

Curriculum Newsletter – Reception Summer 1 – Once Upon a Time

Value of the term:
Tolerance

Dear Families,

We are looking forward to the new term. Here is an overview of the learning we will be covering. We hope you will be able to support your child's learning at home by reading with them and talking about the work they are doing in class.

Maths

We will continue to follow the Mastering Number planning to work on the following areas of learning:

This term the children will be looking at subitising objects up to 6, including objects in different structured arrangements. We will be counting larger sets and things that cannot be seen.

The children will be comparing numbers in relation to their order and playing different track/board games. We will also continue with our work on composition looking at numbers up to 10.



English

Phonics/Reading

In our Little Wandle lessons this term we will be covering:

- short vowels CVCC
- short vowels CVCC CCVC
- short vowels CCVCC CCCVC CCCVCC
- longer words
- compound words
- root words ending in: -ing, -ed /t/, -ed /id/ /ed/ -est

The tricky words we will be learning are:

- said so have like
- some come love do
- were here little says
- there when
- what one
- out today



Writing

In Summer 1, the children will continue practicing how to form their lowercase letters correctly. We will be encouraging them to have a go at writing longer words by sounding them out, and to start using capital letters at the beginning of their sentences.

We will also be supporting the children to hold a whole sentence in their head before they write it, helping them to organise their ideas and become more confident writers.



Understanding of the World

This term, the children will explore familiar stories while learning about the world around them. They will compare characters, create simple maps, and learn about the changes that happen in summer through outdoor exploration.

We will also be building and investigating how things work, planting seeds and caring for plants, and exploring different materials through story-based activities.

In ICT, the children will use Wonderblocks and Barefoot to develop early computing skills. In World Views, we will explore the question: Which stories are special to different people?

Key texts

The Three Billy Goats Gruff
Goldilocks and the Three Bears
Jack and the Beanstalk



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Physical Development

In PE Coach Danny will be teaching a unit of work on Ball skills. By the end of the unit the aim will be for the children to be able to confidently and competently control a ball in different ways, including rolling, bouncing and dribbling of a ball. They will also develop throwing at a target.



Personal Social and Emotional Development

In Summer 1, we have activities that help children further develop their ability to listen to the ideas of other children and agree on a solution and compromise.

We will continue to support the children to become confident to try new things. They will continue to develop their resilience and perseverance independently



EAD

Music

We will complete a unit based on traditional children's tales and songs. The children will be moving to music with instruction, changing movements to match the tempo, pitch or dynamic of the piece and using an instrument to convey moods or represent characters.

Art

The children will be completing a study of the artist - Andy Goldsworthy. We will use natural objects to make a piece of art and use a variety of different materials to create a collage. The children will explore different methods of joining the materials.

Communication and Language

Our topic of Once Upon a Time means that the children will be listening to stories and talking about the characters, setting, plot and sequence of events. They will retell the story, once they have developed a deep familiarity with the text, sometimes as exact repetition and sometimes in their own words.

We will introduce new vocabulary throughout the topic and link it to the experiences that the children are involved in within the classroom



Notices

1st May – Little City and Rhubarb Theatre experience day

