

# Traditional Tales

Week 1, 2 - 5<sup>th</sup> January

This week In Oak class:

## Maths

We are looking at the number zero this week with the help of the Oliver Jeffers story- 'None the number.'

Here, they learn that the number name 'zero' and the numeral 0 can be used to represent this idea. I wonder where they see 'zero'?

The children will then use their prior learning and use their knowledge of zero to find an amount to five, including zero.



## Expressive Arts and Design

Story time this week will include traditional and fairy tales.

We are looking at Mondrian, the artist and his paintings using squares and rectangles.

Role play- children will be encouraged to retell the traditional tales using props and masks- they will be encouraged to use the story language that they have heard- 'once upon a time...'



## Communication and Language

We will remind ourselves of the school vocabulary that we need to know at school and our classroom and school rules.

We are working hard at sitting on the carpet during our phonics and a Maths session- these are both very short sessions at the moment while the children get used to sitting.

We will be exploring the story language that we hear in the traditional tales this half term.



## Personal, Social and Emotional development

We have met all of the Growth Mindset characters and will now continue to look at each one each week- this week we are back to the kindness Badger. We are going to remind ourselves about how we can show kindness to one each other and also the resources in the classroom.

We are also going to start to focus on the Loxwood Learners code and learn what this is.

The colour monsters will continue to help us to talk about how we are feeling and what we can do when we feel certain feelings.



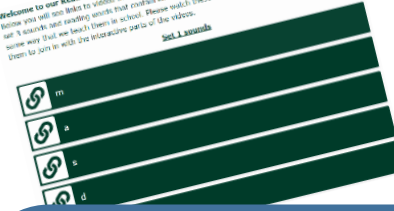
## Phonics

We are now reviewing the single letter sounds. Some of us are now confident with the Set 1 sounds and are now moving on to Set 2 sounds which are the two letter (diagraphs) for the vowel sounds, e.g. oo, ay, ee.

We are now starting to read simple cvc words by 'Fred talking' and then 'saying the sounds.' You can watch the videos for the letter sounds on our school's virtual classroom on our website:

[https://www.loxwoodschool.com/web/phonics\\_and\\_early\\_reading/635274](https://www.loxwoodschool.com/web/phonics_and_early_reading/635274)

Welcome to our new Write Inc. 'Virtual Classroom' before you will see links to videos that teach the set 1 single letter sounds and diagraphs, set 2 and set 3 sounds and reading words that contain each sound. The videos teach the sounds exactly the same way that we teach them in school. Please watch these videos with your children and encourage them to join in with the interactive parts of the videos.

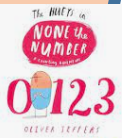


## Literacy

Those children who are ready are now practising writing the letter sounds in books as part of their phonic session.

Children who are now blending sounds and reading words are bringing home reading books to practise this skill with you. Please do not worry if your child doesn't have a book yet - it just means they aren't quite ready.

Drawing club- the children are enjoying this mark making club- this week, our inspiration will be 'None the Number'.



## Understanding of the world

Over the next few weeks we will be exploring ice and conducting some experiments. This week we will be visited by Jack Frost and will be given a special task to do for him.

Water and ice will be in the water tray- please make sure your child has a NAMED complete change of clothes in school, in addition to their PE kit, in case they get wet.



## Physical Development

Our PE day is now on WEDNESDAY because we have our weekly slot with Mr Green- we are going to start to change into our PE kits. Please encourage your child to change their clothes independently at home for practise.

We are encouraging those children who are ready, to hold a pencil and forming the letter sounds that we have been learning.

Funky fingers- those children who are not reading to hold a pencil are taking part in funky fingers activities which are activities designed to strengthen the fine motor control in their fingers to get them ready to hold a pencil.

It is a Woodlands learning week for us on Thursday.

