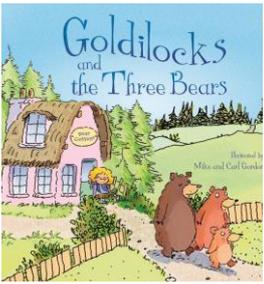


Year 1 Spring Term: Over the Hills and Far, Far Away...



Science

We will be investigating the simple physical properties of everyday materials and thinking about the type of material used for different objects. We will then use this knowledge in our Design and Technology lessons.

Geography

We will be learning about different physical and human features. We will continue our map skills to create a map for the giant from Jack and the Beanstalk.

Music

In Music we will learn to play tuned and untuned instruments and make a sequence of sounds. We will think about the story of Jack in the Beanstalk and choose sounds to represent ideas and feelings from the story.

Design and Technology

We will learn about building structures and joining techniques. We will then use our knowledge of materials from science to build a strong chair for the characters from Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

Computing

We are linking our Computing to our Book Talk, by becoming 'Story Tellers'. We will develop our collaboration skills by working in a group, use sound recording equipment to record sounds. We will also learn to make cards combining texts and images using the internet safely.

Art

We will use our knowledge of the Royal Family to create portraits of key Royal figures. We will draw lines, shapes and patterns and develop our colouring skills.

History

We will be learning about changes within living memory, thinking about our family and our family tree. We will also be learning about Princess Diana as a significant person from our locality, Althorp Hall.

Religious Education

We will learn about Jewish celebrations, in particular Shabbat. We will learn about the importance of family and identify some Jewish beliefs and practices.

Physical Education

We will be practising our balance skills in our Gymnastics lessons, thinking about simple sequences and using equipment safely. In outdoor PE, we will develop our athletic skills of running, jumping, throwing and catching.



Life Skills (Citizenship and PSHE)

We will be thinking about New Years Resolutions and aims and goals for the year ahead. We will also consider our British values of Democracy, tolerance and mutual respect for others.

Year 1 Spring Term 2017-18

What a fantastic first term in Year 1 we have had this year. We are excited to start our Spring Term with the theme, Over The Hills and Far, Far Away. We are looking forward to beginning our theme with a Wow dress-up day. Children are welcome to come to school on **Thursday 4th January** dressed as their favourite traditional-tale character. We look forward to seeing their costumes to add more excitement to the first day back.

During our theme we will immerse the children in a range of traditional tales, and use these to stimulate our learning in all areas of the curriculum. In science, we look forward to using our knowledge of materials to create a strong chair for the characters in Goldilocks and the Three Bears and later in the term look forward to growing our plants like Jack from Jack and the Beanstalk. As part of our English we will be reading and writing letters, using The Jolly Postman who has delivered letters to many traditional tale characters. Later in the term, we draw our attention to the Enormous Turnip and poetry. We begin to look at our family trees and think about the family tree of the Royal Family and the pitter patter of tiny feet that will join the Royal family soon after. Our map skills will help us to locate places of interest in the UK including London and its physical and human features.

In maths, we will begin by looking at 2D and 3D shapes, their properties and names. We then build upon our existing place value knowledge of numbers to 20 to apply this to numbers up to 40. We look forward to developing our measuring skills for length and height – a skill which will be very handy when helping our traditional tale characters with their measurement jobs!

Uniform and PE Kits

Please ensure your child has the correct uniform for school and that all parts fit and are clearly labelled. Children should have their indoor and warm outdoor PE kit in school at all times,

Home Learning and Reading

We will continue to hear children read regularly and ask that parents can read with their children as much as possible. Ideally this would be their reading book but we encourage other books to be read too. Reading and Spelling words will continue in the same format and we will begin our home learning, Wizard Challenge Books this term too. A parent mail will be sent out shortly.

Important Dates

Dress up as your favourite fairy tale character: Thursday 4th January.

Year 1 Parents Information Evening: Monday 29th January 3:45pm.

1 Kandinsky's Class Assembly: Friday 9th February.

1 Goldsworthy's Class Assembly: Friday 2nd March.

1 Miro's Class Assembly: Friday 23rd March.

Could you help?

We are always really grateful for any parent helpers that could offer some time to help us in class. Please also let a member of the Year 1 team know if you are able to help us with our themed learning in any way.

Many thanks,

Year 1 Team