

## Reception class—Spring (Term 3)

We hope that you've all had a wonderful Christmas and that the children are excited to come back to school for more learning in 2025! Our new topic for the coming term is called, 'Once upon a time!' The children will be focusing on learning through the stories, 'Rapunzel' and 'The Gingerbread Man' as well as listening to lots of other traditional tales.

We will continue to change reading books/sheets and library books on a Monday. Children will also receive an additional book or sheet on a Friday that they've read over the week during phonics lessons. The children read daily in school but we encourage them all to read as much as possible at home too. If they do read at home, please can the reading diary be signed each time they've read. Our aim is that every child reads for at least three times every week, rereading books for fluency.

This term we also welcome Mrs Hickey back into our EYFS class, who is very much looking forward to getting to know and teaching the children.

### **We also have a few dates and advanced notices for your diaries!**

- PE will now be on a **Monday** and wood school will be on **Wednesdays**. PE kit to be worn please on these days.
- Book look—Monday 9th February (from 3pm)
- Thursday 5th March - world book day
- Reception class would like to invite the Mums (or one different special person) in for a stay and play on Friday 13th March at 9am to celebrate Mothering Sunday. There will also be a drink and cake served by the children!

We are so excited for another fantastic term!

Mrs Spencer, Mrs Hickey and Mrs Handley

## Maths

In Maths, we will be refining our number formation to 10.

We will also focus on:

- Number bonds (pairs of numbers that make 5)
- Addition facts to 5 (and beyond)
- Subtraction facts to 5 (and beyond)
- One more/one less of a number to 10
- Weight (heavy/light), Capacity (empty/full/nearly full)
- Shape—names of 3D shapes.

## Phonics

We will be using the sounds that we have learnt previously to read simple 3 letter words and some of the tricky 'red' words. Alongside reading, we will be focusing on letter formation and using our fab skills to write CVC words (and in some cases CCVC/CVCC words which contain a 'special friend' such as sh/th/ch).

## Talk 4 writing

Children will learn to sequence, retell and discuss the story of, 'Rapunzel' and 'The Gingerbread Man'. We will be looking at characters from different fairy tales and discussing which are 'good' and which are 'bad.' The children will also learn to alter the story maps to create storylines using their own ideas. Lastly, the children will be encouraged to act out and perform their own stories to a small group of children.

# Once upon a time...

## Spring Term A

### RE

In RE lessons, children will be learning about the Hindu festival of Holi and how it is celebrated.

They will explore the festival through looking at artwork, stories and having a Holi party!

### EAD

EAD sessions will focus on exploring different types of media such as painting, craft, large scale construction and collage. Examples of activities that the children will undertake are: Creating brick prints using lego blocks by colour mixing grey as well as creating puppets using split pins.

### End of day texts

- The Gruffalo—Julia Donaldson
- Harry and the bucketful of dinosaurs—Ian Whybrow

*Please see our school website for the full list of texts!*

### PSED

Jigsaw (PSED) will be entitled 'Dreams and Goals', with a focus on challenges that we might face and how we can overcome these. We will also be setting our own goals and thinking about how we can achieve these goals.

### Understanding the World

In our Understanding the World sessions, we will be looking at how the seasons have changed now that we're in Winter. We will also be looking at old and new objects and how homes have changed from the past.

### Physical Development

Physical skills sessions will now take place on a Monday morning. The children will be taking part in Dance sessions in the hall as well as developing catching and throwing techniques. Wood school sessions will now be on a Wednesday in our environmental area.