

Knockbreda Nursery School March 2017 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you had an enjoyable half-term holiday. For the remainder of February and for the month of March, we will be moving on to new learning topics, with many exciting activities to enjoy!

As you know, we will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 3rd March 2017 and as part of this learning, enjoying a mini-topic on Fairytale Fantasy.

Our Term 2 parent/carer consultation meetings will take place from 28-30th March 2017 and the Class Teachers will look forward to meeting with you then. Sign-up sheets will be available from 20th March 2017 onwards.

This month, we will begin lending *Knockbreda Ted*. He will visit your home from Monday after school and should be returned to school on Thursday. Knockbreda Ted should return to school on Thursday with one object that relates to his home visit with you. This object will be a stimulus for your child to talk about Ted's visit during whole class Circle Time. For example, Knockbreda Ted might return to school with ballet shoes or football boots because he accompanied your child to this activity during his stay. The children will all have an opportunity to take Knockbreda Ted home between now and the end of June. His visit will provide a starting point for Circle Time discussion and will help to encourage your child to present information to their peers with growing confidence. We hope that your child will enjoy having Knockbreda Ted to stay!

Themes and topics

Once we have completed our mini-topic on Fairytale Fantasy, our topic will move on to Wake Up Spring. This will involve learning about the season of Spring, new life, growing and gardening. The children will enjoy planting seeds, looking after plants, learning about new life and role-playing in our Garden Centre.

Important information

- As Knockbreda Primary School is being used as a polling station on Thursday 2nd May, School will be closed on this date.
- Nursery will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 3rd March 2017 with a range of engaging literacy activities. If you would be willing to come into Nursery and share your favourite story with a small group of children, please sign up using the timetable on your child's classroom door. The children are also invited to dress as their favourite book character and donate £1 to the charity Book Aid.
- As part of our Fairytale Fantasy topic, we will be using junk to model castles fit for kings! We would appreciate any donations of safe, clean household junk such as kitchen rolls, tissue boxes etc. Please note that for hygiene reasons, we cannot accept toilet rolls.
- Our Wake Up Spring topic will be enhanced by a visit from florist Cara Reid on 22nd March 2017. To further complement our growing topic, we would appreciate it if you could please send a baby photo of your child to school. Please clearly name this photo and add a caption on the reverse of the photo so that we can use this as a discussion point during Circle Time. School would like to display these photos in class and will return them at the end of the topic. Many thanks for your support with this.
- As you will be aware, the children at Knockbreda Nursery School can enjoy the six areas of the Pre-School curriculum both inside and outside. The staff have been working hard to deliver an enriched curriculum experience for the pupils outdoors and this requires additional resources and planning. To help support the further development of summer term outdoor play, we would like to purchase some new resources. To do this, we would ask for your support with some simple fundraising. Each child will be given a pack of smarties and we would ask that you fill the tube with 20p coins and return the tube to school by Friday 7th April 2017. Alternatively, please fill the tube with any donation you are able to make. All support with this fundraising is sincerely appreciated.
- School will be closed for St Patrick's Day on Friday 17th March 2017.

Dates for your diary:

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday 2 March 2017	Closed	As Knockbreda Primary School is being used as a polling station, School will be closed on this date.
Friday 3 March 2017	All day	World Book Day Dress as your favourite book character and donate to Book Aid.
Friday 17 March 2017	Closed	School closed for St Patrick's Day
Tuesday 28 to Thursday 30 March 2017	2.15-4.30pm	Parent/ Carer Consultation Meetings.
22 nd March 2017	9am	Visit from Cara Reid (local florist)
Tuesday 11 April 2017	Finish at 12 noon- no school dinners.	Easter egg hunt. School closes for Easter and will re-open on Monday 24 April 2017, as normal.
Monday 1 May 2017	Closed	School closed for May Day.
Friday 5 May 2017	9am	School Photographer in school at 9am to take class photographs.
*Change of date Wednesday 24 May 2017	Early close 12.15-12.30 pm	Induction meeting for new parents/ carers. All pupils to be collected from school between 12.15-12.30pm prompt. School dinners will be provided as normal.
Tuesday 30 May- Thursday 1 June 2017	Early close 12.15-12.30 pm	Play and Stay sessions for new pupils- all pupils to be collected from school between 12.15-12.30pm. School dinners will be provided as normal.
Monday 29 May 2017	Closed	School closed for the bank holiday.

Fairytale Fantasy

There was a Princess long-ago

There was a Princess long-ago
Long-ago, long-ago
There was a Princess long-ago
Long-a-go!

And she lived in a big high tower
A big high tower, a big high tower
And she lived in a big high tower
Long-a-go!

One day a fairy waved her wand
Waved her wand, waved her wand
One day a fairy waved her wand
Long-a-go!

The Princess slept for a hundred years
A hundred years, a hundred years
The Princess slept for a hundred years
Long-a-go!

A great big forest grew around
Grew around, grew around
A great big forest grew around
Long-a-go!

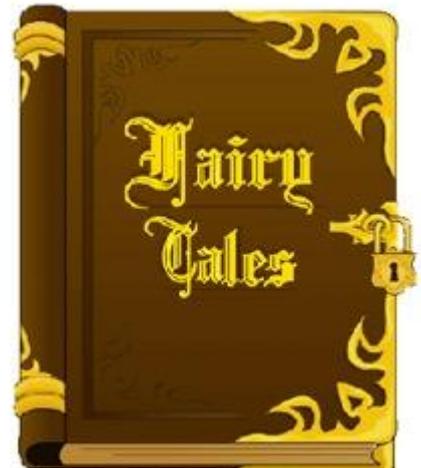
A gallant Prince came riding by
Riding by, riding by
A gallant Prince came riding by
Long-a-go!

He took his sword and cut it down
Cut it down, cut it down
He took his sword and cut it down Long-a-go!



He woke the princess with a kiss
With a kiss, with a kiss
He woke the princess with a kiss
Long-a-go!

So everybody's happy now
Happy now, happy now
So everybody's happy now
Ha-ppy now!

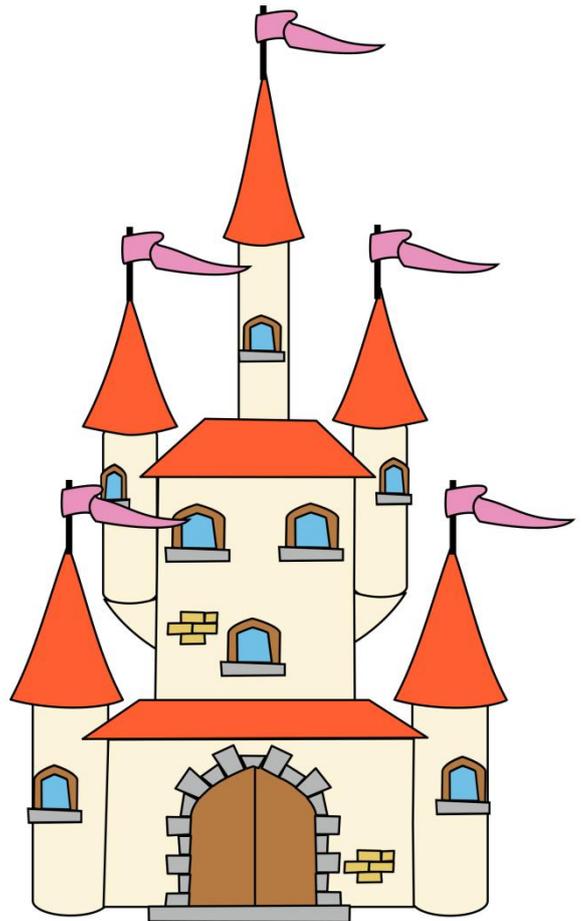


Big Bad Wolf

(Tune "This old Man")

Three little pigs
Walking down the street
A big bad wolf they did meet
So they ran home fast
and shut the door tight.
No big wolf will get them tonight.

A little girl
Wearing red
Spied a big bad wolf
Who said
"What's in your basket"
"May I have a bite?"
"NO," yelled the little girl
Who ran in fright.



Wake Up Spring

Wake up Spring
Wake up flowers
Wake up weeds
Wake up frogs
Wake up seeds
Wake up bears
Wake up bees
Wake up Spring
Won't you please?



I'll Plant a Little Seed

(Tune: I'm a Little Teapot)

I'll plant a little seed, in the ground
Out comes the yellow sun, big and round
Down comes the cool rain, soft and slow
Up comes the little seed, grow, grow, grow!



Old MacDonald had a farm

Old MacDonald had a farm,
E-I-E-I-O
And on his farm he had a pig,
E-I-E-I-O
With an oink oink here,
And an oink oink there,
Here an oink, there an oink,
Everywhere an oink, oink
Old MacDonald had a farm,
E-I-E-I-O *(Repeat with cow, duck, horse, sheep, cat etc)*



The farmer plants the seeds

Sung to: "The Farmer In The Dell"

The farmer plants the seeds
The farmer plants the seeds
Hi, Ho and Cherry O
The farmer plants the seeds
The rain begins to fall
The sun begins to shine
The plants begin to grow
The buds all open up
The flowers smile at me



It's Springtime

Sung to: "Did you Ever see a Lassie?"

My- eyes can see it's spring-time, it's spring-time, it's spring-time.
my- eyes can see it's spring-time, the grass is so green!
The green grass, the flowers, the sunshine and showers.
My- eyes can see it's spring-time and I am so glad.

My-ears can hear it's spring time, it's spring time, it's spring time.
My- ears can hear it's spring-time, the birds sweetly sing.
The birds sing, the lambs bleat, the frogs croak, the bees buzz.
My- ears can hear it's spring time, and I am so glad.

My-body can feel it's spring time, it's spring time, it's spring time.
my-body can feel it's spring time, the air is so warm.
The warm air, the breez-es, no frost and no freez-es.
My- body can feel it's spring time, and I am so glad!