

Gorse Hall Reception  
Curriculum Matters Spring 22



Happy New Year!!!

We hope you all had a lovely and enjoyable Christmas and New Year. We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all the cards and gifts you bought for us. They were very much appreciated.

What are we going to be learning?

This half term we are going to be basing our learning around the theme of 'Traditional Tales'. We will be reading lots of different traditional tales and focussing on story language; once upon a time, happily ever after, suddenly, first, next. We will be practising retelling and rehearsing the stories and becoming familiar with the beginning, middle and end. We will be doing lots of other activities linked to traditional tales such as; art and craft activities, setting up our role play traditional tales cottage and linking our maths activities to this. Ways that you could support your child with this are;

- **Sharing these at home both in books and in animated stories.**
- **Asking questions about the story/characters**
- **Acting out and pretending to be different characters in the stories.**
- **Adapting and making up different endings or altering parts of the story in oral retells.**

**Book List**  
Gingerbread man  
Little Red Riding Hood  
Hansel and Gretel



Literacy

**Communication and language-** We will continue to develop and extend vocabulary with explicit teaching of some special words and also building opportunities to talk to teachers and peers throughout the day

**Reading-** We will continue to practise sounding out cvc words using our phonic knowledge and also building a bank of tricky words.

**Writing-** We will practise writing cvc words, lists and captions using our phonic knowledge and knowledge of tricky words. We will also be practising the correct formation of letters.



Maths

- **Practising counting in 2s, 5s, 10s backwards from 20**
- **Continuing to learn combinations of numbers that make 10**
- **Use tens frames to make up compositions of numbers to ten**
- **Select and rotate shapes and patterns**



Physical Development

Developing gross and fine motor skills is an important part of Reception. We will continue to work on developing these in receptions. Ways that you can support this at home are;

- \* **Using scissors and small tools such as play dough rollers/cutters**
- \* **Having opportunities to practise climbing, throwing and catching**
- \* **Practising letter formation in different ways; in sand, paints, making letters with pebbles**

Reminders:

Please could we ask you to make sure your child has their name in all clothes—it is hard to keep track of all coats and clothes with 30 children in each class. Could you also please ensure your child's reading folder is brought in every day. We do only change them once a week but the children have lots of opportunities to read with other adults, Year 6 children and our reading helpers.

As always, please continue to check Seesaw regularly as this is our main source of communication

**Seesaw**