



Monkton CEP School
Bees, Class 1 Newsletter
'Every child is special'



This half term, we'll read lots of stories and look at the ingredients that go into a fantastic fairy tale. We'll be brave explorers and hunt for missing items from fairy tales. Contemporary versions of fairy tales will inspire us to write stories, and we'll create story maps to retell familiar tales. Our mathematical skills will help us to count the buttons on gingerbread men, and estimate how many beans Jack has got! After reading *The Enormous Turnip*, we'll plant seeds and learn how to care for them. We'll also test the right materials to make a bed for a princess, and houses for the Three Little Pigs.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Playing turn taking games and following rules of a game.
- Playing with a friend and working together to make/create something.

Communication and Language

Our topic this term is, "Will you Read me a Story?"

We will be looking at traditional tales, and discussing 'goodies' and 'baddies. We will be encouraged to listen to other children and ask and answer questions.

Literacy

Our literacy work will involve us creating our own versions of traditional tales, acting out traditional tales and retelling them in order.

We will be making story maps to help us order and retell stories.

Our phonic work will involve us continuing to look at digraphs and trigraphs. We will practise reading and spelling our words, using out phonic knowledge to help us. We are practising blending our sounds into words and trying to read some words, with instant recall.

Physical Development

- Continuing with Funky Fingers - to develop and improve our fine motor skills to assist pencil grip and writing.
- Holding our pencils with a firm grip and practising our pre-cursive style letters.
- In our PE sessions, we will be exploring how to move over equipment in different ways.

Mathematics

Maths will link into our topic work. We will be exploring capacity within the story of *Goldilocks*, measures in *Jack and the Beanstalk*, and estimating 'magic' beans.

We will be counting out seeds and beans to plant (as well as planting other seeds and flowers).

RE

- New Testament Stories - We will be learning about the Easter Story.

Other Specific Areas

Understanding the World -We will be investigating how to help the Gingerbread Man cross the river, change the size of the Three (gummy) Bears, help the Three Little Pigs build strong homes and find the best, comfortable bed for the Princess (from Princess and the Pea).

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be constructing bridges and castles, using both building blocks and junk modelling.

ICT - We will be using simple computer programmes and developing our mouse control.

Websites

- Games to aid Letters and Sounds, using the pure sound.
<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-2.html>
- Counting forwards and backwards through song:
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/schoolradio/subjects/mathematics/countingsongs>
- A variety of mathematic games:
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=37>

Diary Dates

2.3.20 - 6.3.20 - Book Week Join us at 8:40am on **3.3.20** for a reading session

5.3.20 Fancy dress join us at 2.30 for our parade.

6.3.20 - We are planning a morning visit to Minster Library to explore and search for traditional tales. This will be a half day trip, and we will travel there and back on the bus. (*Further details to be given on Monday*)

30.3.20 - Homework projects due, feel free to bring these in sooner if this is easier (*Further details to follow*)

30.3.20 - Rock Steady concert - 2.30pm

31.3.20 - Please join us for a 'Fairy-tale Tea Party' at 2.30pm