

Spring 1 2026 Traditional Tales

Topic related language:

Once there lived
Long long ago
One day
Suddenly
After that
Next
In the end
Finally

WOW words / phrases

Once Upon a Time
They lived happily ever after

Merley Core Values:

I will be...

Ready to learn
Engaged in my learning
Respectful relationships

Super Start:



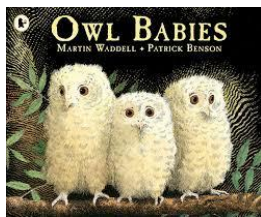
To make a Gingerbread Man.

Fantastic Finish:

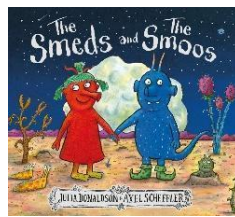


Come to school dressed as a character from a Traditional Tale.
(further information to follow soon).

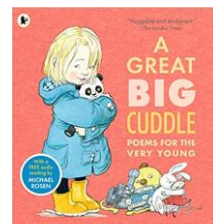
Other books we will read



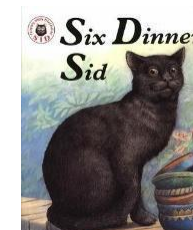
Explores the value of talking to each other and building positive relationships.



Celebrating communities coming together.



Exploring sounds and rhythm and energy through poems.



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Looking at different families

EYFS Knowledge & Skills Organiser Spring 1 - Traditional Tales

In our topic we will be learning...

Investigating Materials

We will investigate properties of different materials.

Which materials would be best to build a home or even a castle with?

Which materials would be best to keep the Gingerbread Man dry?

Changes

To make a gingerbread man.
Talk about the changes when combining the ingredients and before and after cooking.

Notice the changes in the environment-

Life in the Past

To use our traditional tale stories to help us think about what life was like in the past.
For example

To know people lived in castles to keep safe.

To know that shoes used to be made by hand.

Map Skills

We will draw a simple map plotting Red Riding Hood's journey through the woods.

Draw the route the Gingerbread Man took.

We will learn to programme a Bee Bot around a simple map

Finding out about different cultures

Chinese New Year - The Year of the Horse

Happy Chinese New Year

We will find out about Chinese New Year and that it is a festival celebrated around the world. We will learn they celebrate by having a special dinner and special decorations - red lanterns, lucky red packets and dragons.

We will listen to the Chinese Zodiac Story about the Emperor and how the animals crossed the river.

We will learn that China is a very big country and use google earth to see where China is and look at The Great Wall of China.

Magical Merley Memories

Build a Den

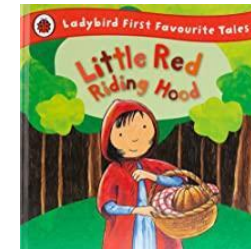


To work collaboratively to build a den.

Fly a kite



Enjoy the awe and wonder of flying a kite.



Key Texts

