

Our themes this Autumn term will be:

Traditional Tales (Three Little Pigs) and celebrations/ Festivals.

Please come and look at our notice board to find out what we have been learning each week!

Understanding the World: We will be talking about the different materials the Three Little Pigs used to build their houses and thinking about the materials we can use to build our own house. We will be learning about and celebrating the festivals of Diwali, bonfire night and Christmas. We will be learning why the festivals are important for different groups of people.

Expressive Arts and Design: The children will have regular opportunities to develop their creative skills within our continuous provision. The children will have independent access to a broad range of different media and materials in addition to role-play experiences, music and a wide variety of construction kits. This term we will be designing and making junk houses to withstand a hairdryer/ fan. We will also create a dance inspired by fireworks and take part in the Christmas production.

Mathematics:

- Practising to count accurately and recognise some numerals.
- Learning to identify and name the 2D shapes and describe some of their properties.
- To recognise and create simple repeating patterns.
- To place numbers in order
- To say what is one more/ one less than a number.

Maths teaching is delivered through a combination of whole-class and small group teaching. We ensure that a least one weekly challenge has a maths element each week so that children can practise, use and apply and demonstrate their mathematical understanding. In addition to this, our daily 'snack shop' allows children to practise using money in context.

Literacy and Phonics: In literacy we will use the 'Talk for Writing' approach to support the children to become thoughtful readers and creative writers.

In FS1 the children will be encouraged to use their story based vocabulary to retell and make up their own stories. In FS2 the children will be using their phonics and writing skills to write their own stories.

Our core texts are: The Three Little Pigs, Room on the Broom and Dear Santa

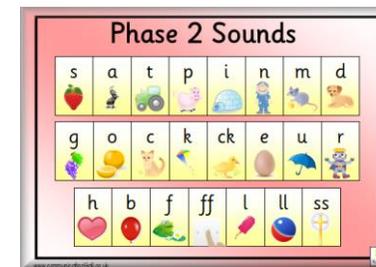
Talk for writing structure:

Imitation and immersion: during this stage we will share the text multiple times. This will help the children become familiar with the text and its structure. We will learn some actions to help us remember the story and we will create a story map to support us in retelling the story.

Innovation: during this stage we will change aspects of the story to incorporate our own ideas. The children will edit the original story map to reflect their own ideas. They will use this to orally share their story with others and this will form a template for their own independent writing.

Invention: During the invention stage, the children will produce their own versions of the story. This may be done in a variety of ways through creating a series of pictures, through adults scribing or children independently writing words and sentences.

The FS2 children will begin to learn the letter sounds from the phase 2 phonics programme. These are:



We will use these sounds to begin to read and write simple CVC words (consonant, vowel,