

30th January 2023

Dear Parents,

This week is National Story Telling week so we would like the children to bring in one of their favourite stories from home; these don't have to be fairy stories and they can bring them in any day of the week to place on the topic table and show to the class.

We will continue with our theme of traditional tales by focussing on the story of *The Gingerbread Man*. This will provide a great opportunity for retelling (as part of National Storytelling week) and we hope that, by the end of the week, the children will be so confident with the story that they will be ready to innovate it and create their own stories. In literacy, we will be looking at the story of the gingerbread man, acting it out, retelling it, writing speech bubbles and going on a gingerbread man word hunt. If you have a copy of the *Gingerbread Man* at home, please send it in so that we can compare a wide variety of different versions. In phonics, we will be learning some more new digraphs (2 letters that make one sound) *ar*, *ur*, *oo* and *or*.

In maths, we will be comparing different quantities. The children will be encouraged to notice whether quantities are equal or unequal and work out how to make them equal. Language is a key focus and we will reinforce the language of 'more than', 'fewer than' and 'an equal number' to describe how many objects there are in each set.

Please do look on our class page on the website for latest photos of the learning that has taken place in class. We endeavour to update the site once a week.

Very best wishes,

The Acorn Team