



Preston Primary



Unit 1 Puffins and Penguins Newsletter

Friday 8th March 2024

Love to
Learn

Be a Good
Citizen

Ready for
Work



Collaboration



Communication



Creativity



Critical Thinking

Learning Experience – Once Upon a Time...

Over the next few weeks, we will be discovering the wonderful world of traditional tales. We will be answering and exploring the following:

1. Know some traditional tales and be able to retell the stories through mapping and performance.
2. Understand the role of authors and illustrators.
3. Understand the structure of a story and common principal characters. Develop confidence in storytelling.
4. What are fiction and non-fiction books?

Some of the stories we will be reading are: The Three Little Pigs, The Gingerbread Man, The Magic Porridge Pot, The Three Billy Goats Gruff, The Ugly Duckling, The Elves and the Shoemaker, & Little Red Riding Hood.

This week the children discovered a variety of story props and characters in the woods. They were looking for clues to link the props to stories. The woods were filled with rich language, excitement, and wonder. The adults read some of the traditional tales in the Woodland Camp. The children could be heard retelling the stories, identifying missing characters, and sharing their favourite parts of the stories. It was wonderful to see and hear the children sharing their love of stories.



World Book Day

The children have had lots of fun celebrating World Book Day. This annual event is a wonderful way to promote reading, books, authors, and illustrators. Reading is at the heart of our curriculum, and developing a love of books and reading inspires children to read for pleasure. It was lovely to see the children dressed up as book characters. They all looked wonderful. A big thank you to parents and carers for your help in providing the costumes.

Throughout the day adults and children have been sharing books and engaging in lots of 'book talk'. It was wonderful to hear so many children speaking passionately about books and making recommendations to one another.

Today, the children will bring home a commemorative bookmark and a £1 book token. We encourage you to use this to purchase a new book to enjoy as a family. [World Book Day £1/€1.50 Books and Tokens - World Book Day](#)



We have all had such a wonderful World Book Day!

Storytelling with Malou Evans

Thank you to local storyteller and author Malou Evans for treating us to a wonderful afternoon of stories. She combined storytelling, drama, dance, and music as she retold traditional and other folk tales from around the world. The children were mesmerised and entranced by the stories; they enjoyed the rhythm of the words. During the session everyone young and old was immersed into the world of stories. It was a truly fun and inspirational session capturing a true love of learning and stories. This is what some of the children and said:

I loved her stories. She was so funny.

Can we listen to more stories? I love listening to stories.

That was the best day ever! I liked it when she played the drum in the story.

Storytelling encourages children to be creative and use their imagination to picture the setting, the characters, and the story as it unfolds. Rather than being given the imagery to accompany the words, the child is able to build the world within which the story is set for themselves. Thank you to Malou for sharing your storytelling talent with the children. Also, thank you to FOPPS for supporting and funding this memorable event.



Lego Discovery



In Lego Discovery this week the children were challenged to build their own town. They had to design and create lots of buildings that different people might like to use. The children were very creative thinking of new ideas for their building. They made a cake shop with a turn table, a school with a slide instead of stairs, and a castle with a zip wire. They all shared their ideas and decided it would be lots of fun to live in their town.



Mothering Sunday

We have been talking about Mothering Sunday and the special things we could do for our mums to say thank you. The children have been busy painting, singing, and creating. They will bring home a card and some special artwork. We will also post their work on Seesaw. We hope you all have a very special day.





Rock Up and Read



On **Monday 18th March at 2.45pm** we would like to invite you to a 'Rock Up and Read' session. This will be an opportunity for you to come into the classroom to share the love of reading with your child. There will be lots of books available for you to read with your child. The children really enjoy reading for pleasure and they would be delighted to share the experience with you as well.

The adult collecting your child that day will be able to come into the classroom at 2.45pm (via the playground) to share some stories and then you will be able to take the children home at 3.15pm.

If you are unable to attend the session, please do not worry. Your child will still be able to enjoy reading for pleasure with their friends and the teachers in the class.

If you have any queries, please come and ask the class teacher.



The children have enjoyed brushing their teeth this week. We are impressed with their level of independence and their responsibility for following instructions. This week we brushed our teeth to a two minute 'Hey Duggee' song. Here is the link if you would like to use it at home as well. [The Tooth Brushing Song 🎵 | Hey Duggee \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)



Home Learning

- Enjoy listening to this week's story, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' on Seesaw.
- Check your child's book bag or on Seesaw for phonics activities and reading.
- Enjoy the Lego Six Bricks activity on Seesaw.
- Visit the local library to share some stories.
- Use your World Book Day token to purchase a new book.

Diary dates:

- **Friday 15th March** – Red Nose Day (children can come to school with a Red Nose, wearing usual school uniform)
- **Monday 18th March** – Rock up and Read session at 2.45pm
- **Thursday 21st March** – World Down Syndrome Day (colourful socks)
- **Wednesday 27th March** – Theatre Trip.
- **Thursday 28th March** – Last day of term before the Easter holidays.
- **Monday 15th April** – First day of Summer term.

Kind Regards, Mrs Bastin, Mrs Clague and the Foundation Stage Team.