

## Reception – Summer 1



In **Reception**, our topic for this term will see us exploring Traditional Tales.

We will be reading books written long ago including Jack and the Beanstalk and The Three Little Pigs. The children will be using all areas of learning to learn facts about living things. These will include where animals live, why and how we grow plants and vegetables to eat.

With spring upon us, we will be learning about spring time, the changes in seasons and how plants grow.

In **literacy** this half term, the children will be retelling stories linked to the topic. We will be looking in detail at stories, what are the main points of a story and how we can describe characters. We will retell the stories with our friends and enjoy acting out the stories to an audience.  
*We will continue our hard work to help children learn their phonics sounds and letter formation.*

In **mathematics** this half-term, we will be looking at numbers to 20 and beyond! We will be learning to recognise numbers bigger than 10 and be able to count the number of objects to match!

*We will continue our hard work to help children develop their understanding of number for their Rainbow Passport.*

**In our Topic-driven afternoons we will be:** (cross-curricular learning opportunities)

### Communication and Language / Literacy

The children will learn facts about plants, humans and animals using information books and computers. They will talk about the stories they know and what stories they share at home. The children will write descriptions of characters using phonic skills and write simple stories. We will share traditional stories, such as The Three Billy Goats Gruff and Jack and the Beanstalk and look at newer versions of stories like Jaspers Beanstalk and The Troll.

### Outdoor Learning

We will use the outdoor environment to investigate the changes in seasons. We will look at the new plants that are growing and the changes in weather. We will grow our own vegetables – thinking very carefully how we can help them to grow big and strong.

### Knowledge and Understanding of the World

This half term we will identify and name the different things needed to help a seed grow, as well as recognising what will not help. We will also experiment with plants and watch what happens when we don't have everything we need to help plants grow.

### Expressive Arts & Design

Based on the understanding we will gain through the Topic work, we will be learning how to tell the stories we know as a group. We will sing songs linked to traditional tales and growing.

In Reception, children have the opportunity to learn outside in all weathers, please ensure your child has appropriate clothing to enjoy their outdoor learning.

### Important Dates:

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – May Day Bank Holiday  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Local Elections (Remote Learning)  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May – School Closes  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June – School Opens

### You can help your child's learning by:

- ✓ Talking to me about the Topics I've been learning in school.
- ✓ Asking me to apply my maths skills in real life situations (e.g. counting teddy bears).
- ✓ Listening to me read every night and asking questions.
- ✓ Supporting me with my homework tasks.
- ✓ Helping me to practise my phonic sounds.
- ✓ Share the work I do at home on class Dojo.