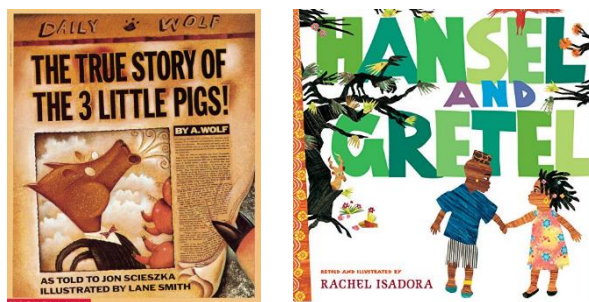


Dear Parents

In the Autumn term, Birch will be learning all about narrative, character descriptions, story settings, sequencing and how to write a letter.

In English, we will be looking at the stories 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs' by Jon Scieszka and 'Hansel and Gretel' by Rachel Isadora.



We will be practising our oracy skills by verbally retelling and sequencing stories as well as writing narratives of our own. We will continue to consolidate our learning around grammatically correct sentence structure with a capital letter at the beginning, finger spaces between each word and a full stop at the end. We will be learning to answer 'who', 'what doing', 'where', 'why' and 'how' questions in response to story characters and events. We will use Colourful Semantics to support the children's understanding of questions and to develop their writing.

Here is some information for you to read about Colourful Semantics:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1REv05bGkGI>

We will also be practising our letter formation and neatness throughout the term.

Topmarks.co.uk website (No need for a password for most activities) This is a great site with reading, writing, and Mats games with links to different recommended sites for learning.

1. Letter formation practice:

<https://www.doorwayonline.org.uk/activities/letterformation/>

As always we will be explicitly teaching key vocabulary that might be new to your child using visuals and real-life examples.

We continue to use **Bug Club** for practising reading and using strategies to decode unknown words as well as to support comprehension.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Many thanks

Miss Dyer and Miss Noble