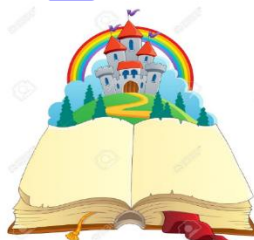




Nursery Topic Overview. Spring 2.

Parent Information.



This term is all about our favourite stories! We have 20 favourite stories in Nursery that we share as much as we can. These book covers are displayed in our classroom and the books are in our favourite book box. The children are learning to say the titles of these books and ask for their favourites.

We have picked 5 well known fairy tales this term. The aim is that the children learn to name the title, main characters and sequence and retell the stories using story language and key points.

We may also introduce them to different versions of the story and begin making simple comparisons.

This is just a rough overview. There are ideas of what we can do linking to each mini topic. The tasks aim to cover all areas of the EYFS.

We are flexible in our days and topics and aim to follow children's interests and learning needs.

Literacy and maths may be taught discretely as well as topical. We will follow RWI phonics when appropriate, share as many stories and rhymes as possible in a day, make opportunities for maths and counting and lots of physical play in the school hall and outdoors. Communication and language and PSE will be an integral part of the day whether it's through our learning environment, carpet time, group time or one to one.

Please also support your child to take part in the weekly homework.

Week 1 and 2 - Once upon a time.

(Fairy tale stories from our favourite book box- Little Red Riding Hood, The Gingerbread Man, etc.)

Some examples of learning tasks...

Little Red Riding Hood- Writing shopping lists, saying our likes and dislikes when sorting Grandma's food basket and making 'get well soon' cards for grandma.

The Gingerbread Man - Making gingerbread playdough, baking gingerbread men, discussing the properties of the dough and biscuits using different vocabulary, e.g. soft, crunchy, hard, etc. Retelling the story using pictures and key phrases.

The Elves and the Shoemaker - Design their own shoes, role playing in the shoe shop, drawing elves, making character puppets and making thank you cards to the elves.

Pancake Day is on the 13th February and after half term, we will be making yummy pancakes, exploring different toppings and listening to stories such as The Runaway Pancake and Mr Wolf's Pancakes.

Week 3 and 4- Plant life cycle/ growth- Revisit The Enormous Turnip.

Making character puppets, compare the weight of different sized turnips, using descriptive language to talk about the taste of raw and cooked turnip and creating chalk observational drawings of turnips.

Mother's day crafts.

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March and we will be celebrating this by dressing up, visiting the school library and making our own bookmarks and pop up books.

Week 5- Plant life cycle/ growth- Jack and the Beanstalk.

Planting beans, learning about the life cycle of a bean, beanstalk paper construction using different joining materials, painting giants, collaging magic beans and counting real beans.

Week 6- Easter

Listening to Peppa's Easter Egg Hunt. Making chocolate chick nests, taking part in a real Easter egg hunt and lots of Easter craft including fluffy bunnies and yellow card chicks.