



# Activities at home for Hedgehogs and Lambs

Our topic for the month of March is: Nursery rhymes and favourite stories

## **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 - 7<sup>th</sup>
- Drawing and writing activities based on favourite books - making own front covers for stories.
- Join in with repeated refrains when listening to familiar stories.
- Make up stories about favourite toys and use the Fairy box/Explorer box 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.
- Book of the week (Lambs)
- Understanding simple mathematical concepts such as size and singing number rhymes.
- Holi - 21<sup>st</sup> - 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 etc..
- Nursery rhyme story sacks - 5 little ducks, 5 little monkeys, 5 speckled frogs, 5 Little Men in a Flying Saucer (available to borrow).
- Using the song boxes in each room to choose favourite songs/rhymes.
- We're Going on a Bear Hunt - story sack available to borrow.
- The Gruffalo - story sack available to borrow.
- The Tiger Who Came to Tea (story).
- 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.
- Bring in your favourite stories from home to share - World book day - 7<sup>th</sup>.
- 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.
- 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.