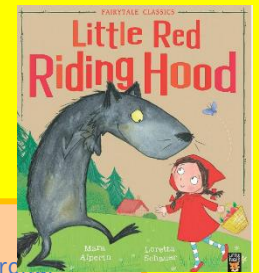


Once upon a time...



key words: House, walls, chimney, windows, doors, bricks, sticks, straw, fireplace, smooth, bumpy, bendy, wood, plastic, paper, card, metal, strong, weak, test, Ma Liang, grateful, ship, greedy, wave, escape, rich, poor, China/Chinese, wallet, lantern, dragon, fortune, zodiac, race, Little Red Riding Hood, wolf, Map, path, wood, cottage, house, direction, map, path, wood, cottage, house, direction

This half term's topic is 'once upon a time.' We will be learning about some well-known fairy tales. The children will use their creative skills to make the little pigs' houses, a Chinese dragon, and Red Riding Hood's picnic basket. We will also be reading the Chinese tale 'This Magic Paintbrush' as part of our learning on Chinese New Year. Children will develop their ability to re-tell stories. They will be encouraged to join in with whole class reading, use story maps to tell the story and engage in role play to show their understanding. Children will also develop their knowledge around maps and will be following and making their own maps. This half term we will also be continuing our sessions on The Zones of Regulation, which helps children identify and regulate their own feelings. This half term we will be focussing on identifying the different zones.

Our topic books:

The Three Little Pigs

The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig

Little Red Riding Hood

The Magic Paintbrush

Maths:

Developing understanding of numbers 1,2,3,4,5

(including one more and one less and composition.)

Subitise to 5

Comparing mass and capacity and using related vocabulary.

Developing understanding of 6, 7, 8

Phonics:

This half term we will be beginning phase 3. The children will learn the following sounds:

ai ee igh oa

oo oo ar

ur ow oi ear

air er

Children will also practise reading and writing words with double letters and longer words.

The children will learn the following tricky words: are sure pure

We have sent home the guide for phase 3 sounds with this flyer.

Keep an eye out for the weekly Weduc post to find out the sounds we have been learning that week.



Dates for your diary:

12th January: Children can bring in a photo of their house to share at circle time this week. (Or send on Weduc)

29th January 14.30- 15.00: We will be showcasing our learning on Chinese New Year to parents.

10th and 12th February: parents evening.

Keep an eye out on Weduc for more information.

Important information:

- Welcome to Mrs Stirland, who has joined Red 1. She will teach on a Thursday and Friday. Do pop and say hello!
- PE days remain the same this half term. They are **Monday** and **Tuesday**. Children should come to school in their PE kits on these days. Our sports coach, Mr Poole, will be teaching PE on a Monday. Mr Ward will teach PE every other Tuesday.
- A reminder that children no longer receive milk once they turn 5. If you wish for them to continue to receive milk after their 5th birthday, you will need to pay via Cool Milk.
- Could you please ensure that all property is labelled with your child's name. This helps us to return lost property to you.
- During these cold winter months, please ensure that your child comes to school in a warm winter coat, as well as a hat and gloves.
- We are always here if you need us! It can be hard to chat in the morning whilst we are welcoming the children into the classroom but feel free to catch us at the end of the day, or drop us a message on Weduc, which we check daily.
- We are always on the look out for reading volunteers! If you are interested in becoming a reading volunteer for Red 1 and 2 please do let one of the team know. No experience required. 😊