



# Millennium Integrated Nursery Unit

## NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



**Welcome back after the half-term break!**

### This Month's Theme

During the month of November, the children will be learning about **Traditional Tales**. Sharing stories regularly with your children is really important! Please read the importance of traditional and fairy tales on the reverse of this newsletter.

**Please feel free to send us pictures via Seesaw of you and your child sharing stories at home!**

### Children in Need



Children in Need Day is on **Friday 16th November**. We are having a bear themed day in school, so your child should bring their teddy bear for a teddy bears picnic. We are also asking parents to send in **£1 donation** towards this charity. Children can wear **non-uniform**, and anything Pudsey related if they like.



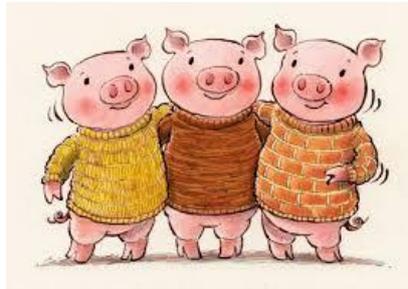
### Warm Coats

Now that the weather is beginning to get colder, **please make sure your child has a warm coat with them each day**, along with a hat, scarf and mittens for when the temperature really drops. This is a very exposed site, and gets very windy and cold during the Autumn and Winter months.

**Please label any hats, scarfs, etc. and place them in your child's tray upon arrival for safe keeping.**

### This Month's Topical Stories

- Jack and the Beanstalk
- Goldilocks and the Three Bears
- Billy Goats Gruff
- The Three Little Pigs



### Sponsored Disco

We will be holding a sponsored Disco Dance in nursery on **Friday 24th November**. A sponsorship form is available to download. Please send in all sponsorship money by the end of November.

All support will be gratefully received. This will be a **non-uniform day**.



### The Banyan Theatre Company

The Banyan Theatre Company came to nursery on **Thursday 8th November** and performed 'Goldilocks and the three bears'. They children really enjoyed this wonderful performance! The cost of this visit is **£3.00 per child**. If you haven't paid already, please pay online.



### Christmas Nativity

Christmas Nativity will be held on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018** in the school hall.

**AM Nursery @ 10:30am**  
**PM Nursery @ 1:30pm**  
Further details to follow.

### Monthly Contribution

November's monthly contribution of **£12.00** is also due.

### Changes to Staffing for PM Nursery

Following the departure of Shannon, we would like to give a very warm welcome to **Mary-Anne**, our new Nursery Assistant. Mary-Anne is no stranger to Millennium IPS and is a long standing member of our school community. Please introduce yourself to Mary-Anne at home so that she can get to know you all. Afternoon Nursery will also have **Chloe** and **Lucy** joining them from time to time to help out with our very busy schedule.



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## NOVEMBER INFORMATION SHEET



### The Importance of Traditional Tales and Fairytales

*"If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales."* Albert Einstein, Scientist (1879-1955)

Traditional and fairytales are a fantastic resource for providing children with a wonderful source of language and literacy. The stories provide a rich vocabulary, offer a wonderful resource for the imagination, demonstrate the connection between sound and action for children, and provide a wonderful source of alliteration.



Compare this version of Snow White from Disney, and the classic story:

Here is the text from the Disney version of Snow White:

"Once upon a time there lived a beautiful young princess named Snow white. Her hair was as dark as night, her lips were as red as a rose, and her skin was as white as snow."

Here is the classic version:

"Once upon a time in the middle of winter, when the flakes of snow were falling like feathers from the sky, a Queen sat at a window sewing, and the frame of the window was black ebony. And whilst she was sewing and looking out of the window at the snow she pricked her finger with the needle, and three drops of blood fell upon the white snow, and she thought to herself: "Would that I had a child as white as snow, as red as blood, and as black as the wood of the window frame."

This classic version is rich with vocabulary and offers the young listener an introduction to a world of literary language.

### A wonderful resource for the imagination:

When we read stories to children without always showing the pictures it allows the child to make their own picture images, and gives them a chance to use their own imagination rather than having an illustrator provide an adult's version for them.

### The connection between sound and action:

In fairytales there is often a wonderful literary connection between sound and action. The effect is produced when the words selected are concrete ones which children can visualize. Repetitive passages in the tales often contribute this effect of sound upon meaning, as we find in *The Three Billy-Goats Gruff*: "Trip, trap; trip, trap! went the bridge as the youngest Billy-Goat Gruff came to cross the bridge." The sound of the words in this entire tale contributes largely to the meaning. The Troll roared and said, "Now I'm coming to gobble you up!"

### Alliteration

This happens when the writer uses the same consonant letter at the beginning of a number of words placed close together e.g. *Fe Fi Fo Fum.* Each *peach pear plumb.*

**Don't forget to send us a picture through Seesaw of you sharing your favourite traditional and fairytales at home!**

