

Keston Primary School and Nursery

Curriculum Information



Nursery Spring Term 1

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas holiday.

This half term, our topic is 'Once upon a time...'

This term we are exploring a range of **Traditional Stories**, including The Three Billy Goats Gruff and Cinderella. We will also encourage the children to make up their own stories.

In **Personal Social and Emotional Development** we will encourage the children to develop concentration skills in large and small groups and to practice social skills and a readiness to help each other. We will learn about keeping safe and will continue to support them in developing independent and self-help skills.

Read about Growth Mindset - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/help-your-child-try-new-things>

A little video about friends - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/whats-the-big-idea-friends>

In **Communication & Language** we will teach and assess your child's ability to recall and retell the stories using a range of games, props and role play. We'll continue to practice listening skills and will build a breadth of vocabulary to ask questions and give explanations.

Play this listening game - http://www.literactive.com/Download/live.asp?swf=story_files/radio_US.swf or
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b03g6twf>

Listen to the musical sound then guess the instrument it belongs to -
<http://www.musicgames.net/livegames/orchestra/orchestra2.htm>

For **Physical Development**, the children will be encouraged to remove and put on their shoes and socks for more formal PE sessions in the school hall. Please send them in, in socks and shoes they can manage by themselves. The PE sessions will include movement, dance, and using small & large apparatus. We will continue to practice using pencils, scissors and other one handed tools with good control.

In **Literacy**, we will use story books to develop understanding of how stories are structured and look carefully at how illustrations and print are used to relay information. We will make simple books and practice writing recognisable letters for names and other words.

Listen to the story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b03g6twf>

We will also start to introduce Phase 2 Letters and Sounds. We will learn the sounds that letters make, playing games with initial sounds in words. We will practise recognising the letters and begin to know how to form them.

For more information about the Phase 2 teaching sequence - <http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-2.html>

In **Mathematics** we will begin number recognition, counting and representing numbers. We'll be learning language for shape and position and begin to understand the concept of sharing equally.

Practice counting, recognising and writing numbers to 10 -

http://mrcrammond.com/games/understanding_number/Understanding_number.swf?sid=3683

Practice counting, matching and ordering numbers to 10 - <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/ladybird-spots>

In **Understanding the World** we will be cooking, creating models and developing the children's investigating skills. Linked to our books, we will be learning about bridge and structures. We will find out about Chinese New Year celebrations, Mothering Sunday and Easter. Some of these festivals and celebrations fall during school holidays and if you have particular ways of celebrating special occasions at home, we'd love the children to come and tell us about it.

In **Expressive Arts & Design**, we will spend time listening to different types and moods of music, develop imaginative play through role play and continue to develop colour mixing skills, painting and printing techniques.

How to help your child - To support your child's learning and development this half term, you could encourage him/her to manage small tasks and routines independently at home and when coming in to Nursery.

Please make the most of the activities available in the 'Learning Library'. Please choose an activity on FRIDAY morning (the trolley will be outside the Nursery doors). The activity will then be returned the following TUESDAY outside the Nursery door. If you have not yet joined, please see your class teacher and take £1 for your membership.

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During this half term, we would like to invite you to join us for part of the morning to join in with the children's independent learning activities and share your child's Learning Folder with them.

Come along on Tuesday 22nd January or Thursday 7th February from 9am until 9.30am.

The class teacher will be available to discuss your child's learning at Parents Evening at the end of this half term.

We will continue to observe each child closely and will discuss your child's progress and next steps with you at Parents Evening on either Tuesday 12th February from 4.00-7.00pm or Thursday 14th February from 5-8pm. (*It is not appropriate to bring children to this meeting*). You'll be able to book an appointment online (as before). You will receive an email with more information. If you have any queries/problems, please see the Office staff.

We will finish the topic with a 'Keston Nursery Royal Ball' and indoor picnic on Friday 8th February. The children may dress up as any of the story characters.

Looking ahead...

Friday 15th March MARK MAKING WORKSHOP - All children will be invited to bring an adult for the session. Further details will follow.

Thank you all for your continued support for our Nursery and our school.

We welcome extra helpers at our Nursery sessions. If you're interested in coming in on a regular or occasional basis, do please talk to the class teacher. You'll need to arrange a DBS check via the school office before you start.

Miss East & Mrs Meadowcroft