

Once upon a time . . .

Foundation 2
Spring Term

Topic Overview

Throughout the spring term, staff will help children with their learning experiences by carefully observing their interests and planning activities that help develop their understanding. The spring term topic is Once Upon A Time.

English

Reading: Children will be involved in whole class sharing of different stories based around traditional tales. The key books we will be sharing are Goldilocks, The Three Little Pigs, Jack and the Beanstalk and the Enormous Turnip. They will be taught phonics using Little Wandle. Children will also listen to traditional stories from other cultures on their celebrations e.g. Chinese New Year and Pancake Day.

Writing: We will focus on writing simple words then progressing on to sentence writing. Handwriting will be practised daily.

Maths

We will teach children to identify numbers 6-10 and have a focus on counting reliably, the properties of each number and recognising numbers. We will be using the Number blocks episodes to help support our understanding of each number up to 10. We will also begin teaching basic 2D shape names and money.

Understanding the World

They will plant seeds like Jack does in the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and explore what happens to the seeds as the season evolves. Children will understand that some places are special to members of their community and recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times (Chinese New Year) in different ways. We will talk about Christmas and

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will continue to build constructive and respectful relationships with each other. We will show resilience and perseverance in the face of challenges we may face during learning.

Communication and language

Children will be encouraged to develop their speaking and listening skills by working together and learning new vocabulary through our word of the week in our literacy sessions and using it in the right context. Adults will model how to articulate their ideas and thoughts and encourage children to use well-formed sentences.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will develop their creativity by working together to share ideas, resources and skills. They will listen attentively to different types of music, expressing their feelings and responses. They will develop their own storylines into their play, taking ideas from the stories read.

Physical Development

Children will revise the movement skills of rolling, crawling, jumping etc. Children will also use a range of small and large apparatus indoors and outdoors. We will develop and refine a range of ball skills including throwing, catching, kicking, passing etc. We will work to develop their understanding of health and self-care including healthy eating, tooth brushing on a daily basis, good sleep routines and regular exercise.

PSHE (Jigsaw)

We will have small group quality circle time sessions to help children talk about their dreams and goals and what can they do to keep healthy. Dreams and Goals aims to help children think about their hopes and dreams, their goals for success, what personal strengths are, and how to overcome challenges, via team work skills and tasks.

