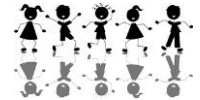


Reception Newsletter - Lent Term 2020



The children have settled well into school routines and have enjoyed catching up with their friends and exploring the classroom environment. This half term the children will be looking at the topic 'Once Upon a Time'. Below we have shown how we might cover this topic through the seven areas of learning.



Communication and Language

The children will be given opportunities to use different drama techniques, such as hot seating, to help them learn about the characters in the story. We will be teaching the children to retell traditional tales using British Sign Language. This will promote/encourage more interesting story language and the use of connectives. We will provide opportunities for talk in the outdoor classroom.



Personal, Social and Emotional

The children will be given an opportunity to discuss their worries through the use of the story, 'The Big Bag of Worries'. We will be looking at the story 'Hansel and Gretel' and discussing 'stranger danger'. We will continue to support the children in taking turns and sharing the toys. We will be encouraging the children to try to resolve a problem by themselves e.g. telling a friend that they do not like it when they do a certain thing.

Physical

The children will be given many opportunities to develop their fine motor skills through many different activities, such as threading, using small construction toys and using tweezers to pick up small objects. We will be teaching the children throwing and catching skills. Whilst exercising, we will be discussing the changes that happen to our body. The children will also be talking about keeping healthy.



Mathematics

The children will be taught different positional language. They will be given an opportunity to use positional language to direct a Beebot around a map. The children will be using their knowledge of numbers to add and subtract practically and on a number line. We will be looking at telling the time, talking about the times of the day we do certain things and also introducing o'clock.



Once Upon a Time

Understanding the World

The children will be given the opportunity to explore using the I-Pads and Beebots to retell traditional tales. We will be exploring how to make things with junk modelling materials and looking at how to join materials together in different ways. The children will also have the opportunity to learn how to make a Gingerbread Man.



Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be given the opportunity to mix colours and make different textured paint. The role play area will be stripped back and only cardboard boxes will be provided so the children have to use their imagination. The children will also be learning how to use British Sign Language to sign some traditional tales.

Literacy

This term we will be looking at traditional tales in detail. Stories such as 'The Gingerbread Man', 'Hansel and Gretel', 'The Elves and Shoemaker' and 'Jack and the Beanstalk' will be explored.

The children will be given opportunities to write for different purposes e.g. writing a shopping list for the ingredients needed to make a Gingerbread Man and writing about their favourite part of a story. We will be teaching the children new digraphs and showing them how to blend and segment to read and write words and sentences.

Please remember to inform us of your child's achievements at home; they can be written on the 'WOW' sheets and sent in with your child.

Save the Dates: Family Fun Wednesday 5th February- observe and take part in a phonic lesson. Wednesday 12th February- 3pm learn about Bug Club. Friday 20th March- Mothers Day Assembly.

Can you help? Please collect any cardboard boxes, bottles, yoghurt pots, milk lids and kitchen rolls (NO toilet rolls!).

If you are having a clear out, please send in any good condition, remote control cars and games.

If you have borrowed any school uniform from us please return it. Thank you!

