

Reception Topic Plan – Fantasy and Adventure – Spring 1

Communication and Language

- Join in with familiar rhymes and songs and learn new ones
- Listen to stories with increasing attention and recall
- Retell the story of Jack and The Beanstalk, identifying the beginning, middle and end, using pictures to help them.
- Begin to use some story telling language
- Read individual letters by saying the sounds for them



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Talk about how to keep their bodies healthy and safe.
- Name ways to stay safe around medicines.
- Know how to stay safe in their home, classroom and outside.
- Know age-appropriate ways to stay safe online.
- Name adults in their lives and those in their community who keep them safe.
- Continue to express their feelings and consider the feelings of others, through conflict resolution strategies



Physical Development

- Continue using one handed tools correctly – scissors, paint brushes, glue spreaders etc, play dough cutters & moulds;
- To continue developing small motor skills, through a range of creative activities such as using clay, threading using chopsticks and tweezers
- To move safely and stopping with control
- Respond correctly to stop and start signals in PE
- Develop and refine skills in balancing, running, jumping, and hopping.



Fantasy and Adventure

Literacy

- Hearing initial sounds and know which letters represent these sounds
- Learn phase 3 phonics sounds (j, v, w, x, y, z, zz, qu, ch, sh & th)
- Handwriting – form letters correctly (j, v, w, x, y, z & q)
- Encourage early writing skills – write speech bubbles for the characters in Jack and the Beanstalk story
- Begin to blend sounds together to read simple words
- Begin to read short phrases & sentences
- Begin to use their sounds to write short simple words
- Begin to write short sentences using finger spaces, capital letters and full stops



Mathematics

- Count up to ten objects
- Represent, order and explore numbers to ten
- Explore one more or fewer, one greater or less within 10
- Explore addition as counting on and subtraction as taking away
- Counting and sharing in equal groups
- Grouping into fives and tens
- Explore the relationship between grouping and sharing
- Develop use of and understanding of positional language such behind, in between, in front, above, etc



Understanding the World

- Compare characters from the Jack story drawing out their personalities: bravery, foolishness, kindness
- Plant bean seeds to grow their own beanstalk - how to care for plants / living things / make observational drawings
- Draw maps to show Jack's journey to the market
- Use maps to find & rescue toys from the outdoor area.
- Learn about the why and how the Chinese New Year is celebrated

Expressive Arts and Design

- Listen to and join in with Nursery Rhymes and songs
- Role playing and recreating stories
- Explore music from around the world and how it makes us feel.
- Explore pulse and rhythm in familiar songs and rhymes, copying the beat
- Explore wooden percussion instruments
- Mixing colours – Make colour Monsters using primary colours
- Explore patterns, textures and colours when creating Mer-person tails
- Explore using a variety of painting tools