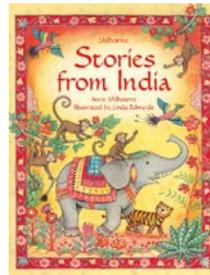


Dear Parents/Carers, This information gives a brief idea of the things we will be learning about in the coming half term. More detailed information can be found in our planning on the Parents' Information wall in the classroom. If you need any further information please feel free to call in and see us. Thank-you for your continued support.

This term's topic is Once Upon a Time...



This term we will be looking at a variety of stories including some from around the world and some written by a particular author. We will be learning about the features of stories, settings, characters, plots etc, and the style of writing. Our role play will be a 'home corner' that can change to suit different tales, the children will be involved in changing the appearance of the role play and how they use it.

Literacy

We will be reading and re-writing some traditional stories from our own and other cultures. We will be writing simple sentences using patterned language using the repeated phrases taken from familiar stories - Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks, Red Riding Hood, Hansel & Gretel, Gingerbread Man, Each Peach pear Plum, Once Upon a Time, Jolly Postman, alternative tales. Our grammar work will include learning to use suffixes and prefixes.

Maths

In maths we will begin to look at fractions of numbers and shapes including turns as well as continuing with identifying numbers and counting accurately with 1 to 1 correspondence. We will begin to measure capacity and continue comparing length and mass.

Science

Our investigation focus this term will be materials and their properties. We will continue to study the weather and seasonal changes.

Art & DT

In DT and Art we will be learning about different textures and weaving techniques and building stable structure with a variety of materials.

Learning at home.

Please listen to your child read at home everyday, it has such an impact on their progress and also helps towards their reading challenge! Please help your Year 1 child to recognise numbers up to and beyond 100. They also need to read and write number names to 20. With reception children, practice writing their 1st and last name using correct letter formation. Also help them to learn number bonds to 10 and read and write numbers to 20. We will sometimes have a chocolate button challenge on Fridays and your child will have a small task to practice during the week before.

Other Information

Resources in school get a lot of use and we regularly need to replace items due to wear and tear. We are always looking for anything we can use in class including, but not limited to, things like notebooks, old diaries, colouring books, dot to dot books, pencils, crayons, pegs, scrap fabrics, non-fiction books, bath/water & sand toys, pipes, funnels, tubes, cable ties, old pots and pans, dressing up clothes. In fact anything you no longer need that we might be able to make something out of !

Children will read with an adult daily so they need to bring their book bag and reading record each day. They also need to keep a PE kit in school; an old T shirt and shorts and a pair of pumps or trainers is fine. PE is on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays so please remove earrings on these days as children will not be allowed to take part if they have them in.