



P.P.S. Oak Class

January 2018
Spring Term

Once upon a time...

Welcome back to Oak Class, we hope you had a wonderful Christmas and found some time to relax! We have another exciting term ahead in Oak Class. Our topic for the next few weeks will be focusing on traditional tales such as Little Red Riding Hood, The Gingerbread Man and The Three Little Pigs.

Literacy

We will be reading a variety of traditional tales and exploring the different characters within the stories. As we read the stories, there will be many opportunities for role play in order to develop our understanding of the structure within stories, thinking about the beginning, middle and end. We will also become authors ourselves as we change the endings of traditional tales.

Mathematical Development

We will be continuing to develop our number skills, counting forwards and backwards with numbers to 20 and beyond. As well as this, we will be learning about subtraction, using food from Little Red Riding Hood's basket to help develop these skills.

As we build shelters for the Three Little Pigs, we will be thinking about the size and shape that they will need to be, measuring the height of the pigs to ensure that they will fit through the door but the wolf will not!

Understanding the World

Oak Class thoroughly enjoyed our 'STEM Day' whereby they were challenged to build bridges. It also led them to think about the properties of different materials and raised

lots of questions. We will be developing their ideas further as we think about other materials the Three Little Pigs could use to build their houses.

Below are a few activities that you might like to do with your child at home, however please feel free to bring in any other learning activities you have carried out with your child.

- Read a traditional tale and act it out with your family and friends.
- Make your own traditional tale by changing the ending of a well known story. What else could Jack find at the top of the beanstalk? What could happen to the wolf at the end of Little Red Riding Hood?
- Look at the different materials that you can find inside and outside your house. Can you see plastic, metal or wood? Why has that material been used?
- As you play with your cars, bricks or dolls, take different amounts of them away and count how many you have left.

Thank you for continuing to support your child's learning at home, it makes a real difference in their learning journey. It has been fantastic to see so many comments on Tapestry, as well as observations of learning at home. If you still need to sign up to Tapestry or would like a new copy of your child's busy bee challenge sheet, please see Mrs Fogden or Mrs Gill.