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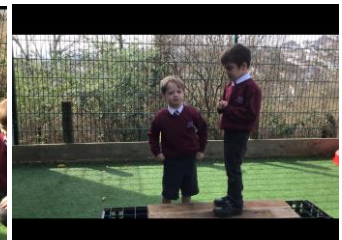
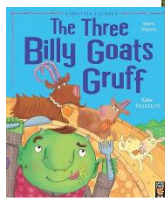
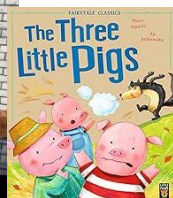
Learning Enquiry – Once Upon a Time...

This half term we have been discovering the wonderful world of traditional tales.

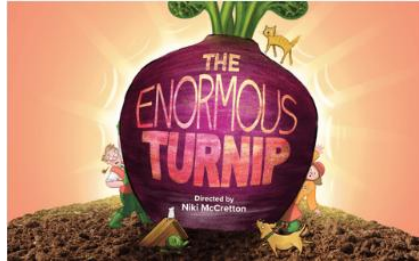
The children discovered a variety of story props and characters in the woods. They were looking for clues to link the props to stories. The woods were filled with rich language, excitement, and wonder. The children could be heard retelling the stories, identifying missing characters, and sharing their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



Over the past couple of weeks, the children have been using drama to retell traditional tales. They worked in teams to decide roles, explore vocabulary, and navigate the environment. It has been wonderful to see the children grow in confidence to participate in the activity. It can be a challenge for some children to articulate and project their voice, and it is important to give all children the opportunity to explore 'presentational talk'. This is where children must think about the audience they are presenting to and adjust the volume and expression of their voice. We want children to understand that every voice is valued. They had lots of fun retelling the traditional tales. Some of the children have recorded their drama. We will put some of the videos on Seesaw for you to watch.



Theatre Trip – Wednesday 1st April



To support our learning in Communication, Language, and Literacy, and to link with our 'Traditional Tales' unit of work, Foundation Stage will be visiting the Theatre Royal in Plymouth to watch a live performance of 'The Enormous Turnip'. The performance involves a mixture of actors and puppetry. We are looking forward to a fantastic experience!

Below are some reminders for the day:

- **COACH.** We will be leaving school at 8:50am. **Due to the early departure, we ask you to bring your child to school at 8:35am when the gates open**, so that we can register, toilet your child, check lunches, and be ready to board and leave on time. If your child is in Breakfast Club that day, we will make sure that they have eaten breakfast, and we will collect them from the hall and bring them to the classroom as usual.
- **LUNCH TIME ARRANGEMENTS.** The Theatre have provided us with a space to eat our packed lunch. After the performance, children will eat their lunch at the theatre. **Please supply a packed lunch and drink for your child** in a small named bag or lunch box. **Alternatively, you can order a packed lunch from the school kitchen by ordering via Arbor** - the kitchen staff will then provide a packed lunch to your child on the morning of the trip. We will collect these from the kitchen.
- **COLLECTION.** Collection will be from the playground at 3:15pm as normal. If your child is in After-School Club that day, we will take them to the hall as usual.



WHAT TO WEAR.	Full school uniform and a coat.
WHAT TO BRING.	Packed lunch and a drink.
WHAT TIME?	Please arrive at school at 8:35am.

Art - printing

This half term in Art we have talked about what Art is. Art is something that is made with imagination. An artist is someone who uses creativity and skill to create art. We talked about how Creativity is one of our School Values. We challenged the children to be creative and use printing. Instead of using traditional paintbrushes for painting, we printed using objects such as feathers, string, pom poms, and twigs. The children enjoyed the freedom to create a group picture using a range of these items. We used the vocabulary of art, artist, print, press, imagination, and creativity.



Police Visit

Linking to our learning 'When I Grow Up' the children had a special visit from local Police Officers who spoke to the children about their important role in keeping our community safe. The Police Officers explained their daily duties, from responding to emergencies to helping people in need. They shared safety tips, answered questions, and explained to the children how they use all our School Values in their workplace. The children also had the opportunity to try on uniform and see inside a police car. It was an exciting and educational experience. Thank you to the Officers for helping the children understand the important role of a Police Officer and inspiring them to think about their future careers.



Cricket Development Day

The whole school recently had the exciting opportunity to practise and develop new cricket skills. Hollie Perkin, a South Devon club and community cricket coach, spent time with each class, helping to build the children's knowledge and confidence in the sport.

For many Puffins and Penguins this was their first experience of cricket, making it a particularly special event. They thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a variety of games and had the chance to bat, bowl, and field. Throughout the sessions, the children showed a fantastic Love of Learning and great Determination as they developed their skills. Thank you, Hollie, for dedicating your time and inspiring the children.



Home Learning

- Enjoy the story 'The Enormous Turnip' on Seesaw read by Mrs Bastin.
- Check your child's book bag and Seesaw for phonics activities and reading to complete at home.
- Have a fabulous Easter holiday with your family!

Important Dates

- Monday 30th March – Rock Up and Read at 2.50pm
- Tuesday 31st March – Tempest Class Photos – during school hours
- Wednesday 1st April – Trip to Theatre Royal Plymouth
- Thursday 2nd April – Last day of term
- Monday 20th April – Summer Term begins
- Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday
- Friday 22nd May – Disco and Non-Uniform Day
- Monday 25th May – Friday 31st May - Half Term
- Monday 1st June – Non-Pupil Day

More dates can be found on the school website - [Calendar at Preston Primary School](#)

From Mrs Bastin, Mrs Blatchford and the Foundation Stage Team