

Brougham Early Years Newsletter Spring

Our Topic this term is Once Upon a Time – 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 on CBeebies

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

Language and Communication Literacy

- ✓ Make up stories about the characters
- ✓ Talk about good and bad characters
- ✓ Talk about where the characters live in the story – the setting
- ✓ Visit the Library to borrow a variety of Traditional Tales
- ✓ Write shopping lists
- ✓ Write own name and practise letter formation
- ✓ Read Red Words and practise letter sounds

Mathematics

- ✓ Count to 10 then to 20 using voices of story characters e.g. angry like the troll or loud like the giant
- ✓ Talk about what happens in a shop – paying for items and getting change
- ✓ 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 1-10 then 10-20

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
- ✓ Act out the stories
- ✓ Make up songs about characters

Physical Development

- ✓ Bake Gingerbread Men
- ✓ Support your child to be able to zip or button up their coats and put on their own hat, scarf and gloves
- ✓ Move in different ways like the characters from stories e.g. stomp like a giant, run like the Gingerbread Man

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- ✓ Share experiences from school each day
- ✓ Talk about stranger danger
- ✓ Talk about how to be a good friend
- ✓ Play games to help your child to share and take turns
- ✓ Talk about right and wrong
- ✓ Talk about how to work as a team

- **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**