

# Year 1 Newsletter

January 2018

Happy New Year everyone!

Our new topic is 'Fairy Tale Problem Solvers'. The children will be learning about a variety of story characters who pose problems for them, For example, Mummy Pig wants to hold a leaving party for the Three Little Pigs but doesn't know what food to provide. We will evaluate dips (salsa, hummus, thousand island etc) and dippers (bread sticks, cucumber, pepper etc) and then design and make our own dips. Little Red Riding Hood needs a new cape, so the children will be looking closely at materials, in order to find something suitable - will it be water-proof? I wonder what they will choose and will Little Red Riding Hood like it?



## Activities for home.

Lots of parents have asked about on line games and maths apps that will help support learning at home. This time we are looking at maths apps and games.

**Topmarks**- plenty of games to help with all aspects of maths. Access on a computer.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk>

**ICT games**- again plenty of games to help with all aspects of maths. Access on a computer.

[www.ictgames.com/resources.html](http://www.ictgames.com/resources.html)

**Maths Bingo** - a maths app for tablets where the children can practise their addition and subtraction. ([www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/))



## How to support at home

Share a variety of Fairy Tales with your child such as Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Little Red Riding Hood, The Three Little Pigs, The Gingerbread Man, The Enormous Turnip, The Magic Porridge Pot, Jack and the Beanstalk, The Three Billy Goats Gruff etc. Pretend to be different characters and act out the story.

## Materials:

We will be looking at the properties of materials hard/soft, shiny/dull. You could find materials at home to describe and sort.

## Places to go

Avoncroft museum of buildings, which ones would have been better houses for the Three Little Pigs? Which one would you choose?

## Websites to explore

<https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/word-games/fairy-stories>

## Maths

Have a go adding 1 to a teens number (11-19). What is the new total?

## Things to make

A new chair for baby bear.

A map for Goldilocks so that she doesn't get lost again.

## E- safety

*This half term, Year 1 pupils have been learning that we should limit the amount of time we spend using technology. Please reinforce this message at home.*

## Dates for your Diary:

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January** – Outdoor learning day. Children can come to school dressed in warm suitable outdoor clothing.

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March** – we have the animal man visiting school for the children

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March P.M** – Parents/carers may join us for a Parental Engagement session. More details to follow nearer the time.

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