

Spring 2024 – Curriculum News

January 2024

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and the children managed to get some well-deserved rest! This term our theme is 'Once Upon a Time' and we will be focusing on a selection of Traditional Tales including; The Gingerbread Man, The Enormous Turnip and The Elves and the Shoemaker. Children will continue to take part in a range of engaging cross-curricular activities to enhance their learning. Activities will be challenging and appropriate for everyone.

PE  PE will continue to be on a **Tuesday** and will be led by our PE specialist Mr Newson. Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in a full PE kit including appropriate footwear. Our PE session will be outside so please ensure your child has suitable clothing and a coat. Long hair must be tied up and earrings need to be removed for safety reasons. If a child comes in wearing earrings they will not be allowed to take part.

Reading We will continue to read with your child three times a week through guided group reading. Please ensure your child has their reading log and book in school every Monday as this is when we will collect in books and then send them home again on a Thursday. Don't forget to record in the reading log every time you hear your child read. To become a 'Reading Champion' your child must read at least three times at home.

Tricky Words  A Rainbow 'tricky' word sheet will be uploaded to Showbie. Please use this at home to practice reading and writing the 'tricky' words learnt so far.

Outdoor Learning During the afternoon children will continue to take part in our 'Discover and do' sessions. For these your child will need a pair of named wellies in school along with a warm waterproof coat.

Maths We will be counting, ordering, and identifying one more and one less with numbers up to 20. Children will continue to develop their skills when using a number line as a strategy to add and subtract. We will be developing an understanding of the concepts of weight, capacity and time along with consolidating our knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes. 

Rainbow Challenges

- Design and make your own puppet.**
- Make up a different story ending to your favourite traditional tale. Can you act it out then draw and write about it?**
- Read 2 different traditional tales. Which is your favourite and why?**
- Make your own 3D story scene in a shoe box).**

Please upload photos onto Showbie. 

Literacy We will be reading and writing simple captions/sentences. Children will be learning to use finger spaces, full stops and capital letters. Please ensure your child forms all their letters correctly at home, using the Little Wandle grapheme sheet to help them. Please also support your child to use the sounds that they know when writing the words that they sound out - for example they may write the word story as 'storee'.

Reception Staff

Australia Class
 Mrs Newson
 Early Years Leader / Class Teacher
 M,Th,F
 Mrs Edison
 Class teacher Tue,W,Th

Brazil Class
 Miss Ogg
 Class teacher

Chile Class
 Mrs Brill
 Class teacher M, Tu,
 Mrs Laflin
 Class teacher W,Th,F

**Mrs Whelan, Mrs Harden,
 Mrs Langston, Mrs Taylor –
 Brown and Mrs Payne
 Early Years Practitioners**

Recommended Read

Luna Loves Art



A wonderful story which goes on a journey through the world of Art!