

EYFS Spring 2016

“What’s in your bag?”

Our topic for this term is all about bags and our essential question is “What’s in your bag?” Our launch day will be on 6th January with a visit from local story teller, John Brolly, who will weave a story from props from his story bag, especially for us.



We will be using objects and pictures to have a go at telling familiar stories and talking about beginnings, middle and endings as well as trying to get some lovely storybook language into the retellings. After that we will be making our own bags of props to have a go at weaving our own stories and recording some of them on the i-pads, just like Mr Brolly.

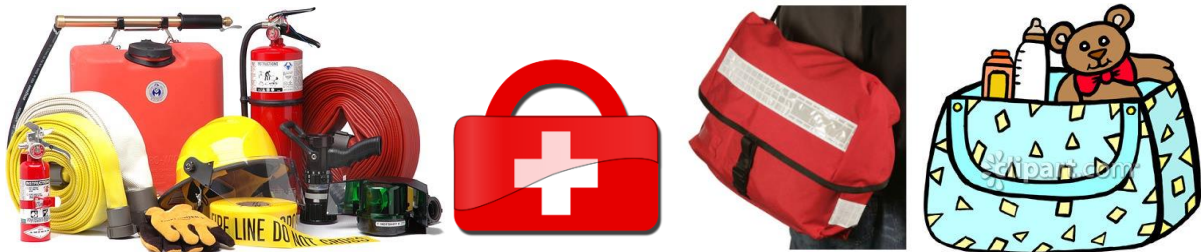
We are planning to learn the story of Little Red Riding Hood in depth and use this as an impetus for making props for a story sack, drawing maps to get to grandma’s house, making a den for the wolf in the woods, having a picnic and practising our writing by making shopping lists and labels for a picnic. The classroom will transform itself into a woodland for this part of the topic, with baskets everywhere. Watch out for wolves!



Following the theme of stories we will be finding out about the contents of a famous packed lunch box, based on the story of The Lighthouse keeper’s Lunch, so expect to see lots of lighthouses and pulleys across the classroom as children create ways to get lunch across the sea to the hungry lighthouse keeper. We will also be designing and making sandwiches, writing instructions to do this, as well as making story maps to support our story telling.



In the second half of the term we will be asking parents and other members of the community to come and show us “What’s in Your Bag?” This is your chance to shine!! We are hoping to have visits from all sorts of people with different occupations from, Nurses, postmen, hairdressers, and policemen as well as anybody who has a great hobby that is kept in a bag such as fishing, knitting or music. We know who you are.....



The children will also be asked to bring in a significant bag from home to talk about to the class. This could be anything from a bin bag because they like watching the refuse collection, a sleeping bag to signify a camping trip they want to talk about or a bag that they had for a special occasion such as a wedding. They can be as inventive as they like. More details to follow.

The children will be given a series of challenges over this period which will include lots of thinking skills. They will be making bags for all manner of objects as well as making bags for bears, giants, fairies and anything else they come up with. The children will also be designing and making their own bags to take home.

The term will end with an invitation to play, come and see the children’s work and get stuck in to an Easter Egg Hunt.



