

This half term, we are going to be following the Traditional Tale theme: 'Once Upon a Story'

### **'What will I be learning about?'**

We will be using this theme to explore Traditional tales and the meaning behind them. We will be looking at 'twisted tales' and creating our own stories.

### **PSHCE - Jig saw Piece Healthy me**

We will be exploring diets and thinking about what our body needs to be healthy. We will be thinking about healthy food and making some healthy foods.

**PE** - We will be starting our Yoga unit in which we will be learning about different yoga positions and exploring how yoga can make us feel calm. We will practise different stretches and be doing lots of collaborative learning when exercising yoga routines.

**RE** - As it is coming up to Easter, we will be using this half term to learn about the Easter story and understand why Easter is celebrated. We will also be exploring the teachings of Jesus.

**Art Drawing and Painting** - We will be continuing to study the work of Paul Klee, looking particularly at his piece 'The Cathedral and the We'. We will be exploring how charcoal and water colours can be used to produce artwork and experiments with different media to produce our own pieces of art work inspired by Paul Klee.

**Computing** - 'Digital Writing,' we will be using the skills we have built up this year so far to begin learning how to type and produce work on Microsoft Word.

**English - Reading and phonics is our number one priority. Reading holds the key that allows your child to access their learning across the whole curriculum.**

*We will be reviewing our phonics daily as well as additional intervention groups for the children who need it.*

*In addition to this, children are reading daily in guided reading groups and sharing lots of exciting books as a class.*

**Some of the books we are sharing as a class are -**

Jack and the Beanstalk  
Goldilocks and the Three Bears  
Little Red Riding Hood  
Jack's Beanstalk Stinks  
The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig

We will begin the half term learning about and sequencing traditional tales and then begin to look at and re-write the tales with a twist.

We will be reading a lot of different non-fiction books to independently research facts about healthy eating, castles and animals.

We can't stress enough how important reading at home is. Please could you ensure your child has their yellow liaison book and reading book every day.

We will be writing stories, character descriptions and poems.

**Phonics** - We are continuing to learn how to spell year 1 and 2 common exception words.

We will be revisiting all phase 3 sounds, as well as the phase 5 sounds we learnt last term. We will also continue learning some new phase 5 alternate graphemes this half term. Some children will be continuing to access phonics interventions.

### **Science**

Science will be taught in separate year groups. We are all continuing to explore animals, including humans.

Year 1 will be continuing to explore animals and humans and particularly we will be exploring our senses by conducting a range of experiments and giving the children the chance to design and carry out their own experiments.

Year 2 will be continuing to explore health within animals including humans. The children will be given lots of chance to conduct and design experiments. They will then go on to exploring plants and what they need to survive.

### **History**

This half term we will be exploring castles. We will be looking at castles around the British Isles and looking closely at Conisborough castle. In this we will be learning about significant places within our locality.

### **Geography**

This half term we will be exploring where our food comes from, this will link closely to our PSHE learning and our science learning. We will be learning about the climates of within the Caribbean and the Mediterranean and comparing this to the climate within the UK. Building on this, we will then explore the conditions needed to grow different foods. Finally we will be learning about the journey our food takes and how this can impact the environment.

**\* Reminders \***

**PE kits**

Each week your child will participate in two PE sessions. Children need to bring PE kits to school on Monday and leave it in school until Friday.

**All children must have appropriate PE kit and should not wear any jewellery including earrings.**

**School times.**

Class Three are arriving at school at 8.45 am. They will be leaving school at 3.00pm Both drop off and pick up will be from the Pitt Street gate.

**Home reading**

We are continuing to organise our home reading books in line with the latest Government guidance published in July. Children will have a phonics reading book and two reading practice books. Our new reading books are much more challenging than previous schemes we have used and there is a lot of new vocabulary in them. It is worth spending time talking to your child about the new vocabulary so they understand its meaning. They need to bring their books to school every Thursday and new books will be sent home on Fridays. There was a separate letter explaining how this will work sent out last term.

**Homework**

**Homework will be sent home on Fridays and will need to be returned on Thursdays.**

**Maths**

We will begin the half term by continuing our learning surrounding place value to 50. In this we will be looking at ordering numbers to 50, one more and one less within 50 and grouping by 10 within 50.

We will then go on to begin exploring measurement, length and height.

The interventions that were running in Spring 1 will be continuing into Spring 2.

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