

Happy New Year.

This term our topic this term is

*Personal Emotional and  
Social Development*

To help us get along with each other we will be learning how to be a good friend as well as how to take turns and share. During our circle time we will be developing our listening, thinking and talking skills by sharing our own experiences.

You can help your child by encouraging them to take about their feelings at home.

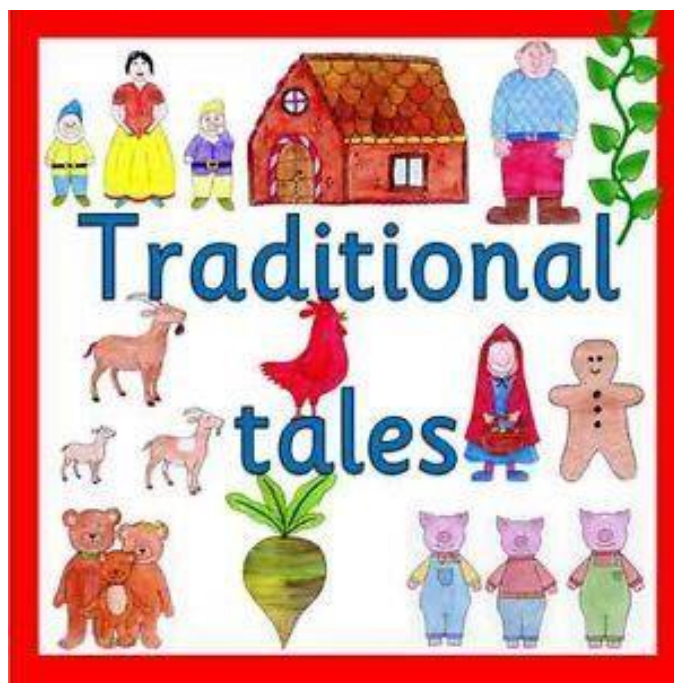
*Communication and Language*

As part of our topic we will be acting out stories, performing puppet shows and pretending to be different characters from the stories we have read. We will be sending home six poems for your child to learn so they can achieve the poetry award.

You can help your child by encouraging them to retell the stories they have heard.

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*Literacy*

This term we will be reading lots of traditional tales such as, Goldilocks and The Three Bears, Jack and the Beanstalk, Chicken Licken, The Billy Goats Gruff. We will be retelling the stories and making simple story books, for us to take home and share with you. To help us improve our writing we will be continuing the Kite challenge. Some of us are on Kite challenge 2 already.

You can help your child by reading with them every day. Let your child read to you. I think you will be surprised how much progress they have made.

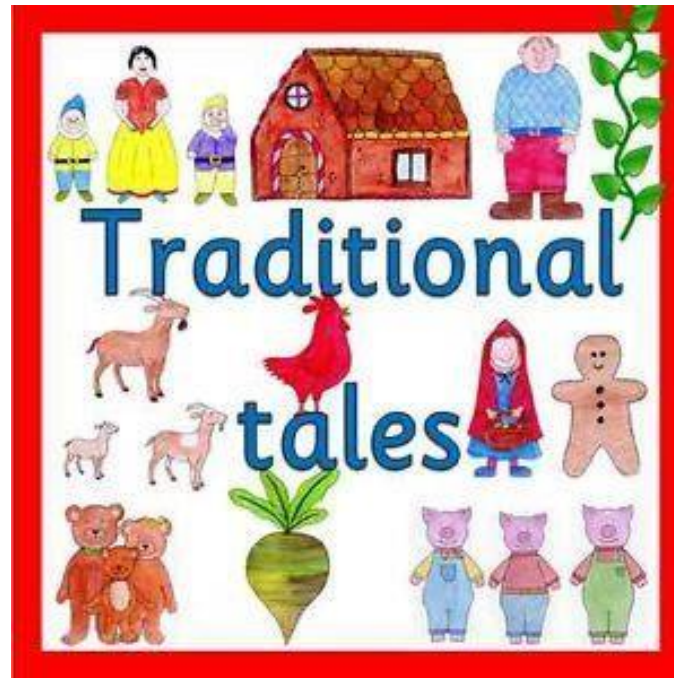
*Mathematical Development*

This term we will be adding and subtracting single digit numbers. We will also be learning our doubles to 6. We will also be looking at 3D shapes and learning some of the names of the shapes. We will be looking and comparing sizes. We will even be measuring the giant beanstalk. Throughout our daily routine we will be looking at the clock so that we start to recognise o'clock times.

You can help your child by looking at the clock and talking about what you do at certain times

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As part of our topic we will be learning about our environment. We will be looking at the difference between a forest and a town. We will also be planting a bean to see who can grow the biggest beanstalk.

Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day, Shrove Tuesday are celebrated this half term, your child will be learning about these celebrations

### Expressing Art and Design

This term your child will be encouraged to role play and dance to retell some of the traditional stories. We will be using a variety of materials to make a chair for baby bear, a helmet for Chicken Licken and a ladder for Jack. Your child will continue to have free access to a range of media, materials, music and musical instruments.

### Physical Development

Your child will have many opportunities to develop their hand eye co-ordination. We will be teaching them the basic ball skills and the rules of some games. We will be improving our fine motor skills by having weekly handwriting lessons

You can help develop your child by encouraging them to use a knife and fork when they are eating.

We record your child's achievements in their individual learning journey. We would like to include any special achievements from home. This could be a photograph, a drawing or something your child has made. Please fill in any wow moments and send them to me by email

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Here's to a stunning start to 2017

Mrs Macdonald, Miss Wood and Mrs Keane