

Issue: 3

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had an enjoyable half term. We are very excited to start our new topic about "Traditional Tales". We will explore this theme through fiction books, short films and through a range of activities and discussions as well.



UFS: Please continue to read with your child every night and write a comment in their books. Children who read every night will go into a monthly draw to win a trip to the book shop!

LFS: Books are available to take away and share with your child. Signing them out is easy and it will give you a chance to talk about the pictures, what may happen next, the characters in the story and the settings. Lots of you have already won a book to keep after filling your reading passport, well done!

"Show and Tell" is every Friday for UFS and we ask that toys are kept at home all other days.

Thank you for your support! The EYFS Team.

Communication, Language and Literacy

The children will continue their Phonics work this half term which will include listening games, songs and activities. We will continue to provide opportunities for purposeful mark making within the areas, also recognising and writing our names.

Through our Literacy activities, all children will have daily opportunities for listening to stories, talking about characters, sequencing stories and making predictions about stories. We will use a range of texts this half term focusing on: The Gingerbread Man, Jack and the Beanstalk, Goldilocks and The 3 bears and Billy Goats Gruff. We will supplement these stories with our reading in school, also looking at alternate endings to traditional tales.

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Early Years Foundation Stage Topic Letter

This half term's topic is: **Traditional Tales**



Maths

In our maths lessons, children will learn to count beyond 10, recognise numerals and work with 2D and 3D shapes. We will be looking for them to use mathematical language in their play also! Including weighing and measuring. Please encourage your child to count when shopping or when you are baking!



Physical Development

UFS will continue with our weekly PE sessions that will focus on gymnastics and throwing and catching skills. Please remember to send in a named PE kit. These can be kept at school for the term. Outside we are continuing to use our outdoor area to develop our balancing skills and social skills when playing and practicing our ball skills. LFS will also focus on their motor movements to include kicking, catching and a range of travelling techniques. Smaller motor activities will include a range of daily activities that will develop our fingers and get us ready for writing! Our climbing frame outside is also developing confidence, strength and balance on this equipment.



In **PSED** (Personal, Social and Emotional Development), we will focus on sharing, taking turns, playing well together and looking after ourselves. We will continue to develop new friendships and work with others within the areas. We will continue with our daily tooth brushing and LF are looking forward to starting brushing their teeth.

Understanding of the World:

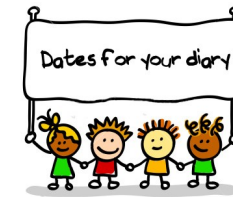
Children will have many opportunities to talk about the things that they enjoy. They will also be able to discuss similarities and differences within traditional tales. We will also look at houses and how they differ, where we live and different materials used to make a house

Food Technology Money

In both Upper and Lower Foundation, we ask for a contribution of **£1 each half term**. This helps us to provide children with the resources and equipment needed for this important area of the curriculum, including each Friday when we make, bake and taste.

Expressive art and Design:

The children will have creative opportunities daily to explore the topic this term. Through paint, play dough, glue and other media, children will explore and expand their knowledge and understanding of the world through art.



Friday 20th January : Activity hour 10.30-11.30 + 2.00-3.00

Wednesday 1st February : Disco

Thursday 9th February : Family Day

Friday 10th February : Break up HALF TERM

Monday 20th February : Back to school

