



Knowledge Organiser – Nursery | Spring Term 1 – Once Upon A Time...



Key Learning overview

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Select and use activities and resources, with help when needed.
- Play with one or more other children, extending and elaborating play ideas.
- Help to find solutions to conflicts and rivalries.
- Increasingly follow rules, understanding why they are important.
- Begin to understand how others might be feeling.

Physical Development

- Begin to use one handed tools and equipment
- Be increasingly independent as they get dressed and undressed
- Continue to develop their movement, balancing, riding and ball skills.
- Go up steps and stairs, or climb up apparatus, using alternate feet.
- Use large muscle movements to wave flags and streamers, paint and make marks.

Mathematics

- Recite numbers past 5
- One number for each item in order
- Fast recognition of up to 3 objects, without having to count them individually (subitising)
- Know that the last number reached when counting a small set of objects tells you how many there are in total (cardinal principle)
- Show 'finger numbers' up to 5.

Communication and Language

- Enjoys listening to longer stories and can remember much of what happens.

We will be reading different traditional stories.

- Understand 'why' questions.

Literacy

- Understand the five key concepts about print
- Begin to engage in conversation about stories

Expressive Arts and Design

- Begin to develop stories using small world equipment like animal sets, dolls and dolls houses.
- Explore different materials freely, in order to develop their ideas about how to use them and what to make.
- Join different materials and explore different textures.
- Create closed shapes with continuous lines, and begin to use these shapes to represent objects.
- Use drawing to represent ideas like movement or loud noises.
- Respond to what they have heard, expressing their thoughts and feelings

Understanding the World

- Explore collections of materials with similar and/or different properties.
- Explore how things work
- Show interest in different occupations
- Explore and talk about the different forces they can feel
- Talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice

Key Questions and Vocabulary

Traditional tales:

Who are the characters in the story?
Where is the story set?
Story language:

Once upon a time

Once there lived

One day

Long long ago

They lived happily ever after

Pig, wolf, houses, straw, sticks, bricks, blow, hen, flour, mill, wheat, bread, goat, bridge, troll

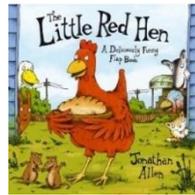
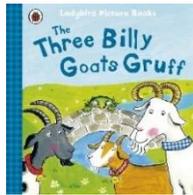
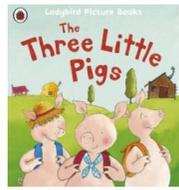
Winter

What happens in the winter time?
What can we see and do in the winter time?
What should we wear for the winter months?
Why does ice melt?
Can you name some animals that live in cold places?
Winter, ice, snow, season, snowman, cold, snowflake, frost, Polar Bear, Penguin, ice, freeze, melt

Chinese New Year

Who celebrates Chinese New Year?
How do they celebrate?
Which animals are each New Year named after?
Which animal won the race across the river in the Chinese story?
Which animal is this New Year named after?
China Chinese New Year dragon parade happy clean dance celebrate lantern food noodles prawn crackers rice chopsticks lion flags fortune cookies rat ox tiger rabbit snake horse ram monkey rooster dog pig race river twelve money pocket

Some of the books we will look at:



50 things to do before you are 5 activities

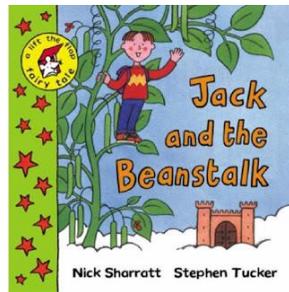
- #6 Rhyme Time
- #10 Sharing Books
- #12 Brrrr...Explore the Cold!
- #14 See the Stars
- #15 Dressing Up
- #35 Trip Trap, Trip Trap, Who's That Walking Over my Bridge?



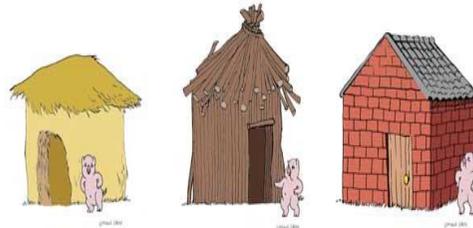
Learning at home:

Here are some things you can do together at home linked to our topic 'Once Upon a Time...'. Bring them into nursery for our display in the cloakroom or to share during our carpet time! You could also add them to your child's Dojo portfolio.

Listen to lots of traditional tales. Which is your favourite? Why?



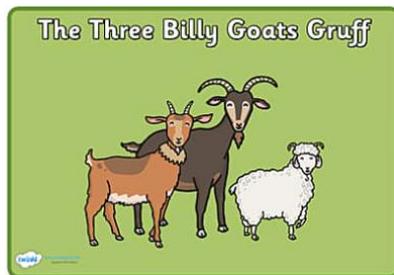
Can you make a house for one of the three pigs?



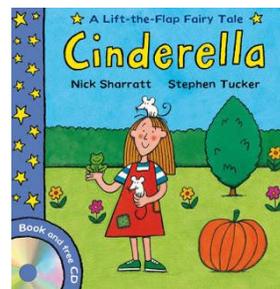
Make a troll. It could be a puppet, a picture, a collage, a model, a mask or something else completely different.



The 3 Billy Goats Gruff are 3 different sizes. Have a look around your house and find something that is bigger than you and something that is smaller than you. Can you make the 3 Billy Goats showing their different sizes?



Can you draw your favourite character from a traditional tale?



Make up a new story with characters from different stories!

