



**This half term our topic is 'Once Upon A Time'.
Our learning will be based around many different
fairy tales and we will answer our big question
'What are our favourite fairy tales?'**

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our focus will be around developing our confidence to perform in front of others and we will do this by learning to retell our fairy tale stories in small groups and acting them out to the rest of the class. We will also be explaining our own knowledge and understanding of The Three Little Pigs story and deciding whether the pigs were right to burn the wolf's bottom. Did he deserve that?

Understanding the World

We will be learning how to operate a simple computer programme by using a mouse to click and 'drag and drop' objects whilst playing a Gingerbread Man game. When reading new stories, we will talk about where they are set and the different environments that are in stories e.g. forests, mountains, rivers etc. We will look at maps of different stories and draw information from them and then create our own map of a pretend land where our stories are set.



Communication and Language

During this half term we will focus on building up new vocabulary and we will do this by immersing ourselves in new stories and then learning to retell them using story language which will mean we are learning lots of new vocabulary such as 'suddenly' and 'unfortunately'. We will also be introducing storylines or narratives into our play e.g. playing The Gingerbread Man!

Mathematics

We will be using everyday vocabulary linked to size by measuring The Three Bear's chairs in our role play area and then comparing sizes. We will begin to measure with objects and we will then progress to having a go with a metre stick. Our learning will also focus on mass and capacity. We will continue to practice our counting and deepen our understanding of numbers 6-10 and begin to recall some number bonds and doubling facts.

Physical Development

In PE we will be taking part in gymnastics in order to confidently and safely use a range of large and small apparatus, alone and in a group. We will also be developing our overall body-strength, balance, co-ordination and agility during our gymnastic lessons. We will practice handling tools and objects with increasing control, e.g. using scissors to cut out shapes. We will also continue with lots of fine motor activities to support our letter formation so our handwriting becomes more accurate.

Expressive Arts and Design

This half term we will be learning that tools can be used for a purpose, so we will practice using scissors safely and accurately by cutting out shapes needed to assemble and join together to create different characters from the fairy-tale stories.

We will also be developing storylines in our pretend play by acting out the fairy-tale stories that we are learning and using the new vocabulary when expressing ourselves.

Literacy

We will be reading a variety of fairy tales including Goldilocks and the Three Bears, The Three Little Pigs, The Three Billy Goats Gruff and The Gingerbread Man. We will continue with our 'Talk for Writing' approach where we learn to retell stories using story maps and then change characters or settings to make up our own stories and become authors! We will also discover a crime scene in our classroom and find out that somebody has destroyed The Three Bears cottage so we will be writing wanted posters to help catch them.