



Find out all about our Spring 2 Topic – Once Upon a Time...

Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely half term break! We are looking forward to an exciting term with lots of learning opportunities linked to our topic 'Traditional Tales'.

Term Dates: Monday 23rd February to Thursday 2nd April.

Email Mrs Downey on: reception1@stveronicas.co.uk for any further information.

Don't forget: Please continue to work on letter and number formation with your child at home. Please carry on reading with your child as much as possible and don't forget to sign the reading diary and complete 1 topic homework activity a week.

Please ensure your child brings a named hat and gloves to school each day.

PE this term will take place on Friday afternoon, please remember to remove all jewellery and please can children wear socks rather than tights. If you have any spare seeds and compost, please can you send them into school for the children to use.

COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

This half term the children will learn lots of new vocabulary linked to the topic. The children will be encouraged to use this vocabulary in the different themed role play areas. The children will be retelling traditional tales as well as describing the different settings, characters and events in the stories and acting out the stories using character voices. The children will be encouraged to share their ideas, ask questions and respond to what others say. Children will be supported to speak in full sentences and to use the correct tense when talking. Please continue to send in your children's 'star moments' so that they can share their achievements outside of school with the class.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The school follows the Coram Life Education scheme.

Our topic this half term is: Rights and Respect.

The children will learn about the special people in their life and how to help and care for people in need. The children will be thinking about how they can help out at home, at school and in the environment. They will be learning about money and why it is important to save money.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

In P.E this half term, the children will focus on the fundamental skills - rolling, walking, running, skipping, crawling jumping, hopping and climbing linked to the theme of Jack and the Beanstalk.

In other areas of physical development, we will continue to work on our gross motor skills using the large PE apparatus and large balls to kick, pass and catch. The children will also continue to develop their fine motor skills including holding a pencil in a tripod grip, forming our letters correctly and developing our cutting skills.

RE

In our RE sessions, we will be exploring the theme "Desert to Garden". The children will learn that when things seem empty, difficult or lonely (like a desert), God's love can bring new life, hope and happiness (like a garden). Through Bible Stories, prayer and activities, the children will learn that God cares for the world and for each of us. They will also explore new life in nature and think about how we can care for God's creation.

LITERACY

The children will be exploring different texts such as 'Goldilocks and the 3 Bears' 'The Gingerbread Man' 'The 3 Billy Goats Gruff' and 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. They will be writing speech bubbles, instructions, using 'wow' words (adjectives) to describe the characters in the stories and retelling the stories. The children will continue to learn to form their lowercase and capital letters correctly. Children will use their phonic knowledge to read and write simple words, captions and sentences.

MATHS

In maths we will continue working on the Mastering Number programme to help the children develop confidence with numbers. The children will practise counting, comparing groups and using language of more and less. They will also explore how numbers can be made in different ways, learn doubles, and continue building a strong understanding of numbers to 10 through games and practical activities. The children will begin to explore 3D shapes, recognising and naming them, finding 2D shapes within 3D shapes and finding 3D shapes in our environment.

UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD

The children will be making porridge and Gingerbread Men, they will be learning about ingredients, instructions, measuring and how the ingredients changes as it is heated up and cooked. The children will explore and make predictions to see if the Gingerbread Man will float or sink when swimming in the river. The children will also be constructing bridges for the 3 Billy Goats to cross. As we enter spring time the children will once again explore the seasons and the weather, the children will plant and grow a variety of seeds.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

The school follows the Charanga scheme of work and the topic this half term is – Our World. The children will be learning to sing and play instruments to nursery rhymes and action songs. They will be listening and responding to different styles of music, sing and learn to play instruments within a song and share and perform what they have learnt. The children will role-play/ small world play the characters from the stories as well as creating imaginary situations linked to what they know. They will be painting pictures of characters from the stories and completing observational drawing of plants and flowers.