

Dali class NEWSLETTER



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'Together we can achieve more'



Hello Parent/Carers

As you know my name is Cathy Togher and I am the new Special Needs Coordinator. I'm delighted to be part of the Highfield team who are dedicated to inclusion throughout the school.

At Highfield we are extremely proud of our Dali class and we would like to share with you some of the great work that takes place.

Meet the team!

Teacher and Specialist TA's



Alice Courtney Dali teacher



Ros Montague



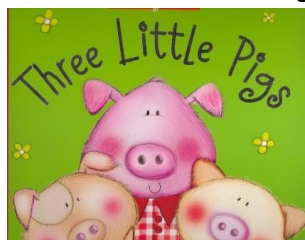
Chloe Barnes

Teaching and Learning

This term our topic is 'Once Upon a Time' and we have been focusing on traditional stories. So far we have been retelling 'Jack and the Beanstalk'



And 'The three Little Pigs'



This week we started reading The Gingerbread Man.



The children are learning to read and sequence events in the story and talk about the characters particularly the crafty fox. We have made Gingerbread biscuits and are learning to write cooking instructions.

How to help at home

Visit the library and find traditional stories to share.

- Talk about the pictures and try and sound out simple words.
- Practice using story language 'once upon a time'
- Act out the story using toys and puppets
- *Top tip: Go slow and give your child time to think and time to talk.*

A great web site to support early Phonics is called

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

check out the phase 2 phonic interactive games

Maths Look for numbers at home - door numbers, number plates. Play counting on games like 'snakes and ladders'

Events:

After half term as part of the national Anti-Bullying Campaign we will be talking about bullying and friendships in Dali class.



In December we will be inviting you to a Christmas Coffee morning to celebrate all the children's great work. However in the mean time you are very welcome to visit and have an informal chat with the team. I'm always delighted to meet parents and can be contacted via the school office.

Look forward to seeing you soon.