



50 years of St Gabriel's
1975-2025

St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School and Pre-School

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Dear Parents,

This half term our overall theme will be 'Traditional Tales and Winter.'

We will be doing one phonics session a week focusing on hearing the initial sounds in words.

We use the pure sounds to say each letter sound which will continue through school. Whilst we do show them the grapheme (the letter shape), there's no expectation at this stage to recognise the letter, it's all about hearing the sound. Each week we will stick guidance in their home news book on how to say each pure sound.

Please see below a link to the nursery rhymes we will focus on each week.

<https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/#tabnametabNurseryRhymesVideos>

Week 1 – 05.01.26 – The Gingerbread Man

Key text – The Gingerbread Man

Rhyme- Pat-a-cake

Maths – Exploring position and space. Making a path for the gingerbread man. Putting the gingerbread man in, out, on, under and over a box.

Week 2 – 12.01.26 – The Three Little Pigs

Key Text – The Three Little Pigs

Rhyme- Pat-a-cake

Maths – Exploring position and space. Looking what items we can fit in different sized boxes and describing different 3d shapes – curvy, round, pointy, flat.

Week 3 – 19.01.26 - Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

Key Text – Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

Rhyme – Round and round the garden

Maths – Counting 3 – activities with 3, counting 1,2,3 objects.



Week 4 – 26.01.26 - The Enormous Turnip

Key Text – The Enormous Turnip

Rhyme – Round and round the garden

Maths – Looking for patterns, patterns in nature, matching patterns, going on a pattern hunt.

Week 5 – 02.02.26 - Jack and the Beanstalk

Key text – Jack and the Beanstalk

Rhyme – Jack and Jill

Maths – preposition game, in, on and under. Obstacle course, in, on and through.

Week 6 – 09.02.26 – Chinese New Year and Valentine’s Day.

Key text –The Great Race

Rhyme – Jack and Jill

Maths – Counting 3. Buckets labelled 1,2,3 can they throw the correct number of beanbags into the buckets.

As the weather gets colder, please make sure children have a warm coat and hat (labelled). You don't need to send gloves or mittens in as we have a full set here for children to use.

Going forward we will be moving away from using Tapestry for observations and will use class dojo to share photos of what the children have been doing instead. Please note we will still be using Tapestry for invoicing.

A reminder about personal items such as teddies/jewellery/small toys – please could children leave their personal things at home, as we don't want little bits going missing in Pre-School and children getting upset. If your child needs to bring a teddy for comfort reasons this is fine and they can be put in our home box so it's safe and they can access it when needed.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Cookson, Mrs Soutar and Mrs Sterio. 😊

