

Foundation Stage Curriculum Outline 'Once Upon a Time...' Spring Term (1) 2021

Communication & Language/Literacy (CLL)



As part of our 'Once Upon a Time...' topic, we will be reading a selection of classic fairy tales and comparing different versions of the same story. In phonics, we will be focusing on blending and segmenting words orally, and in writing, as well as learning new digraphs and trigraphs. We will also be thinking about our handwriting and how to form letters correctly. We will have many opportunities to talk and express ourselves verbally, thinking about speaking clearly and using repeated phrases and story language from the fairy tales that we have thought about. We will also work on following more complex instructions carefully.

Mathematics

In Mathematics we will be developing our skills when counting objects accurately and recognising the numbers up to 10, including zero. We will continue to explore basic addition and subtraction, thinking about how to record our calculations using mathematical symbols. There will be a focus on number bonds to 5, and then 10 as well as forming our numbers correctly when writing them. We will also think about 2D and 3D shape names.



Understanding the World (UW)

As part of our fairy tale topic, we will be thinking about changes that we can observe when we make porridge, cook gingerbread men and grow our own beanstalks. We will think about the best materials to use when building a house for the three little pigs and we will think about how our mail reaches us after reading the story of 'The Jolly Postman'. There will also be opportunities to create maps of our local area and to hopefully go and post some letters of our own!

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)

This term we will be focusing on the theme of 'Dreams and Goals' We will be thinking about what being motivated and the importance of a positive attitude when something presents us with a challenge. Our own dreams and goals will be an important part of our circle times as we think about what we would like to achieve this year.

Physical Development and P.E

P.E continues to be taught on a **Wednesday** and a **Friday** morning. This half term, the children will be working on basic movements and following instructions. Outdoors we will be continuing our dance activities with Miss Collishaw, whilst indoors we will focus on yoga and gymnastics. There will also be a range of activities on offer each day to develop gross motor skills (e.g. large building blocks, obstacle courses) and fine motor skills (e.g. cutting, Lego)



**It essential that your child comes to school in their P.E. kit on these days.
PLEASE ensure that all items are named and that they have several warm layers for outdoor P.E. sessions!**

Religious Education (R.E.)

In R.E. we will learn about 'Our Special Books', thinking about what we like to read at home as well as special books linked to different religions. We will hopefully manage a visit to our local church to see what it is like and which special books are contained within it. We will develop the use of our classroom reflection area and begin to write our own prayers. There will be opportunities for 'bubble' Collective Worship in the school hall led by Mr Hodgson.



Expressive Arts & Design (EAD)



There will be many opportunities for painting, drawing, model making and role-play throughout this term! We will be creating posters, collages, models and paintings. Our role play area will be a fairy tale cottage where we can act out the stories that we have shared together. Each week we will take part in a music lesson where we will explore our voices and play a selection of musical instruments.

*We will continue to send home reading books and phonics activities for you to share with your child. Please spend a few moments each day looking at them. Little and often makes all of the difference to your child's learning! **New reading books will be sent home each Thursday and collected in again on a Monday. Please don't forget to record the reading in the reading diary so that we know books need changing.** Thank you for your help and support during Term Two. This term is always busy and filled with learning, a time when we really start to see progress with reading and writing! We cannot wait to see what 2021 will bring...*

Mrs Moseley, Mrs Mansfield and Mrs Berry January 2021

