



Little Gems Class

Newsletter

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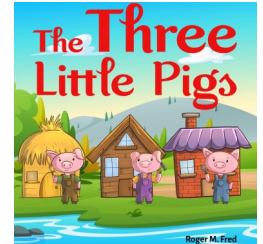
Autumn Term 2—November 2024

Welcome Back & Updates

Hello Little Gems Families and welcome back after the autumn break!

This half term we are working on the story 'Three Little Pigs'.

This half term is jam packed full of wonderful, magical experiences and our family inspire session '**Winter Wonderland**' will be one of those moments (Friday 6th December).



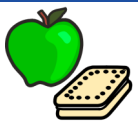
Just a reminder again that If you have any updates or changes with regards to your child (no matter how big or small!), please inform us as soon as possible, either in their school diary, ring the school if you need to speak to someone or email me at

Key Concepts and Skills

In Little Gems Class, we follow the Early Years Framework which has 7 subject areas, Communication and Language, Physical Development and Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED), Literacy, Maths (Cognition), Expressive Arts and Understanding the World. Your children will experience a wide variety of lessons and activities which cover these areas.

This half term, our topic is called "Three Little Pigs". Our main focus is on building relationships with our pupils to ensure they can achieve their potential. **Please remember to look at Evidence for Learning to see what your child is learning at school!**

Reminders / additional information



If it is appropriate for your child to have snack, please use our ParentPay app to pay for it. We have a range of snack options, including yoghurts, crisps, biscuits and juice.

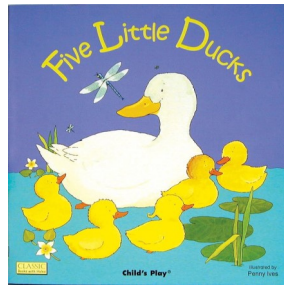
This half term our hydro days are **Wednesday** and **Thursday** but please send in your child's kit at the beginning of the week as we may take them in whenever there is a space, please include a costume/trunks, 2 towels and some body wash/shampoo. Please remember to send in a change of clothes for your child each day, thank you.



Home Learning Curriculum Ideas

Maths and Cognition

For Maths, you can listen to different songs or rhymes linked to number, such as 5 little ducks, 5 little speckled frogs and 10 in a bed.



You can also read the 'Five little Acorns' story massage on the next page, for a number and autumnal story.

PSED

This half term we are doing a session on **body awareness** through a dance massage. You could listen to some songs that link to body awareness, such as 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes'.



In Little Gems, we read lots of book that explore being a good friend, healthy eating and building relationships.

Communication

You can read the 'Leaves on the Trees' story massage on the next but one page, for an autumnal story.



You can sing some nursery rhymes and see if your child looks towards a picture or a puppet of what song they want next! Does your child indicate they want more? Do they indicate they like specific songs?

We are hoping to get onto the library train very soon!

Expressive Arts and Design

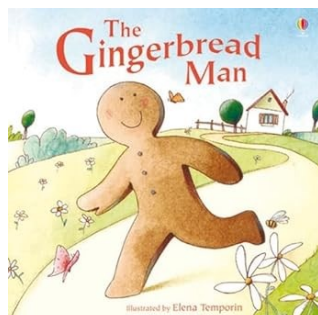
This half term in Expressive Art, we will be exploring different crafts linked to '**Three Little Pigs**' and **Christmas Crafts**. Can you paint pictures of the three little pigs?



Expressive art and design is more about the process than it is the produce so remember to enjoy it!

Literacy

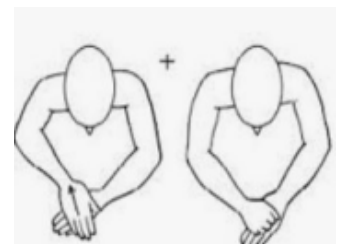
There are so many lovely books that you can read and explore with your children at home! Some other traditional tales that you could read include, 'Jack and the Beanstalk', 'Little Red Riding Hood' and 'The Gingerbread Man'.



Makaton Signs!



Pig










Christmas










Five Little Acorns

Adapted for the Story Massage Programme
(with illustration by Sophie Kidd-Munnery)

www.storymassage.co.uk

	Five little acorns sitting on a tree.
	Along came Mr Squirrel as hungry as could be!
	Then the autumn winds blew
	And rustled all the leaves.
	Down came an acorn
	And Mr Squirrel was pleased!
	Four little acorns sitting on a tree.
	<i>Repeat and keep counting down until there are no acorns left.</i>

The Leaves on the Trees
(To the tune of The Wheels on the Bus)
 Adapted for the Story Massage Programme
www.storymassage.co.uk

	The leaves on the trees turn orange and red. Orange and red. Orange and red.
	The leaves on the trees turn orange and red.
	All day long.
	The leaves on trees come tumbling down. Tumbling down, tumbling down.
	The leaves on the trees come tumbling down.
	All day long.
	Let's rake them in a pile and jump right in. Jump right in, jump right in.
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