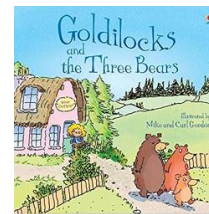


Reception Newsletter

18th November 2022



This week we have been thinking about Fairy stories that happen in a forest setting, continuing to learn our Talk for Writing text (T4W) Goldilocks and the Three Bears and looking at the properties of shapes and space. During the week, we have started to think about making our own stories after listening to Goldilocks and the three dinosaurs and we have been experimenting with porridge!

In maths we have been investigating the shapes, circles and triangles, talking about the sides and corners and using the stem sentences 'I know it is a circle because it has one curved side' and 'I know it is a triangle because it has three sides and three corners'. We have also started using some prepositional language and will be consolidating this over the next few weeks.

In reading we have been practising in our groups and this is going well. You will have noticed that we collected the books in on Thursday this week as changing books took us most of the day last Friday! From now on, we will remove all books and diaries on a Thursday and then return them to you on a Friday with the books that they (mostly) have been practising during the week. This means that we can concentrate on working with the children on a Friday. We are counting the number of days that they have read to you so please write in the diary when you have read the book with your child.

Next Week:

We will be continuing looking at Fairy stories. This time we will be concentrating on stories that have animal or fictional characters in them, so we will be reading The Three Billy Goats and The Three Little Pigs. Stories are rich in language and we will be practising some of the repetitive refrains – I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house down!

We look forward to seeing you all next week for parent's evening. You should have received a slip with the time on yesterday, if that didn't get to you, let us know.

You will have an appointment with either Mrs Gibbens or Mrs Morrell and we will be in the classroom. Please come in the main door and wait in the corridor area, we will try very hard to be running on time! This is a great opportunity for you to ask any questions that you have so please come ready to ask away!

Just a few reminders:

We have noticed that a few of our small toys, counting objects, magnetic letters and other items are vanishing from the classroom. We try and introduce equipment that entices the children into learning, and this means that quite often they get popped into pockets. We know this happens and we won't get cross with the children, but we are sending out a plea that if you come across things in your child's pocket or book bag we would very much love them to be returned. No questions asked, we promise!

Labels

Thank you very much for all the items of clothing that is clearly labelled. We have had a few jumpers without names of them in the classroom and it seems that some of the labels are falling off. As a precaution, it might be worth putting your child's name on the label in addition to any label.

We are always around to answer any questions or queries that you may have. There are couple of ways that you can contact us:

- Pop over to see us at the end of the day. Once we have dismissed the children safely, we are always available to have a chat.
- Phone the office to make an appointment with any one of us.
- Email the office parent correspondence@st-peters.notts.sch.uk to make an appointment. The office staff will forward the email to us, and we will catch you or give you a ring to arrange a suitable time.

Please do let us know of any concerns as quickly as possible. We can usually sort things out very quickly if you let us know.

Many thanks

The Reception Team

(Mrs Gibbens, Mrs Morrell, Mrs Boulton and Miss Horsfield)