

Fairy Tales Castles

Our topic this half term is 'Fairy tales' and 'Castles'. We will also begin to learn about plants and start our growing topic.



Literacy

This half term's main book focus will be fiction and we will be reading different tradition tales. We will use our imagination to create our own fictional characters and use these to write our own stories.

Mathematics

We will use our topic to create opportunities for children to problem solve and show their understanding of number.

Understanding the World

We will plant seeds and watch how they grow. We will learn how to care and look after plants to help them to grow. We will read some traditional tales from other countries and compare these to ones we already know.

PSHE—Me and learning

There will be lots of opportunities for collaborative work during our topic. We will talk about the morals of different fairy tales and talk about whether we agree with how characters react and respond in the stories.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will create art work themed around the fairy tales that we will look at. To begin with we will create art work linked to 'Jack and the Beanstalk'.

Physical development

P.E lessons will be on a Wednesday afternoon and a Friday afternoon. We will try to get outside as much as possible so please make sure your child has appropriate kit and make sure this is in school each week.



Literacy

We will continue our phonics sessions. We will continue to encourage writing in the different provision areas and encourage independence when writing. We will continue to focus on correct letter formation and will continue to develop our sentence writing skills.

Mathematics

We will be introducing measures and look at height, length, capacity and weight. We will compare objects and use practical objects to solve problems. We will introduce the concepts sharing, halving and doubling throughout this term.

Water

We will focus on capacity and have many different capacity challenges.

Other areas of provision within the classroom

Role-Play

The children will have the opportunity to use open-ended resources to create their own role-play in the canopy with particular resources to encourage the children to retell and create their own fairy tales.

Computing

The children will have continuous access to ICT. We will use different apps on the ipad to develop our early coding skills. We will also use simple word processors to practise typing.

Small world

There will be themed resources for the children to use to enhance their small world story telling. We will also set up a 'Jack and the Beanstalk' themed area.

Investigation area

We will look at different bean seeds and make predictions about which bean will grow into the tallest beanstalk. We will carry out different experiments to see if we can grow the tallest beanstalk.



At home you could talk about:

- Different fairy tales
- The things that plants need to grow
- Castles

You could read:

Books about giants and castles

Did you read a fiction or non-fiction book?

School Trip

A reminder that we will be visiting Nell Bank on Friday 10th May.

At home you could:

- Make a giants castle
- Create your own fairy tale
- Plant a bean- can you grow your own beanstalk
- Care for a plant you have at home- what does it need to help it grow?

