

Welcome to Nursery Summer Term 1 Newsletter 2025

We are looking forward to working together to support your child's learning journey.

This half term our topic is 'Traditional Tales'.

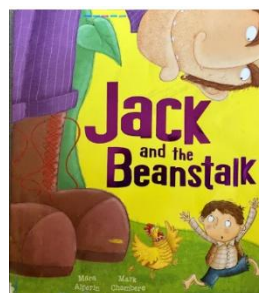
Here is some information about the skills and knowledge your child will be learning linked to these topics.

The children have loved our Little Wandle Phonics Scheme called Foundations for Phonics. We have taught the children 18 new sounds/phonemes s,a,t,p,i,n,m,d,g,o,c/k,e,u,r,h,b,f,l. It would be great if you could recap these with your child at home. During our Numbers and Patterns sessions we have taught the children to recite numbers past 5, to recognise numerals, talk about and explore 2D and 3D shapes, to use mathematical language, to extend and create patterns.

Our Curriculum – Here you will be able to find out the details about what your child will be learning week by week. We have included the books and songs we will focus on. If you have any questions, please ask.

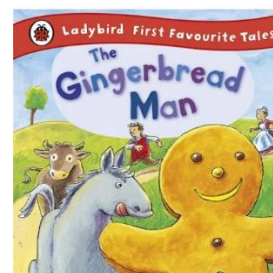
Week 1 Jack and the Beanstalk

- ☺ Reading – Jack and the Beanstalk
- ☺ Retell the story using a story sack
- ☺ Learning about the bean life cycle
- ☺ Drawing Beanstalks
- ☺ Phonics – words beginning with j – jam, jelly, jug, jeep, jet
- ☺ To identify 2D shapes,
- ☺ Song of the week – Hickory Dickory Dock



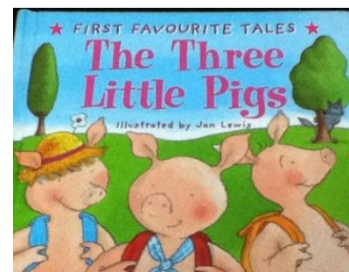
Week 2 The Gingerbread Man

- ☺ Reading – The Gingerbread Man
- ☺ Retell the story using a story sack
- ☺ Decorating a gingerbread man outline
- ☺ Making gingerbread men out of playdough
- ☺ Phonics – words beginning with v – volcano, vet, van, vegetable
- ☺ To recognise number 1 - 5
- ☺ Song of the week – Humpty Dumpty



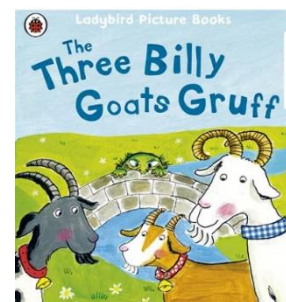
Week 3 The Three Little Pigs

- ☺ Reading – The Three Little Pigs
- ☺ Retell the story using a story sack
- ☺ Drawing The Three Little Pigs House
- ☺ Making a house out of bricks using large foam bricks
- ☺ Phonics - words beginning with **w** – **w**ave, **w**eb, **w**ig
- ☺ To compare the size of objects
- ☺ Song of the week – I'm a little tea pot



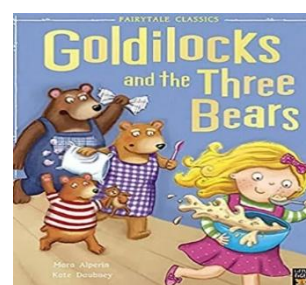
Week 4 The Three Billy Goats Gruff

- ☺ Reading – The Three Billy Goats Gruff
- ☺ Retell the story using the outside bridge
- ☺ Retell the story using a story sack
- ☺ Phonics – words beginning with **y** – **y**ap, **y**ellow, **y**o-yo
- ☺ To describe the properties of objects
- ☺ Song of the week – 10 Green bottles



Week 5 Goldilocks and the Three Bears

- ☺ Reading – Goldilocks and the Three Bears
- ☺ Retell the story in the home corner
- ☺ Retell the story using a story sack
- ☺ Phonics - words beginning with **z** – **z**ebra, **z**ip, **z**oo
- ☺ To order numbers 1-5
- ☺ Song of the week – 5 Currant Buns



Book Review this half term - Miss Williams recommends – Once Upon a Time by John Prater

A small boy describes his dull day, while all around him all manner of dramas are taking place with Goldilocks, The Three Little Pigs, a Wolf, Humpty Dumpty and a host of other favourite nursery characters! I love this story. The boy goes through his day while different characters act out their stories around him. The illustrations are wonderful and they invite conversations about what is going on in the pictures.



Book Review this half term - Mrs Benham-Smith recommends The Snail and the Whale by Julia Donaldson

One little snail longs to see the world and hitches a lift on the tail of an enormous whale. Together they go on an amazing journey, past icebergs and volcanoes, sharks and penguins, and the little snail feels so small in the vastness of the world. But when disaster strikes and the whale is beached in a bay, it's the tiny snail's big plan that saves the day! I love to travel and so would love to be able to hitch a lift on the whale's tail just like the snail does in this adventurous story.

Priory Rise Reception 2025

We are delighted that so many of you have chosen Priory Rise for your child's continued learning journey, we loved hearing the happy buzz of excited talk about this on Tuesday morning. We look forward to welcoming you back to Priory Rise in September for the Reception year.



Marvellous Mud Kitchen

Look at our amazing new mud kitchen. The children can pretend to cook and bake using real utensils. This is great for children's gross and fine motor skills as they are mixing, pouring, scooping and stirring, these skills require coordination and muscle control. A big thank you to Mr and Mrs Gillespie for constructing the mud kitchen and to Mrs Zenginoglu for providing the pallets. We can't wait for the children to use it.

Warmer Weather

The weather is getting warmer so we will be spending a lot of time outside. Please ensure you apply suncream on your child before they come to school and that they have a summer hat/cap. As we will be using the water tray daily your child may get wet, please have a spare set of labelled clothes (it doesn't need to be school uniform) in a bag on their peg.

Purple Mash

I hope you have managed to access Purple Mash at home. I have pinned topics to the board – Fairy Tales, Summer and Feelings to link with what we are learning this half term. We also use the phonic games which are great. Once logged into Purple Mash click on Early Years then Mini Mash, there are lots of activities to explore.

Home Learning

We really enjoy sharing your child's amazing achievements at home. You can upload pictures and videos to Tapestry and we will look at them on the big screen in class.

Here are a few examples of what you can upload:

- Your child's beanstalk
- Holiday photos
- Name writing

Packed Lunch

We would like to ask that the children who bring in packed lunch have smaller portions and only 3-4 items as they are not finishing all their lunch in the allocated time. The children have water in a cup in the hall (if you are wondering why they are not drinking most of the water in their bottles, they are left in the Nursery).

Healthy Alternatives

Please consider healthier alternatives when packing your child's lunch. Here is a good website for ideas.

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

Healthy Food Swaps

Here are some healthy food swaps e.g. swapping crisps for popcorn or rice cakes.

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/food-facts/healthier-food-swaps/>

School Clothes

Please label all items of clothing including summer hats/caps. At the end of everyday we have a pile of items that we do not know who they belong to.

End of the session

We are kindly asking parents to wait outside the Nursery door when collecting your child so we can ensure your child goes to the correct parent/carer.

Routines

- ☺ Music and Movement sessions are in the small hall on Wednesdays.
- ☺ We visit the library for a regular session every week on a Thursday. Your child will be able to borrow a book, bring it home and return it the following week on Thursday. Non return of books will incur a charge so please ensure you look after it.
- ☺ Miss Williams takes her PPA (out of class teacher time for planning, preparation and assessment) on Tuesday mornings and will be covered by Miss Smith.

Staffing

- ☺ Miss Williams: Class Teacher – Spiders Key Worker
- ☺ Miss Tandy: Nursery Nurse – AM Ladybirds Key Worker
- ☺ Mrs Gillespie: Nursery Nurse – Caterpillars Key Worker
- ☺ Mrs Satheesh - Nursery Nurse – PM Ladybirds Key Worker
- ☺ Miss Smith – Higher Level Teaching Assistant