

English

In English this half term we are going to be looking at the story 'Three Billy Goats Gruff' to link in with our Rivers and Bridges topic.

Below are some English ideas for children to complete related to this story. Please do not feel you have to complete all activities in a day, they are to last you over the next couple of weeks:

- Purple Mash- search 'Three Billy Goats' and use the tool to retell the story. Children can create their own story boards.
- Children can write a character description for the Troll underneath the Bridge. Think about describing the character using your senses- what do they look, sound, smell, move and feel like? Can you include similes?
- Can children change the Troll character to another villain that they have read in other fairy tales e.g. a dragon, drawing the new character and then labelling it with descriptive features e.g. talons as sharp as razors.
- Linking to our science topic 'Light and Shadows', could children make shadow puppets of the characters and retell the story using the sunlight in the garden.

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-t-12318-the-three-billy-goats-gruff-ebook> This is a link to an ebook of the story.

Also, please continue to read at home, perhaps you could share some pictures of you reading your favourite fairy tale stories or another book that you thoroughly enjoy reading.

The Three Billy Goats Gruff

Once upon a time, there were three Billy Goats Gruff. They lived in a valley in the hills. One day, they saw a field of sweet, green grass on the other side of the valley. They decided to go there. To reach the valley, the three billy goats had to cross a river.

There was only one bridge across the river and underneath there lived a terrible, grumpy troll. He never let anyone cross and he always gobbled them up for his breakfast. The three goats made a plan.

The smallest Billy Goat Gruff was the first to get to the bridge. Trip trap, trip trap went his hooves as he walked across the bridge. "Who's that trip trapping over my bridge?" growled the troll.

"It's only me, the little Billy Goat Gruff," said the smallest goat.

"Then I'm going to eat you up!" roared the troll.

"Don't eat me, I'm much too little," said the smallest Billy Goat Gruff. "My brother is coming after me and he is much bigger."

"Hmm," grunted the troll. "Then I will wait for him."

Next, the medium-sized Billy Goat Gruff came over the bridge. Trip trap, trip trap went his hooves. "Who's that trip trapping over my bridge?" growled the troll.

"It's only me, the medium-sized Billy Goat Gruff," said the goat.

"Then I'm going to eat you up!" roared the troll.

"Don't eat me, I'm much too little," said the medium-sized Billy Goat Gruff. "My brother is coming after me and he is much bigger."

"Hmm," grunted the troll. "Then I will wait for him."

Soon, the biggest Billy Goat Gruff came over the bridge. Trip trap, trip trap went his hooves.

"Who's that trip trapping over my bridge?" growled the troll.

"It's me. Big Billy Goat Gruff," said the goat.

"Then I'm going to eat you up!" roared the troll.



"Oh no you won't!" shouted the biggest goat, and he lowered his horns and charged at the troll. Smack! He butted him right over the edge of the bridge. The troll fell into the river and was never seen again.

The big Billy Goat Gruff joined his brothers. They found their field of sweet, green grass and ate their fill.