

What are we learning about this half term?

The theme for our learning this half term is '*Traditional Tales*' with a focus on the stories of 'The Gingerbread Man', 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and 'The Enormous Turnip'. We will be making our own gingerbread men and using this as a stimulus for writing instructions. As part of the theme we will be exploring what plants need to grow and closely observing the beans that we plant. The children are now in their final term in Reception and as a result we are increasing the pace of work and preparing them for Year 1 and the National Curriculum. Many thanks for your continued support, the children gain a lot of pleasure from sharing their home learning and experiences with the class. If you have any expertise or resources to support us in making our new topic as exciting as possible, please let us know.

Literacy

As readers, we will be learning to;

- read words containing the digraphs and trigraphs we know
- describe the main events in simple stories
- use narrative to retell a story
- know the difference between fiction and non-fiction texts

As writers, we will be learning to;

- describe the plot and characters in our writing
- use bossy words when writing instructions
- spell common irregular words (keywords)
- read our own writing



Reception Class



Mathematics

As mathematicians we will be learning to;

- use the correct vocabulary to talk about weight and capacity
- estimate, measure and compare objects
- solve mathematical problems
- double and halve numbers
- write addition and subtraction number sentences
- talk about money using the correct words

Understanding of the World

- As scientists, we will be noticing and talking about the changes that happen to plants.
- We will be talking about the features of plants and what they need to grow.
- As technicians we will be discussing the different technology that we use in school, around our home and in the environment.

Religious Education

- As Spiritual Thinkers we will be reflecting on the different beliefs people have and why it is important to be respectful. We will be listening to some stories from the Bible that Jesus told, making links with traditional tales. We will continue to enjoy our shared worship time as a school.

Expressive Arts and Design

- As musicians, we will be building a repertoire of songs, accompanied by musical instruments
- As artists, we will be looking at observational paintings of still life by Cezanne and discussing our own and others art work recognising different strengths between them.
- As designers we will be experimenting with colour form and function and designing a house for Jack and the Gingerbread Man.

Physical Development

- As gymnasts, we will be learning to move along, over and through different apparatus.
- We will be learning to handle equipment and tools with dexterity.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- We will be listening to and taking account of other people's suggestions independently.
- We will be talking about the plans we make and improvements that could be made.
- Throughout the day, we are learning to be reflective and resourceful, to persevere and collaborate.

School Value

- Our whole school value for this half term is 'Creativity'.

Class Routines

- Classes will alternate weekly between Forest school sessions and class PE (see timetable below).
- Swimming will continue to be on a Wednesday morning.
- Sport will continue on Tuesday afternoons. Please ensure your child brings their outdoor kit on a Tuesday.
- Reading books will be changed twice a week. Remember to keep a record in your child's planner when they read at home. Regular reading at home and practising keywords is **very** important.
- Children need a water bottle in school each day.

Forest School and PE timetable

	RD	RJ
Thursday 27 th April	Forest School	P.E.
Thursday 4 th May	P.E.	Forest School
Thursday 11 th May	Forest School	P.E.
Thursday 18 th May	P.E.	Forest School
Thursday 25 th May	Forest School	P.E.



Creating maps to show what happens in the story of 'The Gingerbread Man'



RD enjoying their first Forest school