

## Communication and Language

We will be reading and discussing lots of Traditional Tales such as *Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and the Beanstalk, Goldilocks and the 3 Bears, The Little Red Hen, The 3 Little Pigs, Chinese New Year and The Gingerbread Man*. This will generate communication and language opportunities and develop children's vocabulary as well as their listening and attention skills. At home you can read with your child daily and talk about the characters in stories and the sequence of events, allowing opportunities for your child to make predictions as to what may happen next.

## Physical Development

We will explore ways of travelling under, over and through equipment emphasising body shape e.g. wide, tall, small, curling and stretching.

We will be developing our gross and fine motor skills with activities such as cutting, threading and ball games. Encourage your child to dress and undress independently. Encourage your child to eat using a knife and fork and discuss healthy foods so that children become aware of healthy food choices. Encourage your child to develop their fine motor skills by cutting, handwriting, threading etc.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our topic this half term is **Traditional Tales**. We will be learning about Traditional Tales and Fairy Tales and making comparisons between them. We will be exploring the different themes of the stories such as the consequences of certain behaviours. Children will also explore the value of success and achievements of themselves and other people.

At home you can read a range of Traditional Tales with your child and talk about the morals of the stories, for example the discourteous nature of the characters in 'The Little Red Hen' and 'Goldilocks and the 3 Bears'.

Encourage your child to talk about their family members and create a family tree which they can share with their peers in school.

# The Devonshire Hill Nursery & Primary School

## Curriculum Information Spring 1 2015

## Reception

## Literacy

We will continue to teach phonics four times a week and focus on literacy activities in order to develop comprehension skills and independent writing. Read with your child every day. Read stories, poems and non fiction books and take time to explain the meanings of different words. Encourage your child to write their names and key words and form the letters correctly. Please encourage your child to complete his/her homework and return it to school.

*At Devonshire Hill, we strive to ensure our children are prepared for the world in which they will grow up to live in.*

*We teach our children:*

*Responsibility  
Initiative  
Curiosity  
Optimism*

*Independence  
Generosity  
Perseverance  
Social Intelligence*

## Mathematics

The children will learn to add 2 numbers together and find one more and one less than any given number to 20. They will begin to look at the relationship between addition and subtraction and begin to learn number bonds to 10. Children will learn about 3D shapes and some of their properties. Encourage your child to count items at home so they can see the value of each numeral. Continue to add two numbers together to find the total using resources such as cubes or pasta.

Encourage your child to look for shapes in the environment, for example, food packaging and shapes of different utensils in the home.

## Expressive Art and Design

The children will use a variety of different resources to create simple representations of events, people and objects. They will continue to build stories around toys and use resources to create props to support role-play.

Support your child by encouraging them to draw, paint and use scissors correctly. Encourage your child to develop their imaginary skills by encouraging inventiveness, offering support and advice on occasions and ensuring that they have experiences that stimulate their interest.

## Understanding the World

We will be learning about different materials and their properties. Children will learn about materials and their uses and sort these accordingly. The children will learn about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things.



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