

Dear Parents and Carers,

For your information, during the next couple of weeks the children are going to be taking part in activities and experiences connected to, 'The Three Little Pigs'. Most of the topic related activities will be taking place outdoors and will include a building site, complete with a building site office. Embedded in this topic will be opportunities for the children to investigate and learn about the properties of 2d and 3d shapes. Measures is another aspect of learning that is heavily rooted in this type of topic, as children measure and compare the weight and height of some of the building materials on offer, including real bricks. There are many alternative endings to the above story (some more unpleasant for the wolf than others) and we'll be investigating those and providing children with the resources to act out the story. You can support your child's learning at home by pointing out and naming house numbers and discussing the style of house e.g. detached, semi- detached....and so on.



Also, and at the request of one or two of our children, a café will be opening inside the classroom, serving a range of tasty treats including, 'chops with mash' and 'fish and chips'. We always try and support our children's phonics learning by giving them opportunities to read and write their new sounds in words and in meaningful contexts. You may have already guessed that we are introducing the sounds 'ch', 'sh' and 'th' during the next couple of weeks. Most of the children have moved onto what is described as 'Phase 3' of their phonics learning and this phase comprises mostly 2 letter sounds, such as those mentioned above and a couple of 3 letter sounds such as the 'igh' in 'light' and 'bright'. You will find their Phase 3 sound mat at the back of their reading record.



Please continue to support your child with their key words and sounds and if they're not quite there, with their name. As ever, we are happy to support you with any ideas or resources for home learning and are always available for a chat about your child and their school experience. Please just ask!

Kind regards

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