Red Hen
5. The Enormous Turnip
6. The Three Billy Goats Gruff

Please support us by asking your child questions about the above stories every week. Here are a few suggestions;

- What are the names of the characters in each of the stories?
- Can they retell the story in their own words? Ask them about what happened in the beginning, middle and end of the story.
- What was their favourite part and why?

Phonics

As well as consolidating the sounds learned throughout the Autumn Term we will be introducing the following sounds;

- ar (as in p-ar-k)
- or (f-or-k)
- ur (t-ur-n)
- ow (c-ow)
- oi (b-oi-l)
- er (f-er-n)
- air (f-air)
- ear (g-ear)

In order to cater for all children at Mortimer Primary and their varied learning styles, we like to incorporate the Jolly Phonics actions as well as the corresponding songs into our daily teaching. If you have any questions regarding these, please do not hesitate to ask any of the Reception staff.

During this term the children will also begin to learn the letter names using an alphabet song, although they will continue to use the sounds when reading (decoding) words.

Spellings

We will be concentrating on spelling the following tricky words and hoping the children begin to use these in their independent writing;

- no
- go
- to
- the
- like
- and
- are

Please feel free to practise spelling these words at home as well as listening to your child read on a daily basis.

Maths

This term we will be concentrating on developing the following skills;

- Number formation and recognition to 10/20
- Number order through chants, rhyme and songs
- Addition - Finding the total number of items in 2 groups by counting them all together
- Beginning to use the mathematical names for 'flat' 2D and 'solid' 3D shapes as well as some of the properties to describe them

During their work this half term the children will also be learning about.....

- How materials change i.e. ice into water
- The life cycle of a broad bean
- Developing their creative skills through painting, making puppets and moving characters as well as singing and using musical instruments
- Cookery will include making gingerbread men, porridge, jam sandwiches and pancakes for Shrove Tuesday
- Developing their gross and fine motor skills through weekly PE lessons, dough disco, movements to music and playing in our outdoor area