EARLY YEARS CURRICULUM NEWS
AUTUMN TERM 2
'TRADITIONAL TALES'



This term's topic is names 'Traditional Tales' and this includes listening, reading and telling spoken stories.

Introduction & Enrichment - Our activities this term include fireworks, icy patterns and creating poppies and taking part in whole school assembly for Remembrance. In connection to our storytelling, we may create and bake some of our story characters, and hope that they don't run away from us!

PHSE - As mini thinkers, we will be taking part in Anti-Bullying Week with the theme of 'Power for Good'. This is a fun themed week celebrating everyone being a bit different and unique with our Odd Socks Day and follow up activities.

Literacy, Communication & Language – As mini readers and writers - we will study some of our favourite familiar tales, like Goldilocks and the three bears and the Ginger Bread Man. We learn new vocabulary, explore the meaning of words and adapt the original story to include our own ideas. We develop our imagination by scribing stories for children, allowing all to develop their storytelling skills. We discuss our likes and dislikes in literature, identify rhyme, alliteration and predict what may happen next. We also look in depth at the Nativity story and discover pantomimes.

Phonics - In Phonics, we are now working in bespoke groups to help children work at their own pace to build knowledge of the phonetic code. We learn letters as individual sounds and how to write them. We are beginning to hear the blend of sounds in word and eventually to recognize and read words, including the pesky tricky words, which we need to learn by sight. As part of their phonic teaching, the children will have opportunities to begin to segment the sounds written in words to be able to sound it out to read words in print. Children are encouraged to write new sounds and apply them in their emergent writing. We are using pictures to support writing labels and the Read Write inc handwriting phrases help develop letter formations.

Mathematics - As mini mathematicians, we will learn to subitise and represent numbers 1 through to 5. We will begin to explore one more and one less with these numbers and begin number composition work with numbers 1-5. We will identify and name circles, triangles and shapes with 4 sides. We finish the term being able to identify and combine shapes with 4 sides.

Expressive Art & Design - As mini artists and designers, we continue to build fine motor control through activities such as threading, cutting, weaving, and playdough.

Understanding the World - As mini geographers and scientists, we will be looking at the seasons and why they change as we study Winter and compare it to Autumn, looking at weather and visual differences outside. We get excited about frost and colder days, incorporating polar animals and a little bit of North Pole excitement! We end the term with Christmas craft and lots of glittery sparkle!

Physical Development - As mini sports stars, Mr Deverall is teaching children ball skills, focusing on their gross motor skills and supporting the development of our fine motor skills, used in writing. Activities include children being in control of balls when throwing, rolling, bouncing and kicking balls. We use cones and targets as aims and teach children to improve their aim and accuracy during practice sessions and games. Developing our core strength to enable us to sit comfortably for carpet inputs and whilst at tables for writing. Develop our muscle tone and digit strength to put pencil pressure on paper and reinforcing the coordination and pencil grip for the child's dominant hand. We also wish to continue supporting children to coordinate their fine motor skills to make effective use of cutlery to cut and serve our food independently.

Religious Education - As mini contemplators, the children get to perform their Nativity show to the school and to parents. Taking on narrations, dance and acting parts. We are very excited to be able to bring you our performance of 'The Nativity', recognizing and celebrating the importance of this special time of year.