

Reception - Will You Read Me a Story?



Welcome to the magical world of fairy tales! Let's find out more about our favourite stories and discover some new ones. Our topic will begin with Jack and the Beanstalk and Jack will need our help with a very important task! We'll look at different characters, their traits and their actions! We are going to be getting creative during this topic, completing lots of different types of art work and creating props and costumes for characters. We will look closely at the setting of different fairytales and notice differences between today and the past. We will even get to visit a magical land where fairy tales will be brought to life!

Key Questions		Vocabulary	
- How do we know this is set in the past? - How do we know this is in the present? - What would this character wear? Why? - What kind of music would represent this character? - What are some different celebrations/beliefs around the world?	character	a person or animal in a story	
	setting	a place where an event takes place	
	fantasy	imagination, made up	
	past	something that has already happened	
	present	something that is happening now	
Learning Links			Planned Stories
Creative The children will have a lot of opportunities to get creative this half term. They will be creating their own peg doll witch, based on the witch in Hansel and Gretel, using a variety of materials. They will also be working on their drawing skills by designing a beautiful carriage for Cinderella as well as developing their imagination in our very own castle (indoor role play), The Witch's House of Sweets (outdoor role play) and our Witch's Potion Station (outdoor mud kitchen). Before Easter, the children are also going to create their own 'bouncing bunny' by joining different materials together while improving their cutting skills. Science The children are going to have a wonderful time conducting experiments. They will be designing a boat for the Gingerbread Man to cross the river safely. They will explore the properties of different materials including which materials float and sink, and which are waterproof. Wonderland The children will take part in an exciting trip to Wonderland where they will find be fully immersed in the world of fairy tales. Easter The children will hear and discuss the Easter story. They will learn about the different ways that people celebrate Easter and reflect on previous religious beliefs and celebrations they have learnt.			- Jack & the Beanstalk - Hansel & Gretel - Cinderella - The Magic Crayon - Elves & The Shoe Maker - The Gingerbread Man - The Three Little Pigs - Easter Story