

Dear Parents,

We will be using the theme of **Traditional Tales** to introduce your child to different areas of learning. If you would like to follow this up at home here are a few ideas to try!

Talking

- Share with your child your favourite traditional story. Either tell them the story as you remember it or borrow books from the library to read aloud and talk about them.
- Read stories with repeated refrains where the children can join in, for example 'The Gingerbread Man' – 'Run, run as fast as you can...'
- Talk to your child about the morals in stories– doing good deeds, not breaking promises, being kind to other people. Stories are a wonderful way to introduce children to these difficult concepts.

Making Your Own Books

- Using card or paper, punch two holes along one edge and thread through some ribbon or string. Tie the ends together, making a bow.
- Make up your own stories, your child could draw the pictures and you could write simple text underneath. They could share their story with older siblings.
- A 'Book All About Me' could have photographs of your child at different ages. They could add pictures of you at a similar age.

Cutting & Sticking

- Help your child to make some mobiles and pictures of fairy tale characters to decorate their bedroom.

In The Kitchen

- Make biscuits in the shapes of boys, girls and animals. Help your child to decorate them to look like different fairy tale characters.

What Are The Opportunities For Learning?

- Experiencing and handling different materials
- To make up stories and use their imagination
- To be able to listen to a story – look, talk and explore.