

Gorse Hall Nursery Curriculum Matters

Spring 1 2026

The Autumn Term has now finished and your child is now one third of their way through Nursery. We had a really busy term, getting to know each other and building relationships which will help moving forward into the next term. The Spring Term will see us continuing with our prime areas of learning, Communication, Personal, Social and Emotional and Physical developments with our theme being centered around traditional tales, always a lovely topic with so many exciting activities to explore.

Please don't forget that your application for a Reception place needs to be completed by 15th January 2026 and it is really important that you do this on time.

Please do not hesitate to ask if there is anything that concerns you, we are more than happy to help.

Maths

The Story of three lends itself very nicely for counting by rote to 3, one to one correspondance and Subitising (when you are able to look at a group of objects and realise how many there are without counting). We are encouraging the children to use their magic counting finger as they count and to touch each object as they do so. We will also be looking at objects in a five frame.



Hats, Scarves and Gloves



We will be expecting the weather to be a little chilly this half term so please can you make sure that your child has a hat and gloves as we will be playing out when we can. Please can you make sure items are **named**.

Role Play

This half term we will be setting up a cottage for the Three Bears House, with different sized bowls and chairs to help children sequence and retell the story. We are also hoping to set up an area for the children to trip trap over a bridge using masks for the Three Billy Goats Gruff!

Our topic this half term — **'The Story of Three!'**

We will be talking about fairy tales and in particular those that have three characters... Three Bears, Three Billy Goats Gruff, Three Pigs. We will be encouraging the children to retell and sequence the story and also look at the internet and non-fiction books to find out about different animals.



The key words for 'The Story of Three' topic are — **Once upon a time, The End, Fairy Tale, Information** and of course, **1,2 3**.

Please don't forget that communication is mainly through the Seesaw app as this is

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quick and convenient. Please continue to share any photos of your weekend as the children love seeing themselves on the 'big tele' and they enjoy telling the other children about what they have done. It has given the children the confidence to speak in front of each other.



We will be celebrating Chinese New Year!

Class Fund

Thank you to everyone that has given us a voluntary contribution of £1 a week. We have used the money for activities for Christmas and of course the party and treats! The children continue to love their 'cheeky toast!' on a Friday and have been having hot chocolate too.