



Topic: Tell Me A Story

Year: Reception

Term: 4

Background Information

- Children will have some experience and understanding of familiar traditional tales
- Children will be able to begin to identify and discuss the key characters and plots of a range of the following traditional tales:
 - The Gingerbread Man
 - Goldilocks and the Three Bears
 - Red Riding Hood
 - Jack and the Beanstalk

Interesting facts

- The Gingerbread Man story started off as a story about a runaway pancake when it was first written.
- The story of the Gingerbread man is around 200 years old.
- In the story the Gingerbread man was chased by: a little old woman, a little old man, a cow, and pig and then finally the fox.
- The story ends with the Gingerbread Man saying 'I am quarter gone, I am half gone, I am three quarters gone and now I am all gone' and after that he is never heard from again.
- The Three Bears go on a walk to let their breakfast porridge cool
- Goldilocks enters the house of the three Bears
- She tries 3 different bowls of porridge and the last one is 'just right'
- She sits on 3 different chairs and the last one is 'just right', but then it breaks
- She tries 3 different beds and the last one is 'just right' and she falls asleep
- The bears return and ask 'Who's been eating my porridge, who's been sitting in my chair and who's been sleeping in my bed?'
- The Bears wake Goldilocks up and she runs away.

Key Vocabulary

Bake	Another word for cooking
Batter/Dough	The mixture that is made before a cake or biscuit is made
Gingerbread	A type of biscuit made with ginger and other spices
Ingredients	The things which are needed to be added together to make something
Oven	Another word for a cooker, a place where food is cooked or baked
Sly	Someone who is cunning and tries to be sneaky and trick people
Porridge	A meal made from oats that is usually eaten for breakfast
Cottage	A type of house
Harp	A large stringed instruments which is played by plucking each string with the fingers
Character	A person who appears or features in a story
Traditional tale	A story that has been told for many years that is known by most people in a country or community
Lent	A Christian celebration leading up to Easter
Shrove Tuesday	The day when pancake day is usually celebrated

Diagrams / Timelines / Photos



Know how to / Activity

- Go to the library or look in your book collection at home and read traditional tales of the same story. Are they all told in exactly the same way? What is the same or different about them?