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

Our topic for Spring 1 is 'Traditional tales with a twist' We will be looking at 3 popular traditional tales and then reading a different version with a twist to compare them.

In our topic sessions we will be focusing mainly on Design and technology this half term, with activities such as building baby bear a new chair, designing and 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 and completing some forest school activities for our curriculum enrichment.



In Phonics, the children will continue to be taught in ability groups so that every child is being taught at the correct level for them. During this term the children will start to write simple sentences as a whole class and in small groups.

On a Friday we will continue to send out on tapestry what your child has learnt that week so you can support them at home. If your child is coming home with a reading book please remember to share it with them and bring it back to school on a Wednesday so it can be changed on the Friday. Please remember that 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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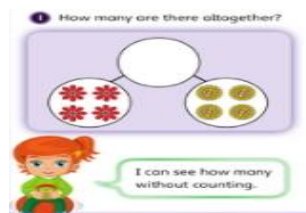
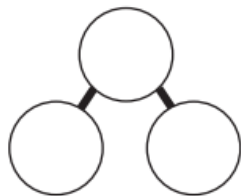
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In English, we are reading traditional tales and then following them up with a twist on the story. The three traditional tales we will be reading are, 'The Three Little Pigs', 'Goldilocks' and 'The Enormous Turnip' Together as a class and in small 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 continuing to follow the Power Maths scheme. We will be learning our numbers to 10 and comparing sets of objects using the vocabulary of more than, fewer than or the same as. We will start to look at simple addition and introduce the children to using a 'part, whole model'. A Part whole model helps children to understand that 2 or more things can be combined to make a whole



The term ends with the children learning about length, height, distance and weight. This unit focuses on developing children's understanding of the different elements that can be measured. Children will learn the difference between measuring weight and measuring size through investigation. They will apply their skills of counting to measure objects using non-standard units.

If you have any questions about your child's learning, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher or email admin@whiptonbarton.org.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Davey

Class Teacher

Mrs Bassett

Class Teacher

Mrs Boxall-Hunt

Class Teacher