

Spring 2022 – Curriculum News



January 2022

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and the children managed to get some well-deserved rest! This term our theme is 'Once Upon a Time' and we will be focusing on a selection of Traditional Tales including; The Gingerbread Man, The Enormous Turnip and The Elves and the Shoemaker. Children will continue to take part in a range of engaging cross-curricular activities to enhance their learning. Activities will be challenging and appropriate for everyone.

Alongside our theme we will also learn about festivals celebrated around the world including, Chinese New Year, Mother's Day and Easter.

PE

PE will continue to be on a **Monday** and will be led by our PE specialist Mr Newson. Please make sure your child comes to school dressed in a full PE kit including appropriate footwear. Our PE session will be outside so please ensure your child has suitable clothing and a coat. Long hair must be tied up and earrings need to be removed for safety reasons. If a child comes in wearing earrings they will not be allowed to take part.



Reading

We will continue to hear your child read once a week through individual reading or guided (group) reading.

Please ensure your child has their reading log and book in school every Monday as this is when we will collect in books and then send them home again on a Thursday. Don't forget to record every child you hear your child read.

Along with hearing your child read their book three times a week please also continue to spend 5 minutes every day supporting your child with their rainbow word cards. If they can read them you could practise writing them and even write them in simple sentences.



Outdoor Learning

During the afternoon children will continue to take part in our 'Discover and do' sessions and 'Welly Wednesdays'. For these your child will need a pair of named wellies in school along with a warm waterproof coat.



Maths

We will be counting, ordering, and identifying one more and one less with numbers up to 20. Children will continue to develop their skills when using a number line as a strategy to add and take away. We will be developing an understanding of the concepts of weight, capacity and time along with consolidating our knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes.



Rainbow Challenges

Design and make your own puppet.

Make up a different story ending to your favourite traditional tale. Can you act it out then draw and write about it?

Read 2 different traditional tales. Which is your favourite and why?

Make your own 3D story scene in a shoe box).

Please upload photos onto Showbie.



Literacy

We will be reading and writing simple captions/sentences. Children will be learning to use finger spaces, full stops and capital letters. Please ensure your child forms all their letters correctly at home, using the Thrass card to help them. Please also support your child to use the sounds that they know when writing the words that they sound out - for example they may write the word story as 'storee'.



Reception Staff

Australia Class

Mrs Mayes

Early Years Leader /Class teacher

Brazil Class

Miss Ogg

Class teacher

Chile Class

Miss Cordell

Class teacher

(Mon, Thr, Fri)

Mrs Edison

Class teacher

(Tues, Wed)

**Mrs Whelan, Mrs Beadle
Hood and Mrs Harden**

Early Years Practitioners

Spring Term Key Dates

**'End of Year Expectations'
Thursday 3rd February (Further
details to follow including times
and venue)**

This session will explain the outcomes children need to achieve to be working at an expected level at the end of the reception year.

Parents Evenings

Dates TBC

Half Term

Week beginning 21st February

Easter

The Spring Term ends on
Friday 8th April.