



# Fleet Nursery

## Spring Term 2021

### Once Upon A Story



Dear Parents and Carers,

At this point we would normally be writing Welcome back, however unfortunately that isn't the case so instead we'll write, it's been lovely to talk to you all this week and we hope to see you all very soon!

#### Spring term topic

Our topic this term is Once Upon A Story. We will be looking at fairy tales and traditional tales as a structure for our topic to help develop the children's communication and language skills. As you will have seen from this week's task list, each story will provide a starting point for a new set of activities based around the text, covering all the areas of learning in the early years, and as you've seen, beginning with Little Red Riding Hood this week. Once we're back in nursery, there will also be a focus on the children learning to retell each story using actions and story maps. Some of the other stories we will focus on will include: Hansel and Gretel, The Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Little Red Hen and The Enormous Turnip.

#### Reading

Whilst we're currently unable to share stories with the children in person at the moment, as part of our task list, there are videos where we are reading stories to the children, both the focus story and others as well. Sharing stories with your child at home is also invaluable. If you are short of books at home, please let us know during your phone calls and we can arrange for a set of books to be available for you to collect from the office. Asking your child to tell you; what might happen next, their favourite part, which characters they liked/disliked etc, all helps to develop their comprehension of texts and supports the development of their story language. Watching CBeebies story time and asking questions is another great way to share stories too.

Later this term, we will also begin more formal phonics sessions, moving on from listening to and discriminating sounds and beginning to focus on a different sound each week. Whilst we are home learning, there will be a video to accompany each sound, and suggested activities. Once we are back in nursery, we will let you know the sound of the week so you can support this at home too.

#### Mathematics

In nursery, mathematical learning happens throughout the day as we continually give the children reasons to count, sort, order, sequence and recognise numerals. During home learning, as part of our task list, we have included suggested activities to support this including the singing of number rhymes, recognising numerals, looking for opportunities to count etc. This term we will also be introducing a shape or number of the week which will include a video and activities to support this too.

We know that for some of you this will be your first experience of home learning, unfortunately not a first experience for those of you with older children, and whilst this isn't the way any of us want to begin our term, we hope it will as positive an experience as it can be . Hopefully our phone calls will enable us to support you in any way we are able and please don't hesitate to contact us via email if there is anything in the meantime via [admin@fleet.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@fleet.camden.sch.uk).

A huge thank you to those of you who have already sent in photos of what your child has been doing - it's lovely to see!

Take care and stay safe.

Best wishes

The Nursery Team

