



Welcome to the Summer 1 edition of the 'Saplings Class' newsletter. You will find lots of information about the curriculum, how to help your child at home and any other notes. If you have any questions, please ask the class teacher. Our current learning journey is: **Traditional Tales with a Twist – Does every story have a happy ending?**



Curriculum outline

Communication and Language Development We will be sharing Traditional tales this term alongside those with a modern twist for children to discuss the similarities and differences. Our focus is on instilling a love of reading therefore we will be encouraging children to share their own likes and dislikes about each story during purposeful planned discussion / paired talk opportunities. Our castle and bakery role play, small world and construction areas will also enable children to retell these new stories and recreate versions of their own.

Physical Development We will be continuing to develop our fine motor skills through our weekly funky fingers activities and during mark making and writing tasks completed during our English lessons daily. We will spend lots of time outside this term developing our gross motor skills enjoying our climbing apparatus, trails and sports equipment. In PE children will be introduced to 'Athletics' and applying their movement and skills in activities in preparation for Sports Day.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development We will be developing our understanding of ways to keep ourselves safe, whilst exploring the morals of each of our stories. We will be looking at people who are 'trusted adults' and stranger danger and thinking about ways in which we can help others in need such as Jack and his Mum in the beanstalk story.

Literacy (Reading and Writing) We will share 3 fiction texts, 'The Little Red Hen,' 'Jack and the Jelly Beanstalk' and 'Pigs Might Fly'. We will be developing our story language to help us recall the story and building our writing skills when creating stories of our own. Children will be encouraged to anticipate what might happen and rewrite their own endings to familiar stories and, create their own characters. We will continue to practice building, holding and writing sentences weekly containing new key vocabulary and children will be challenged to write independent sentences of their own this term. We will also continue taking part in daily Read Write Inc phonics sessions and handwriting with a focus on spelling 'red' words.

Maths We will begin exploring and learning numbers to 20 and beyond, whilst consolidating our understanding of numbers covered so far. We will be focussing on representing and identifying these new numbers and their patterns whilst also learning the skills of recording number sentences and stories using 'First, then now' using +, - and = signs.

Understanding the World We will be exploring both traditional tales and those that have been recreated with a twist. Children will be comparing similarities and differences between the past and now using these stories and then compare other items from the past and now such as toys old, transport, homes, and buildings such as castles. We will also be recapping further life cycles this term when planting and caring for our own beanstalks

Expressive Arts and Design As part of our DT project we will be baking and tasting bread. The children will be learning to create their own narratives to stories in our role and small world area and we will be adding music and sounds to enhance their drama performances. We will also be learning songs from the story Jack and the beanstalk and watching and reviewing the 3 Little Pigs Ballet performance.

Helping your child at home

- Please continue to share stories and your child's RWI book at home. Children who read 3 times a week will receive a sticker for their efforts so please record in their reading records. All children this term will now bring both a phonics book and a love of reading book home.
- Help your child to write their full name and also the 'Days of the week' in readiness for date writing in KS1
- Help your child to form the numerals 0 – 20 and beyond as we will be beginning to record simple number sentences as part of our maths learning
- Complete 1 minute maths APP from White Rose Maths to support fast recognition of numbers to 10, and simple addition within 5 adding 0,1,2 more.
- Talk about everything- their day at school, our current topic and class story, their favourite activities in the classroom, school meals, anything! And please share any special events

Notes

- Please remember to put names in all clothes, including PE kit.
- PE will continue to take place EVERY THURS so please remember PE kits.
- Please be reminded that **water only** is permitted in labelled bottles.
- Please remember your child needs a pair of wellies for **Forest Fridays**.
- Books will only be changed on a **Friday** and new homework tasks will be sent out.
- **Key Dates:**
 - Monday 13th April– School reopens
 - WC Monday 27th – Library service visit to school – Traditional Tales Workshop - TBC
 - Tuesday 28th April - Stay and Learn Maths – parent session 9-9.30am
 - Monday 4th May – May Bank Holiday
 - Friday 22nd May – Dress up as your favourite book character
 - Friday 22rd May - Last day of term.

