

YEAR R CURRICULUM OVERVIEW SPRING TERM 2018

‘Let the children come to me.’

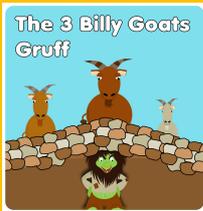
Once Upon a time.

Religious Education



This half term we will be completing the story of Christmas with the arrival of the Wise Men. We will then be moving on to the theme of People who help us. We will be learning why the priest is an important person in the Church community. We be listening to and retelling stories of Jesus helping others. We will be thinking why it is important for followers of Jesus to try and live like him.

Personal, Social, Emotional Development



This half term we will be learning about relationships. We will be learning about feelings associated with situations that are unfair. We will be using our topic of Fairy tales to think about what happens in a story when something is unfair and the role of heroes and villains. We have been delighted with how the children are beginning to support each other in their learning especially when celebrating each other’s successes. This is an area we will be continuing to develop this half term.

Communication and language



We will be reading a wide variety of Fairy tales and traditional stories. The children will be developing their writing skills and we will be encouraging greater independence in their writing. They will be practising sounding out words and writing these sounds down. We will moving towards the children writing sentences using recognisable letters with finger spaces between words and full stops at the ends of a sentence. You will start to notice further improvement in your child's reading skills as they become more confident with letter sounds and blending. Encourage them to sound out unknown words. Ask them about the book they are reading- can they name a character in the book? What was the book about? What happened at the end? You can practise reading with your child even when you do not have a book with you. Practise sounding out and blending to read signs, labels, magazines, packaging, newspapers etc. The children will be learning about a range of punctuation such as full stops, capital letters, exclamation marks and question marks. Discuss these with your child as you spot them in their reading books.

Physical Development



We will develop our game skills, practising throwing, catching and sending a ball in a variety of other ways. We will be using these skills in some simple team games. Please make sure your child has their P.E. kit in school every day as the skills the children practise in P.E. are vital to your child's

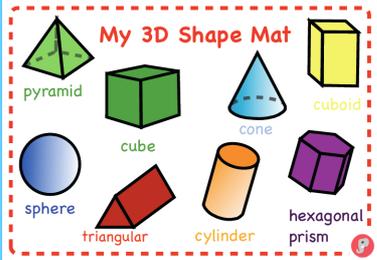
development.
 Based around our theme of Fairy tales, we will be constructing bridges and castles inside and outside the classroom using a variety of building and construction materials.



Mathematical Development



The children will be continuing to practise counting, reading and using numbers to 20. You can support at home by practising counting forwards to 20 and backwards to 1 with your child. We will also be learning about how and what we measure. We will be measuring height and length. We will be deciding what equipment we can measure with and what words we can use to describe the measurement (e.g. long, short, shorter, taller).
 Last half term we introduced the children to the names of 2D and 3D shapes. We will be continuing to work with shape learning about how we can tell the difference between a square and a rectangle or a cylinder and a cone. We will be counting the number of sides and corners of 2D shapes and the number of faces and edges of 3D shapes.



Understanding the world



The children will be exploring seasonal changes in our environment and the effect this has on the world around us. Before the holidays we were treated to lots of lovely snow. This half term we will be learning about and exploring frost, ice and snow. We will be investigating how ice changes and what brings about that change. Try talking to the children about your own experiences of the seasons as you were growing up.
 The children will be using a variety of technology to access Traditional tales and Fairy tales, creating characters and fairytale backgrounds.
 There are a wide variety of Traditional tales, Fairy tales and stories from around the world on www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies and www.oxfordowl.co.uk

Expressive Arts and Design



In music we will be continuing to explore different styles of music. We will be learning how to play and explore a variety of different instruments in the classroom to accompany songs and rhymes. We will also be learning how to make our own musical instruments.

We will be developing our construction skills, folding, using scissors, glue and tape to make our own fairy tale castles, magic wands and dragons! The children will also be exploring with a variety of wonderful sensory materials to create Fairy tale art.