

Silsden Primary School
Once Upon a Time...
In Reception Autumn Term 2



Our topic for this half term is 'Once Upon a Time'. We really hope that this topic will open up the children's imaginations. Attached is a breakdown of some of the activities that the children will be taking part in and some ideas for activities to try at home.

Wow Slips

Please keep bringing in the 'WOWS'. We have had some wonderful wows so far and the children are so proud to share home achievements with us. WOW slips are available from the box in the Reception corridor.

Cold Weather

As it is getting colder now can we please ask that children come to school with warm outdoor clothing every day and appropriate footwear. **Please name all items** including gloves, hats and scarves.

Parents Evening

This is an opportunity for you to come and see what we have been doing so far, you will be able to look at your child's individual books and journals and talk to us about any concerns. Please see dates at the end of this letter.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 1st Nov - 1st Parent Evening

Wednesday 8th Nov - 2nd Parents Evening

Friday 17th Nov - Children in Need (Details to follow)

W/B Friday 8th Dec - Reception Christmas Performance (Dates and times to follow)

Thursday 14th Dec - Christmas Party Day (Information to follow)

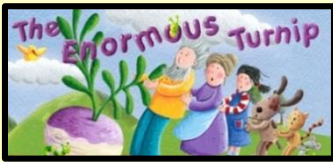
Friday 15th Dec - Carol singing in the village and Christmas jumper day!

Friday 15th Dec - School breaks up for Christmas!

We would like to add how pleased we all are that the children have settled so well into Reception and are coming into school by themselves. We hope to keep this up in the next term!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continuing support. The Reception Team



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PERSONAL, SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Model different feelings and discuss which behaviour is appropriate within the classroom.
- Begin to understand the feelings of the different characters from stories.
- Taking responsibility of small tasks inside and outside the classroom.
- Team tasks and collaborative activities - The Enormous Turnip.
- Circle Time/SCARF Activities.

COMMUNICATION & LANGUAGE

- Pie Corbet /Talk for Writing with the Billy Goats Gruff.
- Listening to and answering questions about different traditional tales.
- Using role-play and small world to re-enact traditional tales.
- Speaking and listening games.
- Learning new vocabulary linked to the season.

LITERACY

- Exploring a range of traditional tales, including The Gingerbread Man, The Billy Goats Gruff and The Enormous Turnip. Retelling the stories using masks, props and story maps.
- Meeting the characters from these stories and asking them questions (hot seating).
- Continuing to apply Phase 2 phonics using Ruth Miskin handwriting phrases.
- Forming recognisable letters.
- Practicing blending to read words and segmenting to spell words.
- Spelling tricky words.

MATHEMATICS

Measuring and weighing ingredients to follow the recipe to make some Gingerbread Man.

Continue with recognising and using 2D shapes, square, circle, triangle, rhombus, rectangle and talk about their properties.

Using pennies to count and pay for things in the bakery and within activities in the classroom.

Beginning to add small groups of objects together.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

- Gingerbread Man Science experiment - dipping the Gingerbread Man in different liquids.
- Understanding mixtures needed to bake a Gingerbread Man.
- Planting bulbs to enhance our outdoor area.
- Explore different cultures and celebrations (Diwali, Christmas and Bonfire Night).

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

- Using a range of construction materials to make items linked to stories.
- Using large motor skills to move in a range of ways.
- Using a variety of tools and materials safely and with control.
- Developing scissors and fine motor skills with a range of different resources.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

- Designing, making and decorating our own Gingerbread Man.
- Turning the children into Gingerbread Men.
- Designing the biggest, ugliest troll.
- Using the ICT suite to develop our computer skills. (2 simple in Purple Mash)
- Music - Christmas songs and Charanga Songs.



Reception Songs and Rhymes



This Old Man

*This old man, he played one
He played knick-knack on my thumb
Knick-knack paddy whack
Give the dog the bone
This old man came rolling home.*

*This old man, he played two
He played knick-knack on my shoe
Knick-knack paddy whack
Give the dog the bone
This old man came rolling home.*

*This old man, he played three
He played knick-knack on my knee
Knick-knack paddy whack
Give the dog the bone
This old man came rolling home.*

*This old man, he played four
He played knick-knack on my door
Knick-knack paddy whack
Give the dog the bone
This old man came rolling home.*

*This old man, he played five
He played knick-knack on my hive
Knick-knack paddy whack
Give the dog the bone
This old man came rolling home.*

*This old man, he played six
He played knick-knack with some sticks
Knick-knack paddy whack
Give the dog the bone
This old man came rolling home.*

*This old man, he played seven
He played knick-knack up in Heaven
Knick-knack paddy whack
Give the dog the bone
This old man came rolling home.*

*This old man, he played eight
He played knick-knack on my gate
Knick-knack paddy whack
Give the dog the bone
This old man came rolling home.*

*This old man, he played nine
He played knick-knack on my spine
Knick-knack paddy whack
Give the dog the bone
This old man came rolling home.*

*This old man, he played ten
He played knick-knack once again
Knick-knack paddy whack
Give the dog the bone
This old man came rolling home.*

One Man Went to Mow

One man went to mow,
Went to mow a meadow,
One man and his dog, Spot
Went to mow a meadow

Two men went to mow,
Went to mow a meadow,
Two men, one man and his dog, Spot
Went to mow a meadow

Three men went to mow,
Went to mow a meadow,
Three men, two men, one man and his dog, Spot
Went to mow a meadow

Four men went to mow,
Went to mow a meadow,
Four men, three men, two men, one man and his dog, Spot
Went to mow a meadow



Billy Goats like Grass so Green

Billy goats like grass so green,
But the troll is very mean,
So the big goat makes a dash,
Pushes troll, who makes a splash!
Billy goats like grass so green,
But the troll was very mean!

(Sing to the tune of 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star')

