



'Once Upon a Time'

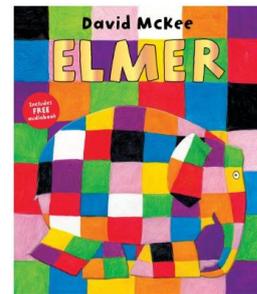
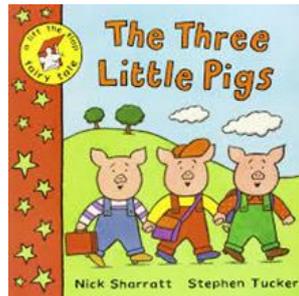
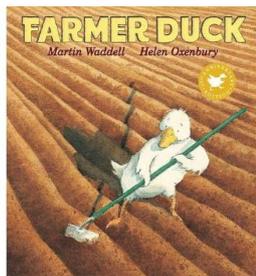
Reception Newsletter Term 1 2020



Firstly, we would like to say a huge welcome to St Mary's school to you and your children.

Our topic for this first term is 'Once Upon a Time'. We will be reading familiar stories. Alongside this, we will be working on number recognition and formation. We will also be developing our foundation understanding of letters and sounds.

Our key stories this term are 'Farmer Duck', 'The Three Little Pigs' and 'Elmer'.



The attached learning map will expand on how each area of learning will be linked to the stories.

Home Learning

We encourage children to continue their learning at home which will enhance their progress at school. We will shortly be sending home a home learning/ homework book. This will come home weekly and be a place for us to share what we have been up to at home and at school.

Phonics – If you are supporting you child with their phonics at home please visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ksbIMiliA8> to ensure you are teaching the pronunciation of the sounds in the same way. There is also a link to the jolly phonic songs below.

As the year progresses and children's understanding develops, home learning tasks will adapt and increase appropriately.

Reading	<p><u>Please read with your child regularly.</u> At this stage it is really helpful to encourage the children to use the pictures to tell stories.</p> <p>We will soon send home reading books and change the children's Home Reading books regularly. Their books and book bags will however be needed in school every day for 1:1 reading. You may like to add a positive or helpful comment in the reading diary but please acknowledge the fact that the book has been read by signing and dating in the comments section.</p> <p>We have a school scheme 'Reading Miles', where we record and collate the amount of reading each child does at home (This includes the amount you read to the children!) and convert their reading minutes into distance read around the British Isles.</p> <p>More information about our reading strategies and schemes will be given soon.</p>
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Letters & Sounds	Every week the children will bring home the sounds they have been working on in the week. These will be highlighted in their phonics and tricky word books. In their home learning book, the children can practice these sounds by writing them, finding words that start with them and cutting pictures out of catalogues. It would be really useful to support the children in identifying these sounds when reading with them.
Maths	We will be using CBeebies Number Blocks to help with our teaching of number. We will be starting with '1' and then taking a different number every week to understand the value and embed foundations of their conceptual understanding of maths. Other maths activities will be taking place at the same time. This is part of the recommendations from the Maths Mastery approach which you can read about in more detail on our website. 

Quick Reminders

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a **water bottle** and their **book bag** each day.
- Can the children please always bring a **coat** particularly as the British weather is unpredictable.
- Our regular PE days are Monday and Friday but **PE kits should be in all week** as we fit in other sessions where possible.

Useful websites

- www.phonicsplay.co.uk – Phase 2 - phonics games and activities.
- www.topmarks.co.uk – Early Years maths and phonics games.
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks> - number blocks clips

Questions to think about at home:

What is your house built out of?
Who are your new friends?
What do I need in my school bag?
What is different and special about me?
Which animals live on a farm?

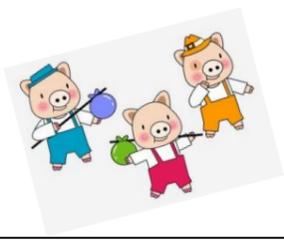
We hope you all have a lovely first term supporting the children in their learning and please do not hesitate to come and speak to us if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Boldero and Miss Munn.



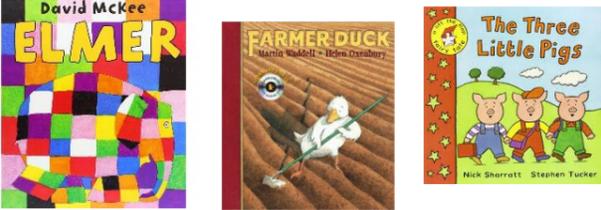
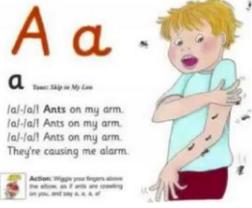
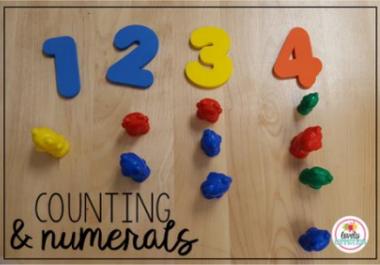
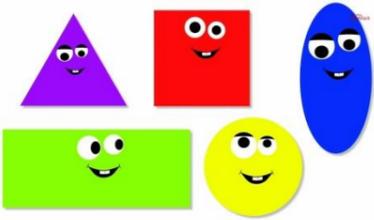
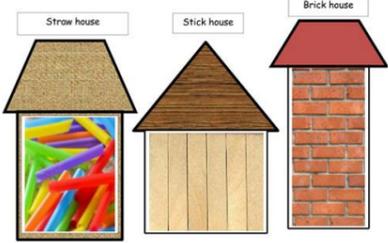


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Learning Map

What are we learning this term?



<p>Literacy</p> 	<p>Familiar Stories</p> 	<p>Phase 1 & 2 Phonics</p> 	
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>Counting 1-1</p> 	<p>Exploring Shapes</p> 	
<p>Expressive Art & Design</p> 	<p>Using different materials to build and collage</p> 		
<p>Understanding the world</p> 	<p>Materials</p> 	<p>Seasons and Changes</p> 	<p>Explore our new environment</p> 
<p>Physical Development</p> 	<p>Fine Motor Skills</p> 	<p>Gross Motor Skills</p> 	
<p>PSED</p> 	<p>Getting to know each other</p>	<p>Classroom Rules</p> 	
<p>Communication & Language</p> 	<p>Home News</p> 	<p>Sharing Stories & Drama</p> 	