



Class Name: Early Years

**Curriculum Overview
Topic: Once Upon a Time**

Summer 2

Communication and Language

This term we will continue to develop our listening skills through our daily story and rhyme time. In addition, we will focus on:

Nursery 1:

- Listening to our friends and teacher by looking at the person speaking
- Joining in with familiar nursery rhymes

Nursery 2:

- Listening to longer stories and remembering more details
- Understanding 'how' questions
- Using 'and' and 'because' to add more to our sentences as we speak

Reception

- Using the past, present and future tense to talk about our ideas
- Answering who, what, where, when and how questions as we listen to stories
- Use new vocabulary we have learnt

PSED

This term, we will be thinking about ways to keep ourselves safe. Including:

- Water and beach safety
- Sun safety
- Moving on and up- transition into our new year groups

Nursery 1:

- Following safety rules and routines in our setting

Nursery 2:

- Practising our skills of negotiation and compromise and remembering appropriate ways of being assertive

Reception

- Thinking about who we can talk to about any worries we might have and how we can help others feel better
- Selecting appropriate resources in our self-chosen activities and confidence in our play with peers

Expressive Arts and Design

- Colour mixing
- Painting using Van Gogh's 'Sunflowers' as inspiration

Music:

- Composing a pattern using body percussions
- Performing it to a steady beat
- Clapping games
- Finding the beat in music.

Physical Development

Nursery 1:

- Turning pages in books carefully, one at a time
- Using four fingers to hold a mark making tool (like a pencil or crayon)
- Putting on our own coats/cardigans

Nursery 2:

- In Drawing Club we will be learning to hold a pencil with our pincer grip
- Talking about how exercise affects our bodies (breathing faster, heart beating quicker)

Reception:

- Continuing to make sure we form each letter and numeral correctly, including capital letters
- Talking about how exercise makes us feel and why exercise is important
- PE this term will be ball skills

Literacy

Our topic this term is 'Once Upon a Time.' As we explore this topic, we will be developing our English skills to:

Nursery

- Continue to work through initial sounds in words, focusing on sounds m, a, s, d, t
- Clapping syllables in words and counting how many syllables there are
- Using story language to explore and retell stories

Reception

- Practise our new sounds and learning to write these into words and in sentences
- Reading and writing sentences with these sounds in
- Retelling traditional tales and creating our own stories using different characters

Key Texts:

- Jack and the Beanstalk
- Jasper's Beanstalk
- The Tiny Seed
- Hansel and Gretel (Traditional and version by Beth Woolvin)
- Sleeping Beauty

Maths

This half term we will be continuing to develop our number knowledge by focusing on:

Nursery

- Learning about each number (1-5) by being able to count, recognise and write the numeral and subitise

Reception

- Finding ways to make 6, 7 and 8
- Recapping any areas that we need a bit more practise with
- Using positional and directional language
- Creating our own patterns and explaining the rules we have used

Understanding the World

People, Culture and Communities:

- Special stories from different faiths
- Christianity: Stories about Jesus
- Judaism and Christianity: Noah's Ark
- Islam: Muhammed and the Kittens
- What do these stories teach people? Which stories do you enjoy?

The Natural World

- Growing plants and changes
- Plant life cycles

Past and Present

- Special memories of our year

Teacher's Notes & Weekly Timetable

Monday- Library Day (ensure library book is in your child's book bag)

Tuesday- Forest School (bring wellies and waterproofs in a named bag. Sun hat will be needed when appropriate)

Thursday- PE (come to school wearing PE kit- Reception only)

Friday- Swap school reading books (Reception only)

Homework

- Children in Reception will have a weekly reading book. Please read with your child regularly at home and write in their Reading Record
- Weekly 'You and Me Challenge' sent in books each Friday. Please complete and return the following Friday

Messages and Dates

- Check Tapestry for observations of your child's learning and messages about upcoming events and reminders using the 'observations' and 'memos' sections
- Tuesday 23rd June: New to Reception parents meeting 8:50am
- Thursday 2nd July: Transition morning for new Reception and new Year 1