

Topic Snapshot: Reception

Term 2: Once Upon A Time

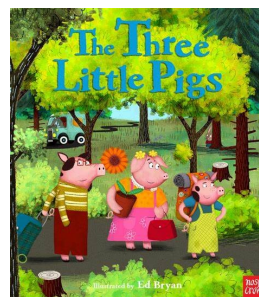
Below you will find an outline of how the topic links to the EYFS curriculum (*blue text*), the key skills which link to effective learning and development (*black text*) and ideas for supporting pupils at home (*red text*).

Communication and Language

This topic is all about traditional tales, stories that we may already know. We will be reading and exploring stories such as [The Billy Goats Gruff](#), [The Three Little Pigs](#). Listens to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding.

Do you have any of these stories at home? You can watch animated versions of traditional tales.

Engage in conversations about books, learning new vocabulary. You can talk about the pictures from the books and ask your child what their favourite part was.



Maths

*We will be continuing to teach Maths as a whole class session this term. Children will be looking at dot patterns and quickly recognising how many dots are shown. This skill is called subitising. We will be making comparisons of quantities and using the vocabulary **more than** and **fewer than**.*

Is able to compare numbers

*Hold up a number of fingers and ask your child to match the quantity, say the number or hold up **one more** finger.*



Literacy

*We will begin to use our knowledge of sounds to read and write simple words. By the end of the term we will have finished the Set 1 sounds of Read Write Inc and will be practising blending the sounds to read simple words such as *cat, dog, pen, pin*.*

Begin to write recognisable letters.

Read individual letters by saying the sound of them.

Continue to practise the sounds and the sound books we send home.

Writes own name. At home, practise writing their name using lower case letters.



Expressive Art and Design

We will be using a variety of media such as paints, chalks, pastels and collage to create representations of story events and characters. Explores, uses and refines a variety of artistic effects to express his/her ideas and feelings

Use drawings, painting or collage to create a character from your child's favourite book.



Personal, social & Emotional Development

During Term 2 we will be thinking about what we are good at and begin to appreciate that everyone is good at different things.

Sees himself/herself as a valuable individual

We will be continue to work on vital skills such as listening to others, sharing, working collaboratively with friends. Builds constructive and respectful relationships. At home, talk about all the things family members are good at. Are they the same or different things?

Understanding the World

Through the telling of different stories we will begin to explore the natural world. We will be planting beans and grass seeds. We will be investigating different materials and describing their qualities. Through different celebrations such as Diwali and Christmas, we learn about people and communities.

Explores the natural world around him/her

Recognises that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways

Talk to your child about important celebrations and traditions in your family.



Physical development

We will be having PE lessons in the hall using our Real PE scheme of work. This term will be working on jumping skills and seated balances.

Is progressing towards a more fluent style of moving, with developing control and grace. Jump, hop skip around your garden or the park. Try travelling in different directions, forwards, backwards, sideways.

We are writing the letters sounds we have been learning in school. Uses a comfortable grip with good control when holding pens and pencils. Practise the letters that we send home.

More information

We will be performing a Nativity Play on Friday 1st of December.

Watch this space for more information

Things to Remember:

- *Please make sure that you **inform an adult in the classroom or phone the School Office** if **somebody different** will be picking up your child or any contact numbers have changed. This means that we can be sure that everyone has gone home safely and that we can contact you if necessary.*
- *Children are expected to have a PE kit in school in Reception as we practise getting changed at this time. Please bring PE kit into school in a bag labelled with your child's name and leave it in school until the end of term.*
- *Shoes with **Velcro fastenings** are best for small children.*
- *Please remember that hooped earrings are not allowed in school.*
- *It is important that your child brings their Book Bag to school on a daily basis.*
- *It is very important that our full attention is given to your children as they arrive at school. If you need to speak to your child's Teacher about a non-urgent matter, we would be very grateful if you could wait until the end of the day, when all the children have been safely seen out of the class.*

*Any offers of help would be gratefully received as there is always lots to do! Please see your child's Class Teacher if you are interested and would like to complete a **DBS form**. **You will need a current DBS if you want to help on school trips.***

HAVE A LOVELY TERM 2!

***We hope that you all have a fantastic Term 2
Reception Team***

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