

Pudsey Bolton
Royd Primary School
Reception Newsletter

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'Once Upon a Time, in the Deep Dark
Woods'

Spring 2 2023

Welcome back everyone. We are looking forward to beginning our new topic, 'Once Upon a Time, in the Deep Dark Woods', learning about Traditional Tales. We are very excited about our educational visit to Nell Bank, where we will be learning all about the story 'Tidy' by Emily Gravett.



Literacy

In literacy we will be focusing on traditional stories. We will read a range of different traditional tales and retell them through role play. This will include learning the story 'The Enormous Turnip', which we will learn and perform, as part of our 'Talk for Writing' programme.

We will continue with our Read, Write, Inc programme for both reading and writing. The children will be reading short stories within our sessions, which we will use to help us to write some sentences.

Once again, please continue to encourage your child to develop an active attitude towards reading, by listening to your child read to you at home every day. If your child is unable to read a word, encourage them to use "the reading tools". These are:

- Look at the pictures to help guess a word,
- Sound out the word,
- Miss out the word; read to the end of the sentence and choose a word that makes sense using the initial sound.

And remember, reading is about more than the words on the page- so talk to your child about what is happening, how the characters might feel and what could happen next.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to ask.

Maths

This half term we use our traditional tales to order objects by height, size and capacity. We will continue to focus on numbers to 10, including number bonds, money, shapes and number patterns. This is all part of our Maths Mastery scheme which takes a deeper and more purposeful approach to maths, which the children love!



Understanding of the World

We will be very busy in our outdoor environment looking for signs of spring and any minibeasts that are living there.

To develop our understanding of technology, we will be using the computers in the ICT suite. We will be using 2simple and Purple Mash to develop our computer skills.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be using our traditional tales topic to act out some of the stories in our three bear's cottage! We will retell the stories using puppets and by dressing up to take on the roles of different characters. In PE we will be focusing on Dance.

Put the bears on the correct beds and chairs
Place the spoons with the correct bowls..



We are becoming more confident with getting changed for P.E. Please continue to encourage your child to get dressed and undressed independently at home. Jumpers and socks are very tricky, so we would really appreciate your help with this! Your child will need to bring a P.E kit into school. Your child will need:

- a round necked white T shirt
- blue shorts or joggers
- a pair of pumps or trainers

Please make sure that you write your child's name in every item so that they do not get lost.

PE in Reception is on Fridays.

Once again, we aim for a happy and busy half term. Please let us know if you have any concerns and questions.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Reception team:

Ms. Wilson, Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Pearson,
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Mrs Milner, Ms Siddik, Ms Silva