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Dear Parent/Carer,

Our topic for this half term is Traditional Tales which will offer us opportunities for many fun play based learning activities across the whole curriculum.

Our chosen books will be blocked in weekly themes starting with Cinderella. The children will be encouraged to act out their favourite parts of the stories and will have letter sounds or another chosen link for the focus.

For The Three Little Pigs for instance, we will cover the letter sound 'w' which ties in well with the wolf. We shall also look at different materials and talk about their properties. The Gingerbread Man will help the children to think about trust and friendship and we will also enjoy baking some Gingerbread Men of our own. In Week 4 Goldilocks and The Three Bears will offer children the chance to match and sort according to size and numbers. We will also make some clay coil pots for the bowls.

Snow White and the Seven Dwarves will help the children to practise number recognition and formation and through circle time activities consider the different personalities of each dwarf and themselves. We will also read The Three Billy Goats Gruff and focus on building bridges using construction materials and the use of different 3-D shapes with this. Size will be covered through different activities too.

Our letter sounds will be f, w, v, l and x this term and we will continue to re-cap regularly on all the letter sounds covered so far. Similarly for numbers we will look at the recognition and correct formation of these.

Our role-play area has been changed into a toy shop which the children are enjoying. We are looking to help them count out a matching number of pennies and to do so with increasing accuracy, ie. counting out 3p or 5p from a larger amount.

The final week of this half term is Arts Week throughout the whole school and in Nursery we are looking forward to celebrating the life and work of different artists.

We will be working hard on preparing many of the children for their time in Reception later in the year and will be practising name writing with all of the children. It helps the children to be much more independent when they can write their own name on a painting, label or model.

We will continue to assess both number and letter recognition and are pleased to see more children now stating a letter sound rather than offering the song title or first line. When children know the majority of letter sounds we will begin special handwriting books with them to introduce them to our new cursive script.

The children continue to build on their friendship groups and are being helped and reminded about how to share toys and support one another.

We would like to thank you for your continued support and take this opportunity to ask for any completed observation 'My child can....' forms to include in your child's Learning Journey.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs C.Lewis

Mrs S. Little



