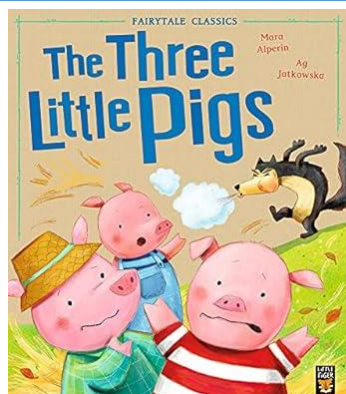


# Wrens Autumn Newsletter 2023

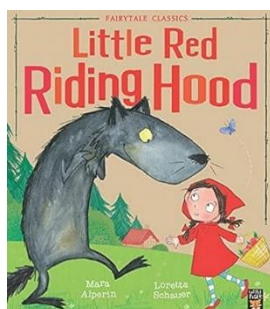
Dear Parents,

We are now already half a term into school life and the children have settled into school very well. This half term is all about embedding school routines and the rules of the classroom. Children continue to work on the areas of turn taking and sharing and develop their social skills within the classroom and beyond. They will also work alongside the year 1 and 2 children to establish links ready for the next academic year as they come together to put on a wonderful nativity performance in December. We have lots of exciting things planned for the lead up to Christmas which is a truly magical time of year. Please remember that we have an open door policy at Bluebell Nursery and Tilston school. Therefore, if you have any worries or concerns no matter how small, please do not hesitate to talk to a member of the staff. We are happy to help

Mrs Edwards and the EYFS Team



## Stories and Rhymes



**Our topic this half term will continue to focus on traditional stories and nursery rhymes.**

learning new vocabulary linked to Nursery rhymes and stories

We will be Exploring a wide range of print through labels, signs, menus and lists

We will be looking at initials sounds in words and reading letter sounds and common exception words

In writing we will be making sure that children are able to recognise and write their names and use some of their letter knowledge in early writing, forming them correctly.

All the children will take part in Squiggle Whilst you Wiggle, a programme to support early writing

### Specific Rhymes and stories

The Three Little Pigs

Little Red Riding Hood

The Three little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig

I'm a Little Teapot

Ring o Roses

Grand Old Duke of York

Lauras star

## Maths

In our setting we follow the White Rose Scheme for mathematics. This half term we will be covering:

Subitising, representations and composition of numbers 1 to 5

1 more and 1 less with numbers to 5

Circles and triangles

4 sided shapes

## Expressive Arts and Design

### Creating with Materials

Explore mixing colours to create characters from stories and rhymes

Drawing pictures of themselves, family and houses using a variety of tools

Using handprints to make pig

Blow painting using straws

### Being Imaginative

Sing well known nursery rhymes and songs

Perform songs in the school nativity play

Recount stories with others during role play and small world play

Create a role play hairdressers and santas grotto

## Physical Development

### Gross Motor Skills

Weekly Visit to village play park to develop strength, balance and coordination on equipment

PE – gymnastics and cricket skills

### Fine Motor Skills

Daily Squiggle while you Wiggle sessions to develop muscle strength and coordination for writing

Daily Dough Disco activities.

Finger gym activities threading, snipping, use of tweezers, pinching

Letter formation movements using large tools , ribbons, felt pens and pencils

Dressing and undressing for PE

Opportunities for using knives for spreading, chopping and cutting

## Understanding of the World

### Past and Present

Comparing household objects from the past and present

Understanding the past through traditional stories and rhymes

### People, Culture and Communities

Participating in RE lesson on Special Places

Looking at different types of homes in the community- what's the same/ different

### The Natural World

Participate in outdoor learning- learn about the natural woodland environment

Explore materials that houses are made of

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

### Self Regulation

Introduce Monkey Bob to talk about feelings

Discuss how characters maybe feeling through stories and rhymes that we read.

Encourage children to put up hands when wanting to talk to an adult.

### Managing Self

Introduce and understand class rules and class dojos

Develop a sense of responsibility through introducing different monitors in the classroom

Introduce routines such as washing hands, snack time, lunchtime

Model correct handwashing at snack and lunchtimes

Begin to undress and dress themselves before and after PE and when dressing up

Introducing safety rules for Handling blocks, scissors, hammers, chairs

### Building relationships

Model turn taking through games, group discussions and role play

Opportunities to develop friendships through show and tell, group games and discussions

Daily opportunities to spend time with buddies

### **Library Time**

Come and read a book with your child and help them to choose a library book to take home. This will happen every Thursday afternoon starting 21st September at 2.45pm- 3.15pm. Toddlers, grannies and grandads welcome.

### **Homework**

Homework is given out on a Tuesday and collected in the following Monday. The work consists of consolidation activities based on the work the children are doing in school in phonics and mathematics. There will also be a topic activity from time to time.

### **Home/School Contact**

Please remember to keep sending your photos and comments to add to your child's learning journey using our 2 build a profile software.

We will send you photos and comments of what we have been doing in class too. Also please keep a look out on the school website for weekly updates on the children's learning.

## **P.E. and Outdoor Learning**

PE this term will take place on Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Tuesday – Cricket Skills Friday – dance and movement

Please make sure that your child's PE kit is in school for that day.

**Outdoor learning** will not take place this half term

## **Stay and Play Sessions**

We are delighted to invite you all to our stay and play sessions. You will have the opportunity of bringing your child to school and staying for the morning to play with your child as they learn. It will also give you time to get to know other parents and we will even supply tea, coffee and biscuits! These sessions will take place once a month. Toddlers are welcome. Please make note of the dates and times below:

Wednesday 4th October – 8.55am-11.00am

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – 8.55am – 11.00 am

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December- 8.55 am – 11.00am

