

Brougham Early Years Newsletter Spring

Our Topic this term is Nursery Rhymes and Traditional Tales

How you can get involved in our topic with your child

- ✓ Read lots of Traditional Tales to your child e.g. The Enormous Turnip, Three Billy Goats Gruff, Jack and the Beanstalk
- ✓ Visit the library to borrow Traditional Tales
- ✓ Watch stories and rhymes on CBeebies

Some ideas of how to support your child's learning:-

Language and Communication Literacy

- ✓ Read stories with your child
- ✓ Name characters in stories and rhymes
- ✓ Sing nursery rhymes together
- ✓ Talk about good and bad characters
- ✓ Talk about where the characters live in the story – the setting
- ✓ Talk about what happens in the beginning, middle and end of the story
- ✓ Visit the Library to borrow a variety of Traditional Tales

Mathematics

- ✓ Count to 10 using voices of story characters e.g. angry like the troll or loud like the giant
- ✓ Talk about size i.e. big, medium and small (Three Billy Goats Gruff)
- ✓ Talk about the positions of the characters i.e. the troll **under** the bridge, Gingerbread Man **in** the oven)
- ✓ Recognise numbers 1-5 then 5 – 10
- ✓ Spot numbers and shapes whilst walking to school

Understanding the World

- ✓ Talk about changes in season i.e. colours, weather, clothing, trees etc
- ✓ Talk about and notice freezing and melting and frost and snow whilst out and about
- ✓ Talk about how you celebrate festivals and special days e.g. Easter, Mother's Day, Pancake Day
- ✓ Take photographs and videos of family experiences and outings

Expressive Arts and Design

- ✓ Draw pictures of characters from stories you read
- ✓ Build homes for characters
- ✓ Create junk models of characters and their homes

Physical Development

- ✓ Make porridge. Bake Gingerbread Men and bread
- ✓ Support your child to be able to put on their own coats, hat, scarf and gloves
- ✓ Move in different ways like the characters from stories e.g. stomp like a giant, run like the Gingerbread Man
- ✓ Encourage routines such as bedtimes and getting ready on a morning; talking about how this keeps us healthy

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- ✓ Share experiences from school each day
- ✓ Play games to help your child to share and take turns
- ✓ Talk about right and wrong

- Please remember to inform us of any changes in your contact details.
- Remember you are always welcome to speak to any member of the Team at the end of each session.
- Thank you to all who have given a 50p contribution. Please continue to support our Early Years Team to ensure we can continue to provide exciting experiences for your children