



Reception Spring Term 2

Curriculum Map

Topic: Once Upon a Time ...



Phonics

This half term we will be continuing to learn our phase 3 sounds and consolidating our phase 2 learning. We use Pearson's Bug Club Phonics to do this. Within these lessons we will practice our letter formation, blend sounds together to read words and write dictated sentences.

English/ Communication and Language

Most of our English is covered in our phonics lesson. To coincide with our topic we will have core texts that we will explore. These will include 'The Three Little Pigs', 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes', 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and 'Stella and the Seagull'. We will also be reading many other stories, poetry and rhymes together. We will be continuing to focus of our listening skills and our comprehension of stories. We will be continuing to develop our letter/ number formation, writing CVC words and continue to develop on phonetical awareness.

Maths

This half term we will be focussing on ordering numbers to 8 and discussing the 'staircase' like pattern we can see when we count upwards. We will also be beginning to look at doubles and sorting numbers based on their attributes.



Music (Expressive Arts)

Children will learn the song 'Shake my sillies out' with actions. It will be used to explore tempo, timbre, and playing with sounds. They will create a sound story with classroom percussion.

Their second unit will be based around the piece The sorcerer's apprentice by Paul Dukas. They will explore how music can tell a story and will be supported in identifying elements of music within a piece, such as dynamics (loud/quiet) and tempo (fast/slow). They will have the chance to compose using percussion instruments and respond creatively to music in the form of movement and writing.

RE

Within RE we will be thinking about the question 'What is Easter?' We will be exploring signs of spring and the changes we are seeing. We will also be learning about the meaning behind Easter and look at how it is celebrated.



Understanding the World

Past and Present - 'Peek into the past' - We will be thinking about memories and our experiences from that past, looking at the changes that have occurred.

People, Culture and Communities - 'Around the World' - We will be continuing to look at contrasting environments, climates and landscapes.

Natural World - 'Changing Seasons' - We will be exploring how the natural world changes throughout the year and how these changes affect the weather, plants and animals.



Physical Development

In our PE sessions we will be focusing on controlling our bodies and developing our co-ordination.

We will be also be focussing on using a comfortable pencil grip with good control, being healthy, moving with balance and control, negotiating space and focussing on the orientation of our letter and number shapes.

PSHE

Both Mrs Mason and Miss Hole will be teaching us PSHE. This half terms topic is all about 'Rights and Respect'. Within this unit we will be thinking about how we can care for the people around us, how we can help out at home, how we can look after our surroundings and our planet, and start looking at recognising/spending/ saving money. We will be continuing to explore our feelings, learning different ways we can manage our emotions and develop our independence.

Art and DT (Expressive Arts)

This half term we will be looking at drawing and painting. We will be using charcoal to make marks and complete observational drawing. We will also experiment with a range of painting techniques including blowing, printing with bubble wrap and string.

How you can support at home

Each week your child will come home with a reading book for them to read to you, please sit with your child and support them in sounding out and blending the words as well as discussing the story. They will also bring a sharing book, this is for you to read to your child and enjoy together. The flashcards with the sounds, CVC words and tricky words we have learnt so far are great for playing lots of games, maybe you can take turns being the teacher or hide them around the house and try to find them. We add sounds to them as we learn them so please ensure they are put back in their book bags along with their books so we can update them.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to an exciting half term!