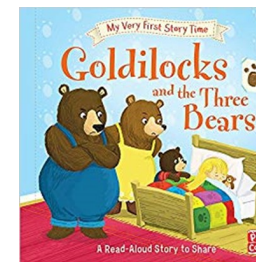


Once Upon A Time



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our theme this half term is Relationships. We will be learning about friendships, and how to play together, listening to others' thoughts and ideas of how play can develop. Children will be encouraged to initiate conversations and form good relationships with peers and familiar adults.

Questions to discuss at home

What makes a good friend?

Encourage children to take turns and share.

Help them in understanding that they don't have to be first/win to get enjoyment from a game. 'It's the taking part that is fun'.



Physical Development

We will be continuing our 'Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle' and 'Dough Disco' sessions every day before our phonic lessons. These sessions support and build muscles needed for writing. We then transfer these dance moves on to paper. If your child is writing or colouring at home, please encourage them to hold their pencil correctly. We will be continuing to visit Mr Bainbridge in the hall for our weekly P.E lesson where we will be developing ball skills and moving in a variety of ways, such as slithering, shuffling, rolling, crawling, running, jumping, skipping, sliding and hopping.

Activities to practise at home

Holding a pencil correctly.

Practise writing letters (school handwriting style) and drawing shapes.



Understanding the World

We are discussing Winter and the changes within the weather.

Together you might

Talk about pictures from your own traditions and celebrations.

Discuss how to keep pets healthy.

Talk about some of the things children can observe in nature like the ice and frost on a morning.



Communication and Language and Literacy

There will be lots of opportunities for children to take part in speaking and listening activities. We will be continually visiting our six familiar reading books so that children can talk about our favourite stories, describing the characters, setting and predicting what may happen.

We will be developing awareness of the text within the books, beginning to track words with our fingers from left to right. We will be using role-play to act out traditional stories.

At home

Encourage your child to describe the characters and setting in stories.

Support your child in pointing at the text in books.



Mathematics

We will be sorting different items into groups of similar things. Children will be extending their vocabulary to include old, older, young and younger. Children will be learning to count and say one number for each object when picking them up from a pile. We will be representing numbers using marks and fingers. Children will be developing language to describe the position of an object e.g. under, on top and behind.

Numicon will play a huge focus in our learning, matching to the value of each tile and ordering.



Ways you can support this at home

Encourage children to use a variety of descriptive language, modelling words such as 'this water is hot' or 'it is cold outside'.

Use positional language including under, on top, behind, next to etc.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be creating a variety of things that link to our story of the week.

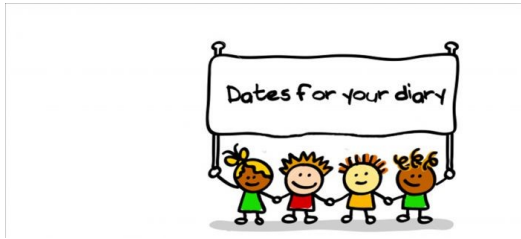
We will promote children's individual ideas in the box modelling areas, teaching children different ways to attach things together.

In paint we will be experimenting with blocks colours and marks.

To support them at home you could

Build stories around toys.





Important Dates

Every Monday we continue to draw the winner of the Golden Ticket for full attendance the previous week. Children can then choose, from our gold display, a prize of their choice. Golden tickets will only be given to children who have been in school every day for the full session and on time.

Break up for school holidays

CALLING ALL OUTDOOR TYPES!

We would really like to recruit a group of parents who could help us develop our outdoor area. We need help planting, creating a mud pit, relaying weed membranes and general DIY and woodwork skills. We have big plans but not the skills! If you or a family member could support us with this project please see a member of staff as soon as possible.

If you have any questions please come to see us.

Mrs Anguige and Mrs Robertson



Nursery News Letter

From your donations of £1 a week into our snack fund children have enjoyed wraps, pasta, crumpets, yogurts and cheese and biscuits recently. Your continued support helps us to offer children a wide variety of snack throughout the session.

Weekly Activities

We continue to offer a library service to your child on a Tuesday. We provide a range of books from the Schools Library Service for your child to borrow for a week at a time. When you are reading with your child, it is helpful to point to the words as you read and talk about what might happen next in the story.

In the classroom we are continuing to develop a reading tree. This is filling up with leaves with the children's favourite stories on. During story time we will share your child's book with the whole class.

Our class bears, Hettie and Humphrey are still visiting homes for adventures with children at the weekend. Their diaries are a pleasure to share with the class. Your children take great pride in telling their friends about the time they spent with our bears.

The cold weather is here, please ensure your child attends school each day with a warm coat had, gloves. We offer children continues provision this means that your children can choose to play inside or outside every session despite the weather conditions.

Please can we ask that you regularly check and rename your child's clothing. It is very important that you also write your child's name in their footwear.

Our Colour table has been a success thank you. Please support your child in leaving their coloured item on a Monday and picking it back up on a Friday. The following weeks colour can be found on our parents notice board.

