

# National Storytelling Month

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and a very Happy New Year!



Every year, schools and nurseries celebrate National Storytelling Week, teaching the wonder of stories to children. To really encourage a love for learning and to give us the opportunity to explore lots of stories we will be celebrating **for all of January**.

You will know that our staff **LOVE** stories and we engage in story telling throughout the day and encourage children to engage with books in all areas of the setting.



We will be reading a huge selection of books throughout the month, from traditional tales, rhyming books to current modern favourites. We will be bringing stories to life with lots of fun activities relating to the story, we will crunch and splash our way through 'Going on bear hunt' and munch our way through 'The hungry caterpillar' whilst measuring the oats in 'Goldilocks and the three bears'.

The children will be able to use their wonderful imaginations to explore the many different worlds created in the books as we know learning is far more embedded when they actively take part. Children will also be able to 'learn' a story in its current form, helping us read it aloud using the images as prompts and we will also change the endings or characters, what would happen if.....!

We will help them make their own story books using their favourite characters, introducing new ones to a story and changing the endings. Children have the most amazing minds for creative story telling..... Imagine 'When Cinderella met the big bad wolf in the fairy castle it rained so much a pirate boat had to save them!'



## We need your help!



We would like to ask all parents to complete a Parent Observation on Parent Link with their child/ren reading their favourite story, this could simply be a photo with the book and the title and author or a brief description of the story and why your child loves it. We will talk to all the children about their favourite stories, which parts they like the most and share our views with our friends, introducing new books to the nursery.



We look forward to seeing the wonderful stories you enjoy at home and sharing these with our friends supported by fun activities. If you would like to come in and read a story to the children, we would love to invite you and know the children would be delighted!

Many thanks for your continued support, Shadwell Childcare

