

Nursery Newsletter

December 2017



Merry Christmas Everyone!

We would like to take this opportunity to say how much fun we have had this term with such lovely children. They have all made such a lot of progress and should be very proud of themselves!

On Monday 18th December we will be welcoming back Mrs Weller who returns from her maternity leave. Mrs Weller, who has worked at Oak Hill for over 2 years now, will return as Nursery teacher and Family Group Lead for the Bumblebees. Mrs Harris will revert to being non-class based in her role as Assistant Head for Foundation Stage but will continue to be very involved in Nursery life.

What have the children been learning?

We have been busy this half term exploring the difference between day and night and light and dark. We had fun exploring the ways colours change on our new Light Box. We have also been reading lots of stories about day/night time and the different animals that come out in the day and the night.

Our Pyjama Day was great fun-hopefully you have had chance to look at the photos displayed outside Nursery...if not make sure you have a look!

We have also talked about keeping safe in this wintery weather with dark nights and the children enjoyed role playing crossing the road safely-they all know to STOP, LOOK and LISTEN.

Due to the snowy weather/school closures our traditional Christmas visit from Magic Bob who visits every year to wow us with his fantastic magic show has been re-arranged for Thursday 4th January- a first day back treat!



How can I help my child at home?

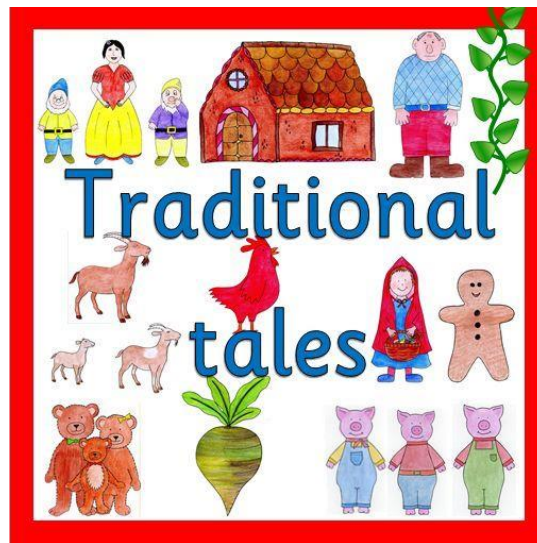
Encourage your child to draw pictures, mark make and write their own names. These can be used as thank you letters for relatives and friends who have brought them gifts. There are always so many sweets and chocolates around at Christmas and children love to count how many they have and watch the amount change as they (or you!) gobble them up.

Our topic in the spring term is '**ONCE UPON A TIME**'. The children will be listening to lots of traditional stories and learning about monsters, trolls, giants and other fantasy characters. We will be doing lots of retelling and roleplaying of our favourites, as well as encouraging lots of talk surrounding the plots, the characters and all of their adventures.

On the reverse of this newsletter, please find website links to different traditional stories and songs that you can enjoy with your children over the holidays. Ask them questions about what the characters look like, what they think they will do next and what they think might happen at the end.

Nursery closes at 3:15pm on Tuesday 19th December and re-opens at 8:30am on Thursday 4th January 2018

Traditional Story Ideas



Goldilocks and the 3 Bears

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oaw-d3r_glc

Three Billy Goats Gruff

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OO-5KgcfHml>

The Little Red Hen

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JTCsL26vob4>

Three Little Pigs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dXemLZIXy3M>

The Gingerbread Man

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U89dkGrsYZY>

Or you may have these as books which you can enjoy sharing together.