

Broomhill First School/



This half term's topic for the Little Owls is

Once upon a time...



Children will step into a magical land full of adventure and fairy tales.
February - March 2018



Literacy, Language & Communication

We will share traditional tales together, describing the characters, settings and also sequencing the plot. Children will be encouraged to remember words from the story and learn new vocabulary. Children will also have the opportunity to use costumes, props and puppets to act out parts of the stories we read. Our role play area will be a combination of Goldilocks and the three bears, Little Red Riding Hood and a magical castle fit for Princes and Princesses. Children will also engage in mark making as they write about their favourite fairy tales, invitations to the castle, and help Snow White make a shopping list for the dwarfs. These areas will promote communication and language skills, literacy skills and interaction.

Mathematics

Children will develop their mathematical knowledge in fairytale problems. The little owls will start looking at types of measure, using non standard units of measurement. We will be comparing sizes belonging to the three bears and measuring the height of Jack's bean stalk and Rapunzel's tower. We will also continue practising our numbers and counting by counting cakes into Little Red Riding Hood's basket and counting buttons on to the Gingerbread man. Little owls will also be using their I.C.T skills to create maps and follow simple directions. Children will be using their knowledge of shapes to build towers, houses and bridges for the three little pigs and finding out which shapes work the best.



Physical Development

Children will use their fine motor skills to collect jewels in the 7 dwarfs' mine, to thread a necklace for Cinderella and design their own crown using sequins. They will develop gross motor skills as they use their bodies and equipment to act out parts of the fairy tales both indoors and outdoors.



P.E is every Friday

Please ensure your child comes dressed in comfy PE clothes with appropriate footwear every Friday.

Understanding the world

We will use our fairy tale theme to explore different materials. We will learn the names of simple materials such as straw, wood, bricks and metal as we test out materials and make models of houses for the 3 little pigs. While we make gingerbread men, children will look for changes in the ingredients as they are mixed together then cooked. We will also be using the magic mirror to look at similarities and differences between ourselves and others. Children will also learn about the life of Jesus as we celebrate Easter.



Expressive Arts and Design

Children will use a variety of materials to make their own castles and towers. They will use cardboard and other materials to make their own knight's armour, baskets, houses and royal crowns. They will also explore the sounds made by musical instruments and body percussion to make a story soundtrack.

Please help your child to choose a library book from the box in nursery. Take a new book home to share and read together.



Personal, Social and Emotional

Development

Children will explore good and bad themes in fairytale stories as they look at characters and their actions. We will relate this to their own actions in real life. We will also teach children about stranger danger as they learn about Little Red Riding Hood meeting the wolf in the woods and Snow White taking a poison apple from a stranger.

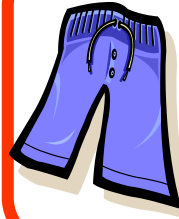
Wellies

Please make sure your child has wellies in school for outdoor activities in spring.



Spare Clothes

Please make sure your child has a spare change of clothes in school on their peg **at all times** in case of any accidents.



Junk Boxes

We would be grateful for any contributions to our junk model bin... boxes, cartons, kitchen roll tubes etc.

Lunch

Lunches cost **£2 per day / £10 per week**. Remember to send any lunch money in a named envelope. Having a school lunch provides excellent learning opportunities for trying new foods, using cutlery and developing table manners. However, should you prefer to provide a healthy packed lunch instead, then please let us know.



Things to help your child

- Read lots of fairytale stories together.
- Talk about the characters and whether they were good or bad.
- Talk about where the story was set.
- Repeat phrases from the story together.
- Encourage your child to retell the story in their own words.
- Encourage your child to use the illustrations to help them.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see us. Thank you for all the help and support you continue to give us. Thank you very much for reading our information letter.
Mrs Chandler and Mrs Brindle

