



# Edgewood Primary School

## Building skills and values for life

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### Rainbow Class Spring 1 Newsletter

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely break over the Christmas holidays. This term we are excited to welcome our new friends and their families to our Rainbow Class community. We look forward to getting to you know over the next few weeks.

This half term our topic is 'Traditional Tales' and we will also be learning about Chinese New Year. This letter will give you an outline of what we will learning about across the curriculum.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate in coming to speak to us!

Thank you,  
Mrs Tomlinson, Mrs Newton and Mrs Robinson

### Personal, Social, Emotional Development

This half term, we will be encouraging children to recognise and consider the emotions of themselves and others and think about how regulating our own behaviour can positively impact other people.



Our school-wide Jigsaw topic this half term is dreams and goals. We will be talking about our aspirations, how to achieve goals we set ourselves and understanding the emotions we might feel.

### Communication & Language

Children will continue to develop their listening and attention skills to enable them to listen to longer stories, follow instructions and learn new vocabulary not linked to their real life experiences.



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## Physical Development



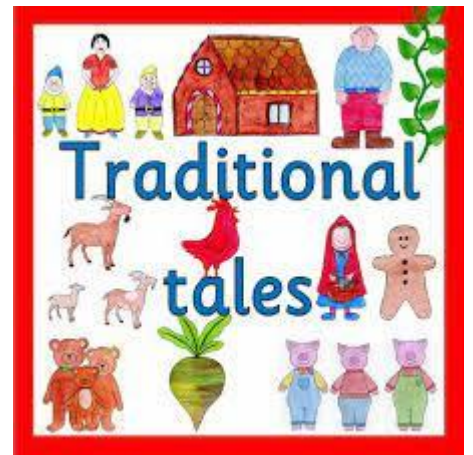
We have daily outdoor sessions where we encourage children to explore moving in a range of ways such as running and climbing. We have PE equipment such as bats, balls and skittles for children to use and develop games as a group. We also have dough disco, dance or yoga sessions each morning.

Through planned weekly fine motor activities, we will support children to develop the strength in their hands and fingers to begin to hold their pen/pencil correctly to help them write the letters in their names

## Literacy

As our topic this half term is traditional tales, our focus stories will be 'The Three Little Pigs', 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and 'Little Red Riding Hood'. We will be learning to order and retell the stories using puppets and through role play. We will also introduce story language such as beginning, middle and end and setting and character.

In phonics, we will be teaching the children to recognise rhyming words and continue a rhyming string. We will also be introducing the children to the Monster Phonics characters and stories in class.

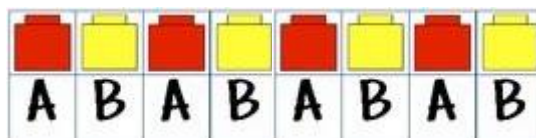


Children who have just joined the class, will be taking part in daily singing and rhyme sessions to support their language development and listening and attention skills.

## Maths

This half term we will be supporting children to recognise that they must say one number for each object they are counting and that the last number they say is the total amount (cardinal principle). Children will explore representing numbers in different ways such as using their fingers, symbols and making marks on paper.

We will also be learning to recognise and continue a simple AB pattern and children will begin to create their own.



## The World

We will learn about how people live around the world and celebrate differences and similarities leading up to Chinese New Year at the end of January.



We will be exploring the properties of materials by making predictions and testing our ideas as we build houses for the three little pigs.

## Arts and Design

We have lots of exciting traditional tales themed craft activities planned to support children to explore colour, texture and materials in a range of different ways this half term.

Using our focus texts as a stimulus, we will support the children to develop more complex stories through role play and when using small world resources.

### Further information

Please can you ensure all of your child's belongings; jumpers and cardigans, water bottles, bags, lunch boxes and coats have been labelled with their name. It can be tricky for children to remember which of these items belong to them and it ensures that we can return any lost items to you more easily.

Thank you all for your engagement on Seesaw. We love seeing the photos you send us from home and the children are always so proud to share these with their friends in class. If you need a reminder of your log in details, please let us know as soon as possible.

Please remember to log when you read with your child on the Learning with Parents app. Children who read a minimum of 4 times each week will have a chance to win a book from our vending machine!