## Classroom News

Class Name: Blaise

Term: Spring 2

Topic: Fairy tales

Some photos of us!

## What we have been learning this term:

This has been a very busy term which started with our student teacher, Elenie completing her final 4 weeks with us in Blaise.

She and Ginny decided that the story of The Gingerbread Man was a good sensory journey to focus on for our Fairy Tale theme and then we ended the term with The Three Little Pigs. We also celebrated world book day, Shrove Tuesday, Mother's Day and Easter.

We had great fun exploring all of the elements of the stories including lots of flour, ginger scented playdough, biscuits and shredded wheat! The children had the chance to investigate each during Let's Connect sessions where they also activated items such as fast moving light-up toys to represent the little running man, and in sensory trays we looked at, touched, smelt, listened to and some even tasted items linked to the stories, pushing ourselves to be comfortable and brave with the unknown.

We had great fun baking bagels (as linked to our rhyming version of the story), pancakes, gingerbread men, Easter nests and of cause, Mother's Day biscuits with some added life skill experiences of washing up and using a microwave. We also made cards, bakers hats, wolves, textured footprints and decorated paper men in colourful butter icing.

As ever, we have all been working hard on communicating our wants and needs and some of us have even started to learn to comment on our likes and dislikes throughout the day. We all like to have as much control over our environment as we can, so this is greatly encouraged at every opportunity.

In Hydro, some of us have been practicing to walk in the water and have become very independent! On the trampoline we are enjoying some vestibular and proprioceptive activities combined with our physio and some strength building and communication.

Music Therapy with Cathy has been a treat as ever as she brought our story to life for us and added lots of movement elements into our musical experiences.



## Dates & Points to remember:

Last day of term: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April First day back: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

