

#### What are we learning about?

This half-term the children will be exploring our new topic 'Once Upon a Time'.

During this topic the children will be reading traditional tales such as, 'The Three Little Pigs', 'Little Red Riding Hood' and 'The Gingerbread Man'.

The children will have lots of opportunities to re-enact the stories in their play through the use of role play and even den building!

During this half term we will also be enjoying a trip to our local Donkey Sanctuary, during the trip we will learn all about how to look after the Donkeys and will even be able to feed them.

## Communication, Language and Literacy

During our phonics sessions this half term, the children will continue to learn single sounds. We will also orally blend and segment simple cvc words such as cat, mat and hat by following the Read Write Inc scheme.

During Literacy this half term the children will develop their communication skills by engaging in extended conversations as well as learning to answer who, what and where questions about the stories. The children should now be able to write all of their name accurately. Children will have the opportunity to practice this in order to help them reach this important milestone.

#### **Understanding the World**

This half term the children will be exploring the use of all their senses in a hands-on exploration of natural materials by exploring the smell and texture of ingredients when baking cakes (Little Red Riding Hood) and gingerbread cookies (The Gingerbread Man). The children will be able to talk about process they went through by using key vocabulary.

## Learning Outdoors

This half term we will be spending time in our outside areas by creating obstacle courses outside to reenact stories in our play by representing the journey to Grandma's house from The Little Red Riding hood.

This half term we will be walking to The Donkey Sanctuary to explore where the Donkey's live and how to care for them.

#### Learning in Maths

During our maths sessions this half-term the children will explore: time (sequencing events), subitizing up to 3 objects, positional language, comparing quantities using language: 'more than', 'fewer than', counting objects up to 5 and making comparisons between objects in relation to height, length and weight.

#### **Physical Development**

Every Thursday we have 'City in the Community' in school, who provide a range of exciting physical activities for our children. They will take part in team games which promote skills such as skipping, hopping on one leg, throwing, catching and navigating around a space with confidence. The children do not need to bring in a PE kit, however they can wear train-

#### Working together, parents as partners.

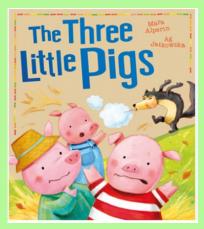
Please return bookbags to school every Thursday.

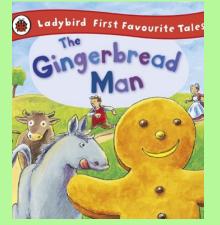
Read with your child every day as this helps them to develop a love of reading and story telling.

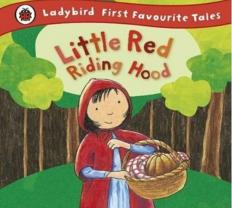
Please send photos of your child enjoying the weekly home learning activities!



# **Home Learning Hub**







# Project 1-

'Let's bake!'

Can you make gingerbread biscuits with your grown up and follow the instructions? Can you count how many you have made?

Make sure to send pictures of your yummy biscuits!



**Project 2-**

**'Re-enact the story of The Little Red Riding Hood'** 

Can you reenact the story at home and make your own props to retell the story?. Perhaps you could make your own red cape!

