

Topic learning:

Our topic for this half term is Once Upon a Time.

We will focus on each of these stories, one week at a time:

- Goldilocks and the three bears
- Jack and the beanstalk
- The Three Little Pigs
- Little Red Riding Hood
- The Gingerbread Man

We will explore the characters and setting in each story and retell the stories in different ways. Our Explore and Learn Time learning will be linked to these stories too.

We will also have lots of festive fun with our learning in the weeks leading up to Christmas, getting crafty, singing songs and learning about different Christmas traditions.



Phonics: Essential Letters and Sounds (ELS)

Throughout this term we will continue teaching the children the ELS sounds and picture clues. The children will all take part in short, fun, interactive phonic sessions. Children will bring home a reading book matched to the sounds they are learning.

Reading:

Your child will bring home a book with none or few words to encourage them to tell stories using picture clues. These early reading skills are vital for future successful reading. Your child will also bring home a book with words to spot sounds they know from phonic sessions. In time your child will build up to using initial sounds to help them locate words and, where applicable, use their phonics to sound out words. Please try to read each day and ensure books are in their book bag every day. Children will also bring home a book to share and a library book which will be changed once a week in school.

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We will explore the big question,

'Is learning important?'



P.E:

PE lessons will be on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**. Please ensure their correct PE kit is here all week as we sometimes have to move the timetable around and may have PE at a different time.

RE:

In RE this term we will be looking at the theme of 'Celebrating Birthdays'. We will learn how we celebrate birthdays in our families and then move onto learning how Christians celebrate Jesus' birthday at Christmas.

Maths:

This term we will continue using 'Numberblocks' to support our learning as we meet characters 1 to 5.

We will also spend time focussing on sorting objects and numbers using different criteria, looking for patterns with number and comparing sets.

Our focus continues to be on developing the children's ability to explain their reasoning and understanding.



Reminders:

Coats: Please provide your child with a coat everyday as we spend a large amount of time outside and the weather is very changeable.

Uniform: Please ensure all uniform is labelled clearly.

Water bottles: Please provide your child with a bottle, filled with water only. You can personalise them to make them more recognisable.

Want to help?

If you have any versions of traditional stories at home, please read them with your child so they can compare different versions. Can they:

- sequence the story.
- retell it using known repeated phrases.
- draw a story map.
- build the setting e.g. castle, straw house.
- tell the story using puppets.
- learn any songs about the story.

Communication: The door is always open and we encourage you to share any questions or concerns. You are welcome to pass on messages at drop off and pick up time. If you unable to speak to us then please email the school office at admin@andover-pri.hants.sch.uk for the attention of Mr Stephens.

Walk and talk board: A walk and talk is a board found just outside the classroom where we share what we have done that day. This may encourage your child to share their day on their way home!