



Term 2 topic- Tell me a story  
Our story of the week- 'The 3 Little Pigs.'

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development-** At The Elms Primary School we love sitting down with our friends and eating snack altogether. We have even started to have milk as well. Our teachers sit down with us too and we all have wonderful conversations together. We are all trying really hard to remember our pleases and thank yous. We are getting really good at putting our coats on all by ourselves - ask us to show you the superman coat throw over our heads.

**Communication and Language-** The traditional tale, 'The Three Little Pigs, another great story, gave us lots to talk about this week. We found the end of the story very funny when the big bad wolf got his bottom burned. We also talked about different endings to the story. Some were not so good for the poor little pigs! We loved hearing about everyone's favourite traditional tale and the reasons why during our tell me about chat and it was amazing to hear so many of you remembering all about the stories we have covered this term.

**Physical Development-** Brrrrr it's been cold outside this week and we have had to wrap up very warm and run around to keep warm. The bikes and trikes are still a great hit and we are getting very good at sharing and waiting our turn. We have been playing with the balloon balls to help us with our gross motor control and our hand/eye coordination and have had great fun using the bats and rackets. We continue to love our squiggle and dough disco. Ask your child to demonstrate! There are some great dough disco routines on youtube. We enjoyed using the shaving foam as cement to build a house out of bricks and outside we have been building brick houses with the large wooden blocks. Wow, what a lot of learning we have been doing with our bodies! We have used our fine motor skills to dress the little pigs. We had to cut out an outfit for the pig and dress them to keep them warm.

**Literacy-** We have loved exploring our story of the week, 'The Three Little Pigs' and have had fun using masks to act out the story in small groups. We have made sticks puppets and used these to tell our friends the story. We have completed all our phonics assessments this week and Mrs Howell is so proud of all the sounds we have remembered. We have now been taught ALL the single letter sounds! In phonics next week, we will be joining the rest of K:1 in our special groups to be taught phonics - how exciting!

**Mathematics-** We have been learning all about the number 5 this week. We have been estimating how many cubes we can collect in one hand and then putting them on a fives frame to make it easier to subitise. We are very good at 'knowing' the number before counting. We have been counting forwards and backwards from 20 and counting objects 1:1 and moving them if that makes it easier.

**Understanding the World-** We have been talking about why the straw and stick house fell down and why the brick house didn't. We even tested it out by building houses made of different materials and blowing them down with a foot pump. We got very excited when they blew away! We also tested out different objects around the classroom that might blow away. We always made our predictions before testing it out like good scientists!

**Expressive Arts and Design-** This week we have been very busy on the art table painting scenes from the story. We needed a lot of pink paint so we experimented with the colours that we would need to mix together to make pink! We have been singing our Christmas songs loud and proud this week ready for our first Christmas

performance next week! We are very excited to try on our costumes and to perform to our friends and siblings at school on Wednesday.

#### Supporting learning at home

- Ask your child to tell you about their favourite traditional tale. Why was this their favourite?
- Challenge your child (ren) to do up their coat, fasten their shoes and put on their gloves by themselves!
- Ask your child (ren) which sounds they have been learning and to tell you the rhymes we learn to help us to write them. Can you spot anything at home beginning with these sounds? Remember our special friend 'sh'.
- Can your child write any small word with all the sounds we have learnt? Remember your Fred fingers, stretch the word and then pinch the sounds on your fingers before writing them down.
- Can you find items around the house which will blow down like the 2 little pigs houses? Do you know what material they are made of?
- Can you retell the story of The Three Little Pigs' together and ask us what we know about traditional tales.

#### Notes for next week 05.12.22

- Appropriate outdoor wear and water bottles to be in school every day. Thank you.
- Please ensure book bags are in every day, thank you.
- We have the library on a Monday.
- If you have not brought your child's costume into school, please can we have it by Monday as we will be doing a dress rehearsal then.

Have a lovely weekend!