

Leopards and Tigers

Summer 1 – 'Happily ever after'

Our 7 areas of learning are..

- ❖ PSED (Personal, Social, Emotional Development)
- ❖ Physical Development (PD)
- ❖ Communication Language and Literacy (CL)
- ❖ Maths (M)
- ❖ Understanding the World (UW)
- ❖ Expressive art and Design. (EAD)

We read a story about 'The Jolly Postman' and the children absolutely loved reading the letters he posted to the different characters. The children were thrilled when one day the Jolly Postman delivered us a map of 'Storyland' where he lives. Our learning this half term has focused a lot on traditional tales and lots of reading stories and drama.

'Then I'll huff
and I'll puff
and I'll blow
your house
down'

Communication, language and Literacy

The children have been *learning* stories. Through the use of actions, we learnt the story of 'The three little Pigs' and all its wonderful language off by heart. 'Banking' these stories in our memories can help us use the great language and vocabulary stored when we write! We started our new term with an adventure! We discovered a map of a magical place called Story land. This is a 'pretend' place which we explored using our imaginations. Using some drama skills the children 'jumped' into story land to explore places like the deep dark wood, a castle, a bridge with a river running underneath and some houses that were made from sticks, straw and bricks! Each time, we visited the children discovered new things inspired by their growing knowledge of traditional tales. They were keen to draw these on the map or write little notes to a character from storyland.

Understanding the world

After the big bad wolf had blown down a few roofs, the children investigated what would make a good roof for a house. They decided that a good roof needs to be waterproof. They tested various materials such as a plastic carrier bag, foil, tissue, fabric to find out which of these was the best waterproof option. They had to make their predictions first and then put them to the test.



Our fabulous toy and cake sale

(CL, Writing, Maths)

The children really worked hard thinking, preparing and then selling at our toy and cake sale. First we had the idea of selling our old toys to make some money to buy some new toys that we need. This led onto making it extra special by selling other bits too. The children made posters advertising, cleaned and washed all the old toys, made shortbread and brought in cakes from home, made play dough and helped price things up. We learnt all about money and the different coins and what they look like. We role played how to be a shop keeper and the children absolutely loved selling at their stalls. We were very proud of how grown up and sensible they were. Fantastic learning!



Our P.E café and ball skills work (PD)

We really enjoyed inviting parents to our PE café and showing you a tiny part of what we do in P.E in reception. The children were delighted to make healthy fruit kebabs and we had lots of repeating patterns!



This half term we have enjoyed practising our ball skills in P.E. We have been throwing, bouncing and catching various sized balls. We have learnt to use our 'spider hands' to help us catch a ball.