

EYFS Term 3 Curriculum Newsletter: Once Upon a Time

Maths

This term we will be learning about mass and will use balance scales to help us make comparisons of the mass of different objects. We will also explore how to balance the scales by finding objects that weigh the same amount. We will move onto exploring capacity and making direct comparisons of the capacity of containers. At the end of the term we will learn the numbers 6, 7 and 8 and will be arranging quantities in pairs.

We will also be continuing with our Maths Mastery. In these sessions we will deepen our understanding of 5, by exploring ways to represent 5 using our fingers and the Hungarian number pattern. We will be comparing the number of objects in two groups.

Literacy

This term we will be focusing on three core texts: Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks and the Three Bears and The Billy Goats Gruff. Through our core texts we will be; segmenting words to write words to describe a character, role playing our ideas, writing speech bubbles, writing a letter of apology, writing a simple recipe, making a wanted poster and creating a story map.



Phonics

We will be moving onto phase 3 and learning the letters and sounds: ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear, air, er. We will also be learning to read words with the double letters: dd, mm, tt, bb, rr, gg, pp and longer words. Our new tricky words: was, you, they, my, by, all, are, sure, pure.

Religious Education

Our big Question for the term is:
I wonder what do Christians believe is special about Jesus and the message he brings?

We will be learning about stories from the new testament to help us respond to this question. We will begin by learning what a disciple is through the story of Jesus calling the disciples. We will also learn about Zacchaeus and how this story helps us learn about forgiveness and how following Jesus can help change people's lives. We will learn what a parable is and how Christians believe Jesus told stories called parables to teach people more about God. The parables we will be exploring are: The Lost Sheep and The parable of the Leaven. We will also be thinking about miracles and that Christians believe Jesus was able to do amazing things because he is God. The Wedding at Cana will help us to learn about miracles and how Jesus cares for others.

Understanding the World

We will be learning about the natural world. We will be learning how to care for animals, and what different animals need to survive. We will be learning about habitats and how seasonal changes can affect animals and their needs during these changes. Through our topic we will learn about the key features of a Castle and the purpose of Castles in the past. We will be thinking about who Castles were built for and making comparisons between real Kings and Queens and those that are characters from stories. We will be exploring artefacts to help us know that objects from the past can look different to objects in the present.

Expressive Arts and Design

Through the study of our core texts our creative lessons will be linked to the stories. We will begin by creating a house that will be safe from the wolf, thinking carefully about the materials we choose and the strength of them.

We will be designing a mask of a fairy tale character of our choice and will then use different materials to create these. We will then use the masks we have created to support our role play when acting out a story.

We will also be learning about castles and Kings and Queens, we will create our own castle using junk modelling, as well as creating props for role play such as crowns, shields and swords.

Physical Development

In P.E this term our focus is gymnastics. In our P.E lessons we will be learning how to balance, and how to move in low and high positions. We will then transfer these skills to the apparatus and co-ordinate putting the movements and balance together to become a champion gymnast. We will also be developing working with a partner and creating a routine with them taking turns at being the leader and the follower.

PSHE

In our PSHE sessions Boris will teach us that 'we all have someone we can show love to'. This will help us think about those special people in our lives who we love and how we can show love. We will be thinking about our families and homes and demonstrate respect that everyone's homes and families are different. In our fourth session we will be naming feelings and thinking about different ways feelings can be expressed through our faces and actions, for example if we are happy we may smile. Learning about feelings will help us learn how to be a good friend and look out for them in different situations.

