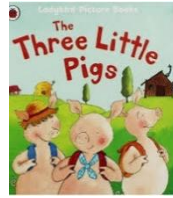


Juniper Hill School

Information for Reception Parents

Term: Spring 1. 2-week topic beg 26.2.26

Topic: The Three Little Pigs (2-week Topic)



Topic work

We will be thinking about different textures, focusing on **rough and smooth** and sorting materials according to these properties. We will be applying the language 'rough' and 'smooth' when making our own mini pizzas! The children will then be creating different textures in playdough and making their own texture pictures. The children will use boxes to build their own version of one of the three little pig's houses and then use their phonic skills to write a label for it.

Our Role play area will be a building site. The children will be designing their buildings as well as building them using some of our role play tools.

Literacy

We will be reading different versions of the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' and then comparing how they are **similar** and **different** to each other. The children will be taking on the role of one of the characters in the story (**hot seating**) and answering questions asked by the other children. They will also be writing sentences to retell one part of the story using '**hold a sentence**'. The children will be consolidating the correct letter formation for **c, o, a, d, g, q, e, s** over the next couple of weeks.

Ways you can help

We would welcome any resources you may have related to 'The Three Little Pigs', especially books which retell different versions of the story. Please name the books and resources where possible as this helps us to return them back to you.

Please keep reading regularly with your child and record every time they read in their reading record. We recommend that this term the children should be reading for 10 minutes every day.

Maths

The children will be learning to **measure the length** of objects by using non-standard units such as Unifix cubes and then working out which is the longest or shortest by **comparing their results**.

We will be exploring **tens frames** and the different ways we can arrange amounts on them - **Pairwise or five wise**.

We will be continuing to **explore addition** by combining two groups and seeing how we can use number sentences to record this. We will also introduce the children to the concepts of **parts and whole (part-whole model)**.

Reminders

- We would like to remind you that children should not be bringing toys to school unless it is related to our topic. This includes small stuffed toys.
- **Item requests:** We have had a lot of sniffly noses since Christmas, it's that time of year! We would kindly request any donations of **boxes of tissues** for our classrooms - this would be hugely appreciated!
- **Junk model boxes** - the children will be engaging in junk modelling for our topic of the Three Little Pigs. Therefore, we kindly request any empty **cube/cuboid shaped boxes** (cereal boxes, tissues boxes, coffee pod boxes etc) that we could use to make our own houses! Thank you! 😊