

Stories and Songs we are teaching this term

We will be focusing on traditional tales this term using the characters in a range of lessons. Specifically, we will be looking at Princesses, the Gingerbread Man, the Frog Prince, the Pied Piper and Jack in the beanstalk.

Sensory Story

Our story is based on the traditional tale of 'Sleeping Beauty' and is an adaptation by the author Gwendolen Benjamin. In her story there is a Prince who shows remarkable determination and persistence in confronting difficulty when faced with the challenge of a forest of thorns to find his Princess. There will be fairies and glitter and lots of forest smells and sounds.

Literacy and Phonics

This term we will be focusing on repeating initial sounds with alliteration. The story we will be reading is based on the Traditional tale of 'The Princess and the Pea' with an emphasis on repeating the 'p' sound. We have a Princess, a Prince who lives in a pink palace and of course the essential pea.

In RWI we will be continuing to focus on the first set of initial sounds.

Problem Solving and Reasoning

We will start the term looking at number. All of our sessions start with counting songs that the pupils choose using their topic boards. We will then move on to look at representing number. Some of us will be working on attaching meaning to pictures and symbols by engaging in choosing activities. Others will be exploring a fairy tale I-spy activity where we will be making marks for the number of characters we find and then identifying the numeral.

At the end of the term we will be working on comparing quantities using items from all the stories we have been exploring and working on the concepts of more and less.

Myths and Legend's

Term 5

TOUCAN CLASS



How you Can help at home.

We would love to see the all the lovely things you do at home. Remember that you can use Evisense to share this with us. Here are some ideas that you can use at home.

Read, listen to and watch some traditional tales.
Encourage your children to identify the characters.

Painting and gardening will be big focus for us this term, maybe enjoy some of these activities around the home too.

Other Curriculum areas:

Thematic Learning: We will be starting the term with a fairy tale scavenger hunt. We will be introduced to some of the characters we will be looking at over the term and be working on matching images. Each image will have an accompanying sensory stimulus i.e. the scent of ginger for the gingerbread man and water for the frog prince.

We will be using traditional tales to shape our Sensology sessions this term. We will start with Jack and the Beanstalk and awake all five senses with different parts of the story. During these sessions we will be working on our communication skills by either linking objects to symbols or increasing our vocabulary by commenting and/ or describing.

Topic: We will be looking at the story of 'Peter Pan' and create a fairy garden home for Tinkerbell the fairy. We will be working with simple tools to create our fairy garden as part of our DT. At the end of term we will celebrate with a special fairy picnic in our Sensory garden where we will be looking for hidden fairy doors.

Art: This term we are focusing on making choices between colours and learning the process we need to follow to paint. We will be painting magic beans and fairy doors. We will also be working on our use of tools in making gingerbread men.

Cooking: We will be focusing on our spreading skills. We will be icing and decorating fairy cakes, and spreading butter on bread as part of making fairy bread. We will also be icing and decorating biscuits for our St George's Day and the King's Coronation celebration at school.

Music: We are getting really great at learnt responses in Toucan class and have really made progress in using our voices and/ or instruments to fill pauses. This term we will be focusing on actions songs again having really enjoyed this previously as a part of body percussion in phonics.

Highlights

St George's day and Coronation Celebration: Fri 28th April

Music For Autism Visit: Fri 12th May

Corner Stone Theatre Trips: Thurs 20th and Fri 21st April