

Happy New Year!

This term we will be learning:

*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 talk about their feelings at home.

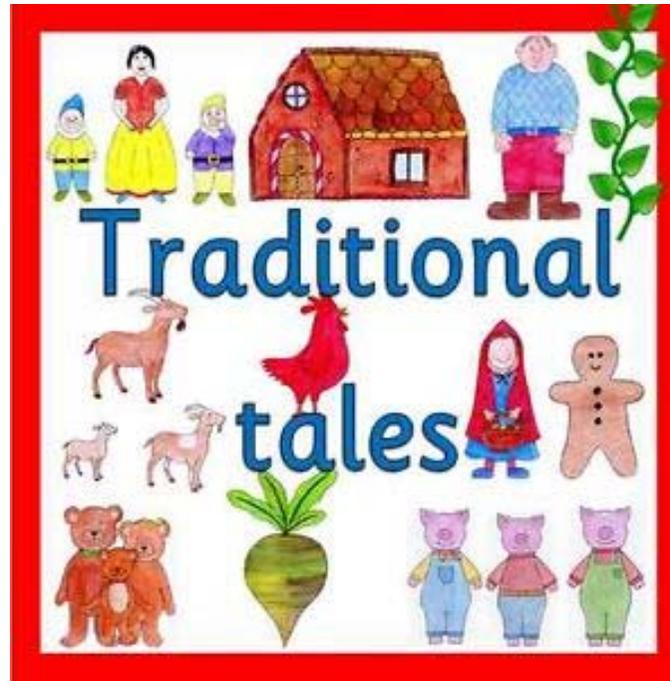
*Communication and Language*

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 that they can rehearse and improve their ability to speak clearly and slowly and achieve the poetry award!

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

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*Literacy*

Over the course of this term, we will be reading traditional tales such as, Goldilocks and The Three Bears, Jack and the Beanstalk, Chicken Licken and 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 starting the Kite challenge – a spelling challenge which requires us to learn to read and write 10 words.

You can help your child by reading with them every day. Let your child read to you. We are sure you will be pleased with the amount of progress they have made.

*Mathematical Development*

This term we will adding and subtracting single digit numbers. We will also be learning our doubles to 6. Last term we did a lot of work on 2D shapes so this term we will be learning the names of 3D shapes. We will be looking and comparing sizes. We will even be measuring the Giant's 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.

## Understanding of the World

As part of this 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.

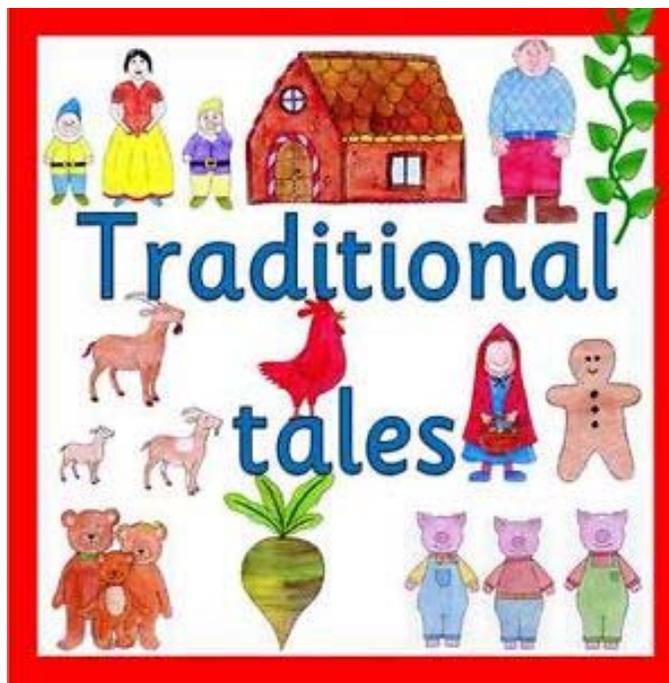
Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day, Shrove Tuesday are celebrated this half term, your child will be learning about these celebrations.

## 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 reading and sharing. 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.

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## Physical Development

Your child will have many opportunities to develop their hand eye co-ordination. We will be teaching them 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 by email to:

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Here's to a stunning start to 2018!

Mrs Macdonald, Miss Wood and Mrs Keane