



Activities at home for Hedgehogs and Lambs

Our topic for the month of March is: Our favourite characters, stories and nursery rhymes

The areas we will be covering are:

- Role play - Dressing up as favourite book characters and role playing familiar stories.
- Using the song box to sing favourite songs and rhymes and learn new ones.
- Bring in favourite stories from home to share - World book day - 5th
- Drawing and writing activities based on favourite books and favourite characters.
- Join in with repeated refrains when listening to familiar stories.
- Make up stories about favourite toys and using the Fairy box/Explorer box and story stones to create stories.
- Telling own versions of favourite stories - changing endings/characters.
- Retelling familiar stories using 'before, after and then'.
- Identifying opposites within stories ie big/little, happy/sad.
- Small world play and puppet play based on favourite stories.
- Reading stories that rhyme and using musical instruments when rhyming.
- Talk about our feelings through characters/puppets.
- Holi - 9th/10th - Hindu festival of colour.
- St David's day and St Patrick's day crafts.

Books, rhymes and songs:

- Classic nursery rhymes - Incy Wincy, Jack & Jill, Humpty Dumpty, Baa Baa etc..
- Alternative nursery rhymes - Baa Baa pink sheep, have you any spots.....
- Nursery rhyme story sacks available to borrow - 5 little ducks, 5 little monkeys, 5 speckled frogs, 5 Little Men in a Flying Saucer.
- Using the song boxes in each room to choose favourite songs/rhymes.
- Favourite stories - *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, *The Gruffalo*, *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, *Driving my Tractor*, *Dear Zoo*, *Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs* - (story sacks available to borrow).
- Traditional tales - *Goldilocks and the 3 Bears*, *3 Billy Goat's Gruff*, *3 Little Pigs*, *Little Red Riding Hood*, *The Gingerbread Man*, *The Enormous Turnip* (story sacks available to borrow).
- Favourite fairy tales.

Ideas how to explore this topic at home or when you are out and about:

- Read and draw pictures of your favourite stories/characters.
- Bring in your favourite stories from home to share - World book day - 5th.
- Learn new nursery rhymes and share them with friends.
- Make a special song box for home using objects and pictures. Pick out an object or picture then sing/learn that song or rhyme.
- Reading books with rhymes together - leave a gap for the children to fill in the rhyming words.
- Paint stones with different characters/objects on and use them to make up stories.
- Tell own versions of favourite stories - changing endings.
- Make up own stories about favourite toys and new adventures.
- Bring in/send in photos of being a 'Reading star' - reading in different places and with different people/objects.