

Literacy

We will continue our RWI sessions every day and will read ditty books to put our phonics knowledge to practice. We will secure our knowledge of segmenting and blending, and begin to write captions more independently.



Stories we will be enjoying this half-term:

- The Gingerbread Man
- The Three Billy Goats Gruff
- Jack and the Beanstalk
- The Princess and the Pea

Expressive Art and Design

During this half-term, we will take part in crafts and learn seasonal songs and dances.

We will continue to use creative techniques to make junk modelling and construction pieces. We will learn new techniques to develop our creativity further.



Role-play will continue to be an integral part of our learning. Our role-play area will change throughout the half-term to match our story focus. For example, children will enjoy a Chinese Restaurant when learning about Chinese New Year.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will really focus on taking turns and building on friendships. We will reinforce how to be kind, caring and respectful, and talk about our feelings when someone has done something friendly, as well as our feelings when someone has done something unkind. We will spend lots of time taking part in turn-taking games and talk about the importance of making good choices. Our Jigsaw puzzle piece this half term is 'Dreams and Goals.' We will think about what we want to achieve and how we will achieve it, with an emphasis on trying our best.

This topic web will give you an idea of the things that the children in Reception will experience throughout Spring 1. Children will also have lots of opportunities to lead their learning and follow their own interests.

Reception - Spring 1



Topic:

Cauldrons and Castles

Understanding the World

Science - we will observe scientific changes through a variety of activities, such as baking gingerbread men and planting a seed. We will discuss what we can see and think about why it has happened.

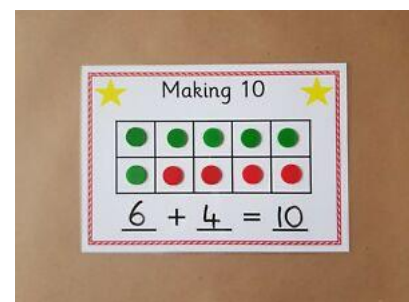
History - we will look back at castles throughout the years, thinking about when and why they were built. We will take a look at some local castles and learn about local history.



RE & Geography - We will be celebrating Chinese New Year, where we will learn the reasons behind the celebration, join in with traditions and explore Chinese writing and tools (such as chopsticks). We will locate China on a map and compare life in China to our own.

Maths

We will spend time recapping our knowledge of numbers 0-5, before moving onto numbers 6-10. We will be able to begin to recognise, order, add and subtract up to 10 using our prior knowledge and new knowledge of number bonds.



We will look more closely at the days of the week, introduce 3D shapes and reinforce patterns.

Physical Development

We will continue to focus on Gymnastics in our PE sessions, where Miss Exley will be leading our sessions. We will build on what we have already learnt and be taught the correct vocabulary to explain our movements.



We will continue practicing our fine motor skills by threading, building with Lego, and taking part in other activities each day. We will focus on our handwriting to ensure that it is legible for ourselves and others to read.

Communication and Language

This half-term we are going to be focussing on our socialisation skills with our peers and familiar adults. We will talk about what is polite and how we should talk to someone kindly.

Our whole school value is 'Optimism.' We will think about the importance of being positive and how this can help our mindset.

This topic also brings lots of opportunities for learning new, scientific and geographical language.