



Topic: 'Once Upon a Time'



Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope this half term will be exciting and inspiring for the children. In our topic 'Once Upon a Time' we will be exploring stories old and new, and considering what makes them special.

We will also be growing our own 'magic beans' and creating our own props for use in role-play.

We can't wait for the adventure to begin!

OUR DRIVING QUESTION: How can we, as storytellers, create a new story for people to enjoy?

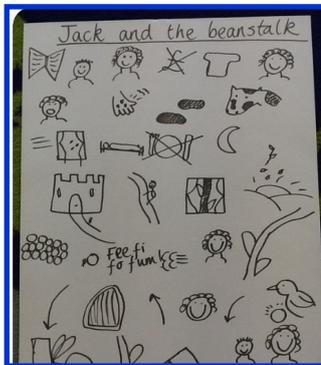
AS READERS:

We will be sharing a variety of books and poems as part of our Read Aloud curriculum, including 'Amazing' by Steve Antony and 'The Proudest Blue' by Ibtihaj Muhammad.

We will continue to practise answering and asking questions about what we have read and making predictions, and will start to consider the 'setting' of stories and the different 'characters' that we read about.

AS MATHEMATICIANS:

We will be starting to work beyond 10, learning 'To 20 and beyond'. We will explore our numbers in many ways using the principles of sorting and matching, comparing and ordering.



AS WRITERS:

We will be using a Talk for Writing approach to create our own fairytale themed story based on the Traditional Tale Jack and the Beanstalk. We will also be using new language to write predictions about what might happen next in a story as well as continuing to enjoy writing opportunities across a wide variety of different tasks and activities during play.

AS DESIGNERS AND ARTISTS:

We will be using and exploring a range of materials as we design and create our own props and costumes to re-tell our stories.



AS A COMMUNITY:

As part of our PSHE topic 'Proud to be Me' we will consider how small acts of kindness can make a big difference; and the things we can be proud to do to be kind everyday.

AS ATHLETES:

We will continue to enjoy some simple team games, and will start to learn about athletics events ready for a Sports Day.

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Bug Club:

Bug Club is an online interactive reading programme which also enables the children to play Phonics Games.

Please speak to a member of the Reception Team if you require any further support in accessing this.



TAPESTRY:

Please log in to your child's account to see what they have been learning. We would be happy to resend any passwords that may have been mislaid. Please let us know.

TIME TO TALK:

Can you talk to your child about their favourite story and why? You could record them sharing their ideas and upload to Tapestry for us to see. Have fun!

PHONICS: This half term we will be continuing to use lots of fun and exciting ways to support the children to hear and write the sounds in words.

We will continue to segment words to write, and blend them to read.

The children will continue to practise phase 2 and 3 and start to learn phase 4, including tricky words.

