

Working Together With Parents

We cannot stress enough the importance of spending time with your children enjoying activities and time in the outdoors. Please continue to support your child with their reading and write your comments in their reading record book. We would also like to provide you with learning ideas that you can complete as a family. The below activities are meant to be fun and enjoyable for everyone. If your child is not engaging then leave it for a while and try again another day. The activities can be completed at anytime over the half term and brought into school for the children to celebrate with their friends.
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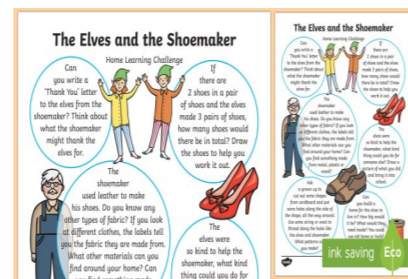
A Walk in the Park

Take your child for a walk in the park and encourage them to collect things that have fallen from the trees such as pine cones, conkers and leaves. Talk about the things they have found and stick them onto the 'My Autumn Hunt'.



The Elves and the Shoemaker

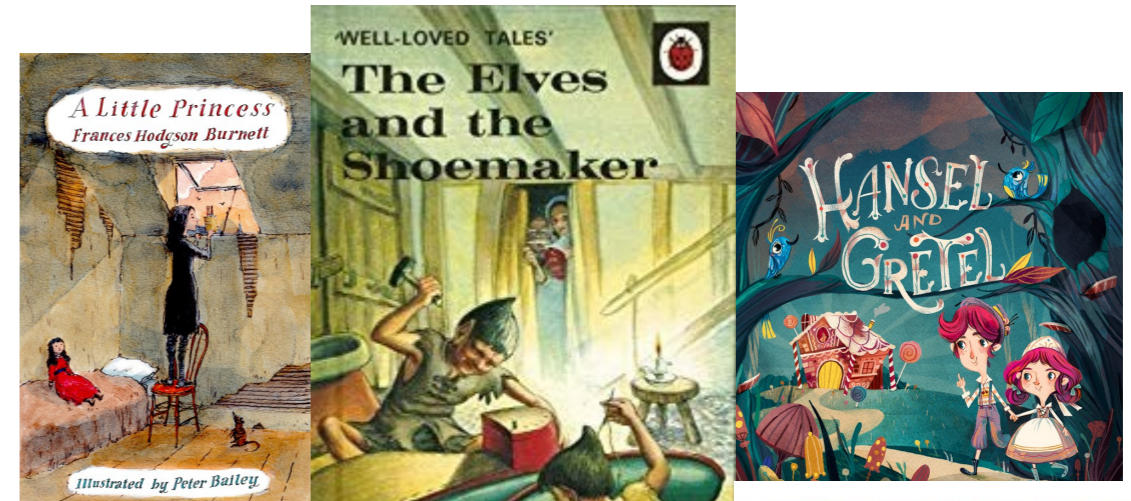
Allow your child to choose two activities from the enclosed ideas to complete at home, they could build a home for the elves, sew their own shapes or count your shoes! Take photographs or bring their work



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You can upload images to class dojo of you and your children enjoying time together, with their families, celebrating special occasions or simply having fun. We love to share these pictures with their friends in school and talk about all of the exciting things that they enjoy doing

Learning in Reception



Traditional Tales

Learning in Early Years "Traditional Tales"

In Reception we will be learning several Traditional Tales such as "The Elves and the Shoemaker and Hansel and Gretel. We will explore the different characters, settings and investigate the structure of the stories identifying the beginning, middle and end.

As part of this topic, we will also look at rhyming words, speech bubbles and we will introduce the children to the talk for writing method of retelling a story. As we get closer to Christmas we will be writing Christmas lists, cards and retelling the story of the Nativity.

Learning in Literacy Speaking and Listening

The children will continue to take part in daily phonics lessons, learning individual sounds and developing their ability to blend these sounds into words. They will also have lots of opportunities to share their thoughts and ideas as well as listening to the ideas of others.

Reading

We will be sharing a variety of traditional tales during story times and the children will continue to bring home both a levelled reading book, and a fiction and non-fiction book of their choice. When reading with your children please allow them to practice their sounds and have a go at blending them into words for example h-a-t hat.

Writing

The children will continue to write their name every morning as well as completing additional morning writing challenges. We will continue to ensure each child learns to hold their pencil correctly in order to enable them to form their letters correctly. They will enjoy lots of opportunities to put pencil to paper in in both structured and creative ways.

Working together, parents as partners.

We will be launching our parental engagement activities during this half term. Watch out for 'play club', phonics based sessions where you are able to come into school to play games alongside your children and then take home a play bag of your choice to continue the fun.



Learning Outdoors

This half term we will be looking at the changing trees and collecting pine cones and conkers to sort and count. We will also be hunting for mini beasts using magnifying glasses and photographing anything we find to research later.

Please continue to ensure that your child has a good warm winter coat in school every day and a pair of wellington boots. As the weather gets colder they will also require hats, gloves and scarfs.

Learning in Mathematics Number

In number we will be learning the facts of numbers to 10. We will focus on one more and one less and will begin to introduce the mathematic symbols of + and =. We will also look at different quantities, discussing groups of more or less.

Space Shape and Measure.

The children will investigate the properties of 2D and 3D shapes whilst also learning to compare objects based on their size or shape. Learning longer/shorter, heavier/lighter, taller/shorter.

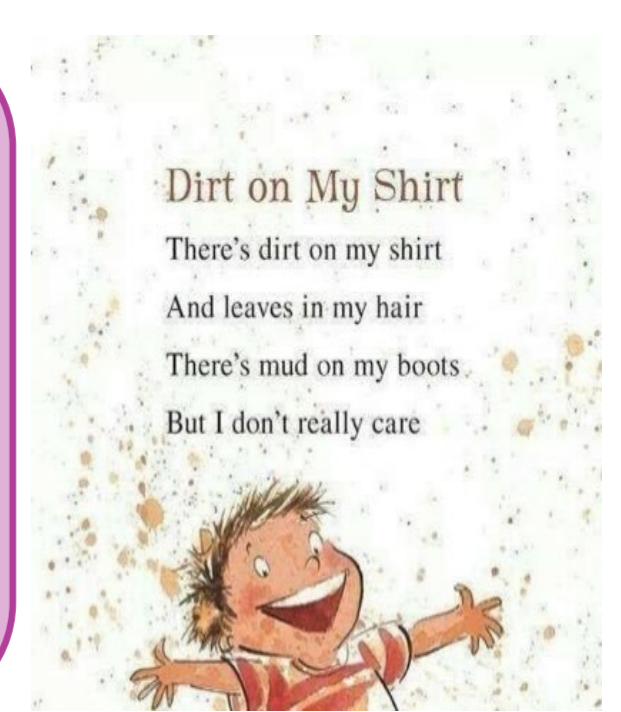
Role Play and Small World

Role play and small world includes things such as dolls houses, toy towns, and the home corner. This half term we will be focusing on fairy tale characters and their settings. The children will have the opportunity to retell stories and practice repeated phrases whilst engaging in imaginative play with their friends.



Dirt on My Shirt

There's dirt on my shirt
And leaves in my hair
There's mud on my boots.
But I don't really care



Points to Remember

Please follow our Reception Twitter account where we post lots of photographs, news and children's work @AHPA_Reception

We also have our own Reception page on the schools website where we will post pictures and messages. All copies of letters that we send out will also be available here.

Please ensure that you have the Class Dojo app and log into your child's account for updates and messages.