

Maths

This half term in maths we will focus on numbers 1-5. What do they look like, can we represent them, can we represent them in a different way? We will use a variety of different resources and manipulatives to help us. We will talk about what we notice and learn to explain our reasoning. We will then continue our learning by sorting objects into groups, how we can group, comparing groups and focusing on what is the same and what is different. Finally, we will compare numbers within 5, looking at early partitioning and addition. The children will enjoy these activities both inside and outside in their learning environment.



UTW -Computing

In computing with Miss Ella we will be learning how to use bee bots and learn pads. We will learn how to operate the equipment and use simple programs. We will make maps to follow and test our programming skills.



Reading and Writing

This half term we will be reading and writing all about different traditional tales - 'Goldilocks and The Three Bears', 'Little Red Riding Hood', 'The Three Little Pigs', 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff', 'The Gingerbread Man', and 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We will focus on using talk for writing, retelling through drama and role play. In English, we will be focusing on the characters and settings in the stories, writing initial sounds and short words to accompany. We will also focus on sequencing the traditional tales and talking about what happens at the beginning, middle and end. We will shortly begin phase 2 phonics, learning to recognise different graphemes and the sounds they make (phonemes.) We will play games to match initial sounds in words and begin to read and write different cvc words as our knowledge grows.



Will you read me a story?

Year R

This half term we will be learning all about traditional tales and storytelling. We will delve into different childhood stories and bring them to life across the curriculum!



Understanding the World (UTW)

We will be testing different materials to build houses in groups to help the three little pigs. We will name the materials and test which will make the best house! During harvest we will be looking at healthy eating, comparing and contrasting the different food groups and the importance and role of fruit and vegetables in our diets. We will be growing beans from seed, caring for and finding out what seeds need to grow. We will begin to think about the seasonal changes and talk about what we notice. We will practise naming the four different seasons.

In our Jack and the beanstalk week we will learn about local castles, who lived there and how did they live? Was it the same or different to us?



RE

We will focus on Christianity this half term. We will learn that Christians believe that God is the creator of the universe and what the earth provides. We will learn why looking after our world is important. For harvest we will take part in thanking God for food to eat through hymns, praise and worship.

Communication and Language

We will focus on our communication and language skills by playing instructional games and practising asking questions. We will play games to get to know each other and introduce ourselves to our friends. We will share stories in small groups and as a class, ensuring we take turns and listen to others carefully. We will focus on asking and answering questions - who, where, what, when and where. In drama we will take on different character roles and think carefully about settings in stories within our traditional tales topic. We will use hot seating and role on the wall to capture our ideas. By reading lots of stories, we will focus on broadening our vocabulary and find out the meaning of lots of new words!



Physical, social and emotional development (PSED)

In PSED with Mrs York this half term the children will focus on their feelings and how their own feelings can affect others. We will read many different social stories and reflect on what they have taught us. Another main focus is teamwork and communication, how to be a successful communicator and what this looks like in the classroom. We will learn about doing different jobs in and the purpose behind these roles and responsibilities.



Expressive Arts (EAD)

In art we will be making harvest prints, traditional tales collages, and focus on improving our drawing skills. We will explore colour mixing making secondary colours. In music this half term we are going to use a variety of different instruments to explore rhythm and make soundscapes in groups. We will focus on moving to the beat and join in with Harvest songs and traditional dances. In DT we will be making finger puppets, bear masks and group houses, focusing on cutting, joining and attaching materials. We will also make gingerbread characters - combining ingredients and observing changes.