

In Communication and Language...

We will be learning to listen to stories carefully, asking and answering questions about what they have seen and heard.
We will learn to make predictions about what will happen next in the story and why.
We will be learning how to imitate the story, Dear Santa, using a story map and Talk for Writing actions.
We will use language learnt from the story within our free choice play.
We will use character voices and expression as we imagine and recreate roles.

In Physical Development...

We will be learning how to use a pencil to form recognisable letters.
We will explore nursery rhymes through movement and parachute games.
We will be learning about a healthy diet; why vegetables are important and where they come from.
We will be learning how to use knives and forks when eating our lunch, spreading icing and mashers for mashing potatoes.
We will be learning how to get dressed and undressed for PE.

In Personal, Social and Emotional Development...

We will be learning how to work as a team to solve a problem.
We will be learning about characters feelings and how they show different emotions.
We will be learning how to be a good friend just like the characters in Room on the Broom.
We will be learning how to develop our confidence by performing the Dear Santa story to our friends and family.

Our Cornerstone Value Links are...

Radiance: We will shine during our performance of Dear Santa.
Joy: We will show joy as we learn and engage in all activities.
Wonder: We will demonstrate wonder of the farming world and wonder how vegetables grow. We will wonder about and investigate the natural seasonal changes that happen in our local environment.
Excellence: We will strive for excellence throughout this topic

Advent Term

Brilliant British Authors: Mystery, Wonder, Magic and Sparkle

Who will we meet in the Deep Dark Wood?



In Literacy...

Through phonics, we will be learning to read simple sentences linked to the stories within our topic.
We will retell stories in the role play areas and use puppets and small world figures within play.
We will be learning how to continue a rhyming string through reading and writing, using characters from the stories as a starting point.
We will be learning how to write single words and phrases relating to the stories in our topic.

In Mathematics...

We will be learning to name and describe 2D shapes and using them to create shape pictures.
We will be learning to compare weights by weighing different vegetables.
We will be learning the language of subtraction as the Red Dragon eats the Room on the Broom characters.
We will be learning how to add one more using the language of addition as each new character joins the broomstick.

In Understanding the World...

We will investigate how chocolate changes when it is heated as we follow a recipe to make Gruffalo Crumble.
We will be learning about nocturnal animals.
We will explore signs of Autumn and take photos using Ipads as we walk through the local area to the park.
We will be learning about life as a farmer at harvest time.
We will be investigating, cooking and eating potatoes.
We will be using our senses to describe our own potions.

In Expressive Arts and Design...

We will be learning a range of songs inspired by the stories that we read.
We will watch the stage production of The Gruffalo and possibly visit a real theatre (dependent on theatre schedules).
We will be learning different craft techniques as we create; a Gruffalo collage, construct a house for the Little Brown Mouse and create an owl collage.
We will be exploring different ways of printing with natural resources: leaves, apples and potatoes.
We will be learning a Harvest Samba song and how to play percussion instruments in time to the beat.
We will be learning how to mix colours to create a new colour.

Enrichment Links are...

Go for a walk around the local area, heading towards Jubilee Park:
Activity 1: Take photos of Autumnal signs and changes
Activity 2: Gather natural resources; leaves, acorns, pine cones. Walk, dance and sing through the leaves
We will be taking part in World Nursery Rhyme Week; learning a rhyme a day and participating in a variety of craft, literacy, number and music activities.