Fairy Tales with a Twist

We all love a good story and fairy tales are favourites the world over. Beginning with the familiar, we will be delving into a myriad of different versions: traditional tales with different characters, or different settings, or a change in the story itself which alters the outcome. This term we will be following the journey of "The Jolly Postman" to determine our tales and in Term 4, will be branching out to explore other stories.



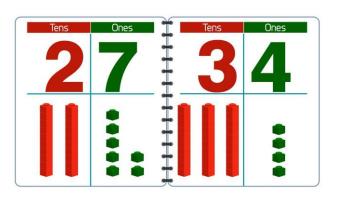
English

All of our writing this term will be based on the fairy tales that we are reading. The children will be writing letters, setting and character descriptions and writing their own stories. They will be learning to expand simple sentences with adjectives to make longer noun phrases and to join their ideas with the conjunction "and".

Reading will take place in both Read Write Inc. and the classroom and we will be reinforcing our phonics, blending and word building knowledge at every opportunity.

Maths

This term we consolidate our understanding of numbers to 20 working on using our number knowledge to add and subtract within 20. Moving on the children will learn numbers to 50. They will find out how to partition numbers into 10s and 1s and will compare and order numbers within these parameters.





PE

PE this term will be on Mondays and Fridays. Children should come into school on these days in their PE kit: black shorts, skorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings and a plain white T-shirt. Children may wear a plain black hoodie or sweatshirt for warmth, or their school jumper. Children who do not come into school wearing the correct kit, will be given a school PE kit to wear.

RE

Our RE topic this term, based on the Big Story of "Gospel", asks the question *What is the Good News that Jesus brings*? The children will learn that the stories about Jesus are found in the Gospels and that this is where Jesus gives instructions to people as to how to be a good Christian.

Science

This term our focus in science is on the human body. We will be finding out about the senses and why they are all important.

The children will learn about the changes in the human body since their birth and find out how to look after our bodies to ensure they continue to function effectively.



Art and Design Technology

We will begin the term looking at silhouettes, making silhouettes of ourselves and then looking at, and emulating, the work of illustrator and author Jan Pienkowski and his use of silhouette in his adaptations of traditional tales.

Towards the end of the term, the children will make wolf masks.



Reading

We will read with your child in school daily in RWI and at other times during the week, but the more you can read with your child at home, the more progress that they will make.

Practise the red words that are sent home on a sheet. These words are words that the children should be able to recognise and read with speed, without sounding out. The more of these words that the children are able to assimilate, the better their reading progress.

Do make sure that you re-read your child's reading book focusing on their reading fluency, but reading a book to them, listening to audio books and talking about stories are just as important!

Forest School

We are fortunate that the children are back in forest school this term. This will take place on Thursdays and children should come in to school in their own clothes on this day. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather conditions.





Music

This term our musical focus will concentrate on songs that tell the stories that we are working on in class. We will be accompanying with percussion and learning about how our voices can make different sounds.



Should you have any questions about your child's learning, then do come in and see us. Use Class Dojo or email us at:

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Alternatively make an appointment via Mrs Hollis in the office.