Russell Street School



Nursery - Spring 1- Theme: Traditional Tales

Literacy

We will be exploring traditional tales including 'The Three Little Pigs' and 'The Gingerbread Man'. We will start to develop our awareness of rhyme through a variety of activities including a game called 'Silly Soup' where things get stirred into a rhyming pot as we sing a song.

We will continue to learn the pre-writing shapes, and if we are ready, we will learn to write our name using a cursive style. We will be given the opportunity to work with the grown-ups to develop our markmaking skills such as drawing the three little pias.

Mathematics

We will be counting regularly including in our daily circle time sessions when we count how many children are in our group. We will be asked number problems such as "How many eyes would 2 gingerbread men need? Can you get the correct amount of buttons?" We will be learning games requiring a die and moving a playing piece. After some time working on this with an adult, we will learn to play these games independently. Our focus number will be three; three pigs, three bears.

We will be categorising according to size, for example small to big when ordering the bowls of the three bears.

Physical Development

As well as having access to the equipment in our Early Years garden to develop our physical skills we will use sand and water with pretend bricks and tools in the big sand pit to build house a house for the little pigs.

We will continue to develop our fine-motor control through the programme 'WriteDance in Nursery'. In Chinese New Year week, we will be using scissors to create a Chinese lantern.

Communication and Language

Grandma Fantastic will teach us new vocabulary such as enormous and gigantic to describe Daddy bear.

We will focus on prepositions such as 'under', 'on top' and 'behind' by carrying out an action or selecting the correct picture. For example, "Put little pig behind the wall."



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be continuing our whole school approach to PSE called 'Jigsaw'. The focus this half term will be on 'Celebrating Difference'.

We will be learn that some actions and words can hurt others' feelings. The children will be asked questions such as "How do you think the pigs felt when the wolf tried to eat them?"

Expressive Arts and Design

Exploring media and materials: We will be given the opportunity to explore and describe different textures. We will make a forest collage using different textures in our 'Little Red Riding Hood' week. We will be singing songs such as, 'When Goldilocks went to the house of the bears, what did her blue eyes see?'

Being imaginative: We will be given the resources to create the three little pig's houses. We will mix red and white together to create pink to paint the pigs. We will create a flap-style Gingerbread house in 'The Gingerbread Man' week.

Understanding the World

The world: We will be talking about why the bricks did not fall down in 'The Three Little Pigs' story. We will be making porridge, tasting it and talking about how it changes when milk is added to the oats.

People and Communities: We will be sharing our experiences of the Christmas break. We will be learning about 'Chinese New Year'.

Technology: We will learn how to use a remote-controlled toy called the 'Beebot'.

	Traditonal Tales	English / Maths	New Vocabulary	CLL	PSED Personal, Social, Emotional Development	UW	PD	CD
1	Little Red Riding Hood Riding Hood April Loreta Red Riding Hood	Reading Listens to stories with increasing attention and recall. Maths Recites numbers in order to 10 – link to counting around the circle (star of the Day)	Feeling – frightened, terrified and startled	Speaking one-to- one with adult about their Christmas break. Uses talk to recall and relive past experiences.	Sharing experiences of Christmas break. Communicate freely about own home and community. Jigsaw Celebrating Difference Lesson 1	Sharing experiences of Christmas break. Remembers and talks about significant events in their own experience.	On arrival in mornings – Practise prewriting shapes.	Little Red Riding Hood – forest collage using different textures. Experiments to create different textures.
2	The Three Little Pigs The Three Little Pigs	Writing Drawing the three little pigs. Sometimes gives meaning to marks as they draw Maths Focus on the number 3	Asking – squealed, snarled and screamed	Listening and Attention Joins in with repeated refrains and anticipates key events and phrases in stories.	Circle – How do you think the pigs felt? Relate to last week's Grandma Fantastic vocabulary. What does the wolf need to learn from what has happened? Knows that some actions and words can hurt others' feelings.	Why did the house made of bricks not blow down? Talks about why things happen.	Sand and water with pretend bricks and tools in sand pit (pretend to build house) Handles tools, objects, construction and malleable materials safely and with increasing control.	Little Pig House — house collage (straw, sticks or printing bricks) Colour mixing — red and white

3	Goldilocks and the Three Bears/Chinese New Year	Reading - Phonics Shows awareness of rhyme. Bear - chair Maths Categorising according to size - small to big - bowls of the three bears for example	Tasting – delicious, scrumptious and tempting	Changes to porridge Questions why things happen and gives explanations.	Jigsaw Celebrating Difference Lesson 2 Circle – How do you think baby bear felt when he saw his broken chair? Knows that some actions and words can hurt others' feelings. Jigsaw Celebrating Difference Lesson 3	Making porridge – looking at change Adding liquids to different foods and look at change.	Create a card to cheer baby bear up! Name writing Can copy some letters, e.g. letters from their name.	Singing - 'When Golidlocks went to the house of the bears, what did her blue eyes see?'
4	The Magic Porridge Pot	Reading Shows awareness of. rhyme – assessment Maths 2 10 frames joined togother, 2 characters (lady and girl from doll's house set), 2 pots and die. Roll the die and move number of spaces. Who can get to the pot first?	Checking (hear) – bubbling, boiling and simmering	Put it in the pot — adult-led activity Shows understanding of prepositions such as 'under', 'on top', 'behind' by carrying out an action or selecting correct picture.	Introduce 'Signs For Feelings' – signs for happy, sad, angry, disappointed, scared and excited Talk about strategies that can be used to manage anger. Jigsaw Celebrating Difference Lesson 4	Winter walk – signs of winter Developing an understanding of growth, decay and changes over time.	Hopscotch — EY garden Can stand momentarily on one foot when shown.	Painting using different textures such as porridge in paint etc. Printing using wintery colours purple, blues, white etc - cups, lego, sponges, cars
5	The Gingerbread Man/Winter in the Park week	Reading - Phonics Shows awareness of rhyme (man, ran, can).	Action – raced, dashed and sprinted	The Gingerbread Man story = Listens to stories with increasing	Adult-led activity = Play a game in a group such as snakes and ladders	Remote controlled cars/Bee-Bots — adult-led activity (forest Bee-Bot	garden	Creating a gingerbread house (flap book page design)

	Gingerbread Man Man Manused by Eleva Temporin	Maths Shows an interest in number problems. How many eyes would 2 gingerbread men need? Can you get the correct amount of buttons?		attention and recall.	Begins to accept the needs of others and can take turns and share resources, sometimes with support from others. Jigsaw Celebrating Difference Lesson 5	-	one foot when shown. Skipping with hoops		
6	The Enormous Turnip/Chinese New Year	Pre-writing shapes	Thinking – plan, suggestion and idea	Circles – focus on because (every day) I like red because I like the number 4 because	EY garden — turnip in soil (link to story) Can play in a group, extending and elaborating play ideas Jigsaw Celebrating Difference Lesson 6	Life-cycle of turnip and other root vegetable – plant in school garden	Make a Chinese lantern Uses one-handed tools and equipment, e.g. makes snips in paper with child scissors.	Printing wi vegetables	ith