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Dear Parents/Carers of Whipton Barton Federation **Reception** pupils,

Our topic for Spring 1 is 'Twisted Tales'. We will be looking at 3 popular traditional tales before reading different versions to compare them.

In our topic sessions, we will be concentrating mainly on Design and Technology, focusing on designing and building. Learning activities will include building Baby Bear a new chair, building an aeroplane and building the Three Little Pigs a new house to live in! We will continue to look at the properties of different materials to investigate which would work well in our designs and why. We will also be looking at how things grow, as well as learning about Easter.



In Phonics, the children will start to learn the phase 3 graphemes as well as review the phase 2 graphemes they have already learnt. During this term, the children will continue to write words and simple sentences as a whole class and in small groups.

We will continue to send out (in reading wallets and on Tapestry) what your child has learnt that week so you can support them at home. Please remember to share your child's reading book with them at least 3 times a week and bring it back to school on a Wednesday. The book that they bring home is the book they have been reading at school, so they should be able to read it.



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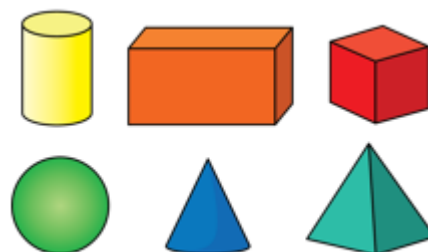
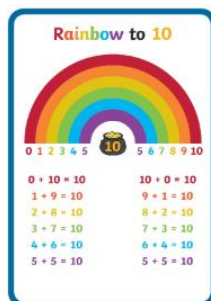
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In English, we are reading traditional tales and then following them up with a twist on the story. The three traditional tales we will be reading are, 'The Three Little Pigs', 'Goldilocks' and 'The Enormous Turnip'. Together as a class and in small groups, we will be discussing the similarities and differences between the two stories and talking about which one we prefer and why.



In Maths, we will be developing our knowledge of our numbers to 10 including subitising, adding or taking away one and learning the number bonds to 10. We will also start to look at odd and even numbers and double facts as well as reviewing the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.



You play such an important role in your child's education and we appreciate your continued engagement and support with helping your child to learn. If you have any questions about your child's learning, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher or email [admin@whiptonbarton.org](mailto:admin@whiptonbarton.org).

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Williams and Miss Duffy

Reception Class Teachers