**Traditional Tales Information**

Our Literacy topic at the minute is “Traditional Tales”

I hope this information is of help.

Traditional means it is something very old and Tale is an old word that means a story.

**A Traditional Tale**

At first somebody made up a story and TOLD it to somebody else. Then that person TOLD it to somebody else and that person TOLD it to someone else and this carried on. Each time someone told the story it might be a bit different, that’s why there can be different versions of the same story. After a while someone wrote the stories down.

**Features of Traditional Tales**

They were TOLD

Some parts repeat (Trip, trap, trip trap, who’s crossing MY bridge?)

Things often happen in threes (Three bears/three little pigs)

Animals can speak and humans can understand them (Big bad wolf)

Often have a familiar setting (wood/forest/house)

Sometimes young animals/children are in danger (Red Riding Hood)

There is often a moral, the story tries to teach you something (Red Riding Hood….Don’t speak to strangers)

It sometimes tries to explain something (The Tiger Child….why animals eat raw food)

Not all these features are in all Traditional Tales. See which ones you can spot in each Tale you think of.