



## Explorers Class – Autumn 2 - Will you read me a story?

Welcome to the magical world of fairy tales! Was the Big Bad Wolf really so bad? How many bowls of porridge did Goldilocks eat? Let's find out more about our favourite stories, and discover some new ones.

This half term, we will watch an online pantomime to see the characters come to life! Back at school, we will play imaginatively with a model castle and small world characters. We will look at different character types, and decide whether our favourite characters are 'goodies' or 'baddies'! Using different materials and shapes, we will build castles and bridges. We will read many stories and look at the ingredients that go into a fantastic fairy tale. We will be brave explorers and hunt for missing items from fairy tales. Reading *The Elves and the Shoemaker* will encourage us to be busy elves. Contemporary versions of fairy tales will inspire us to write stories, and we will create story maps to retell familiar tales. Our mathematical skills will help us to count the buttons on gingerbread men, and estimate how many beans Jack has! After reading. We will also test the right materials to make a bed for a princess, and houses for the Three Little Pigs.

At the end of the project, we will look back at photographs of our amazing experiences. We will also attend a fairy tale tea party and dress up as our favourite characters.

### Help your child prepare for their project

Reading fairy tales can sweep us away into a fantastical world. Why not visit your local library together to read many different versions? You could also watch children's films on this theme and discuss the different types of characters. Alternatively, you could use toys to retell favourite fairy tales.

We will also continue to have PE on a Tuesday afternoon with Kim from Gymspire, and Forest School on a Thursday afternoon with Mrs Holliman.