



EYFS Curriculum Overview

Spring Term 2 2023-2024

If you go down to the woods...

Communication, language and literacy

This half term we will be reading a variety of Traditional Tales, which will include:

- Goldilocks and The Three Bears
- Jack and the Beanstalk
- The Three Billy Goat's Gruff
- The Gingerbread Man

As part of this topic we will:

- Identify the characters, setting and events that take place through the beginning, middle and end of a story
- Sequence, act out and retell the stories in our own words (with the use of props)
- Act out and take a picture of our favourite scene to later write a sentence describing what is happening
- Begin to write our own versions of the stories whilst considering sentence structure and using simple punctuation
- Create our own traditional tale as a class

Phonics: To continue to revise Level 2 and 3 letters and their sounds and begin level 4. Children will be encouraged to read these confidently within words and sentences. An emphasis will also be placed on applying these sounds to their written work to write simple sentences independently.

Personal, social and emotional

We will be focusing on the Jigsaw unit 'Healthy Me' and learning about how we can keep ourselves healthy in lots of important ways including:

- The importance of exercise and discovering what happens in our bodies when we exercise
- Discussing healthy food choices
- Thinking about how we can keep our minds healthy too

Mathematics

This half term we continue to develop our understanding of number through:

- Representing numbers 0-10, including saying 1 more and 1 less than a number
- Identifying odd and even numbers and making doubles
- Exploring the composition of numbers by making numbers in different ways
- Exploring number bonds to 5 and 10, and begin to learn these for rapid recall

We will also be measuring and comparing different lengths and heights, and exploring the language of time.

Physical development

This half term we are very lucky to have Wycombe Wanderers taking our PE session on a Tuesday afternoon. We will be learning lots of new ball skills and will have the chance to try out our new football skills.

We will continue to provide the children with opportunities to:

- Develop their fine motor skills for writing using a variety of activities
- Develop their gross motor skills through playing in the reception garden using various equipment.

Understanding of the World

This half term we will be looking at traditional tales which will provide the opportunity to:

- Bake and decorate gingerbread men
- Look at journeys and think about our own journey to school and forest school
- Look at different maps and create our own map
- Compare living in the countryside to living in a town
- Study the lifecycle of a plant and grow our own beans
- Consider 'new life' and study the life cycle of ducklings

Creative

We will be making a variety of crafts linked to the traditional tales we are enjoying this half term. We will have a particular focus on junk modelling and joining materials effectively, as well as decorating and adding features to our models. Some of our crafts will include:

- Designing and making a home for Goldilocks and the Three Bears
- Using clay to sculpt the troll from the Three Billy Goat Gruff
- Using split pins to make moving models of characters from traditional tales
- We will also be using musical instruments to add sound effects to familiar stories

Key Vocabulary

Maths related vocabulary: Taller than, shorter than, tallest, shortest (height) Long, longer than, longest, short, shorter than, shortest (length) Seconds, minutes, hours. O'clock.

morning, afternoon, evening. Today, yesterday, tomorrow (time)

Topic related vocabulary:

- Characters, personality, appearance, setting, events, predict
- Journey, map, features