



Reception
Spring 2 2023 - Once Upon a Time

Communication and Language

We will have a big focus on storytelling and developing a love of reading by discussing traditional tales and the children's favourite books. We will make comparisons between traditional tales and use this understanding to develop the children's own storytelling. The children will have the opportunity to perform their story to the whole class using their main character puppet to support this.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be continuing to discuss the importance of recognising our feelings and will teach children strategies to deal with different emotions, including explaining what is happening in our brains and to our bodies. Children will develop their understanding of self-regulation and we will encourage children to utilise different strategies when they feel overwhelmed by emotions.

Physical Development

Children will begin their gymnastics unit thinking about balances and different ways of travelling. We will explore the different shapes our bodies can make. Children will practise activities such as threading and pegging to develop their tripod grip. We will be supporting children to use scissors to cut with control.

Literacy

Children will be inspired by stories and books. We will explore traditional tales and features including characters and settings. The children will be creating and writing their own stories to share with their friends.

Maths

Children will be developing their understanding of numbers within 10, including learning number bonds. The children will also learn about 3D shapes and explore these through patterns.

Understanding the World

We will develop our understanding of past and present using books and traditional tales to support this. We will discuss similarities and differences between cultures and will observe seasonal changes in our nature area.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be exploring different types of puppets and will have the opportunity to design, make and evaluate their own. We will learn different techniques to join and fasten such as sewing and once complete the children will use these to retell their own stories.

RE

We will be learning about ourselves and others, comparing families, festivals and religious/cultural celebrations including Pancake Day and Easter.

RHSE

The children will be able to recognise what they like and dislike and feel empowered to make real and informed choices.