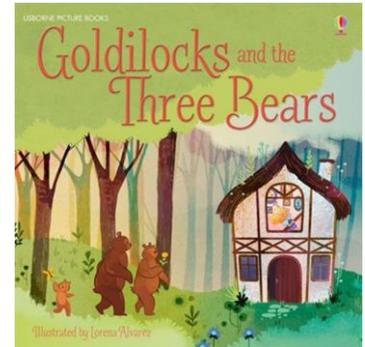


Dear Parents,

November 2020

Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed the half term break. We have a really fun topic planned for this term and the children have already started trying to solve the crime that has occurred in our classroom during half term.

Our topic this term is 'Fairytales' based on the fairytale 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. When they have worked out that Goldilocks has committed the crimes, they will be storymapping the story and retelling it. We will use this book to complete a variety of literacy activities, including using adjectives, understanding character's feelings and what they might say and creating their own story. We have set up a stage role play and a puppet show so the children can perform the story and practice using story language. We will use the book as a focus for our topic work, so we will learn about different bears and porridge, which will hopefully include some cooking and tasting! There will be lots of opportunities to be creative, including making bears with different materials and making beds and chairs.



All children will take part in a daily phonics lesson. Reception will be consolidating their knowledge of phase 2, including reading and writing sentences. We will also be focusing on letter formation, so please encourage your child to form their letters correctly. We will then move on to phase 3 sounds and will practice using these to read and write. Nursery will be focusing on their listening skills, identifying different sounds and recognising their name

In Maths, Reception will be consolidating their understanding of numbers to 5. Linked to our topic, we will then learn about size, length, capacity and weight. We will then start learning about numbers to 10, including counting using 1:1 correspondence and ordering the numbers as well as making them in different ways and recalling one more and one less facts. Nursery will be focusing on using 1:1 correspondence when counting to 5 and reciting numbers in the correct order.

- Reception Reading Stars will start again this term. Children need to read 4 times a week to get a star. Children with 5 stars at the end of term will win a prize. Books will be changed on a Monday and Thursday. Please sign and date everytime you read.
- Nursery have now been given a picture book to share with you. These will be changed when the children ask for a new one.
- Homework will still be given on a Friday and is due the following Thursday. These short tasks are designed to reinforce what the children have been learning about during the week. If your child is too tired to complete the homework, they do not need to do it.

- This term, P.E. will be gymnastics and will take place on a Thursday. P.E. kits will be sent home at the end of the week for a wash, but please make sure they come back by Thursday.
- Nursery children do not need a P.E. kit but are more than welcome to bring one. If they want a kit, they just need a pair of shorts, a t-shirt and some plimsolls.
- Children need a spare change of clothes in school at all times. If they have a toileting accident or their clothes get wet or muddy, they much prefer to put their own clothes on. If we lend you any clothes, please return them.
- We will send more balloons home in books bags for our 'High Flyers; display. Using the balloons, please write down something that your child has done recently that you are proud off, for example, moving up a level in swimming lessons, getting dressed independently or helping to set the table for dinner. These can be filled in anytime during the term. If you need more, please ask and we will pop them in bookbags.
- Muddles the Bear will still go home on a Friday to be returned by Tuesday. If he does not return on Tuesday, he will not be able to go home at the weekend. Please take photos of your weekend with Muddles and stick them in the book with captions of what you have done. Please feel free to email me photos to print out if needed.

It has been great to see that lots of you have been looking at Tapestry to see what the children have been up to at school. You can also take observations and upload them so you are also able to contribute to your child's learning journey. You might take observations of them riding their bike, helping you cook, following instructions, sharing and taking turns, brushing their teeth. If they do anything that they would like to show us, you can also use Tapestry, for example words they have written when playing or a model they have made.

If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to one of us in the morning or email me on a.isherwood@denton.northants.sch.uk.

Many Thanks

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