

Our next topic is...

Once Upon a Time

Milestone

Each topic includes a "Milestone Moment" that the children will experience, linked to our school values. This term we are focussing on the value of **CREATIVITY**, and we'll be using our imaginations on our exciting visit to the Play Village on 23rd May!

These Prime Areas (below) are fundamental to all we do. They will continue to be a priority each day through structured and incidental interactions. **Please can you help us at home by helping your child learn how to put on their own shoes, socks and coats!**

Communication and Language

1. Listening, attention and Understanding, 2. Speaking

Personal, Social and Emotional

Development

3. Self-regulation, 4. Managing self, 5. Building relationships

Physical Development

6. Gross Motor skills, 7. Fine motor skills

Literacy

8. Comprehension
9. Word reading
10. Writing

We will be focussing on the author Julia Donaldson and sharing lots of her stories including *The Gruffalo*, *Room on the Broom*, *Zog*, *Detective Dog*, *The Snail and the Whale* and *Superworm*.

We'll continue our daily phonics activities. Nursery will be focussing on voice sounds, exploring the different sounds their voices can make and listening for chunks of sound in another's voice. Reception

Mathematics

11. Number
12. Numerical patterns

Nursery will be playing with different shapes, objects of different lengths and heights, sequencing their days and familiar activities and using positional language!

Reception will continue working on their fantastic knowledge of the composition of numbers to 10, knowing which numbers can be combined to make which totals. They will also begin to work with

Understanding the World

13. Past and Present
14. People, Culture and Communities
15. The Natural World

This term we will also be finding out about a historical figure and a historical event - King Charles and celebrating his coronation together! We'll continue to enjoy exploring the natural world around us, especially during our weekly Forest

Expressive arts and design

16. Creating with materials
17. Being imaginative and expressive

We'll be using our imaginations to create our own characters and stories through dance, music, role play and art. We'll have the opportunity to perform on our class 'stage' (in our outside area!) if we'd like to! Our role play area will be a book shop for the first few weeks back and then will become a castle! We'll be using "Tales Toolkit" to create our own stories (we'll share more about this on Tapestry in the coming weeks!) We'll be finding out about the

will continue their Read Write Inc sessions, look at their reading dairies to find out more information!

Reception will be writing their own sentences and stories.

numbers to 20, thinking about how many more than 10 these numbers are... e.g. 13 is 10 and 3 more.

School sessions.

famous illustrator Axel Scheffler too.

Key Vocabulary

imagination, story, character, author, illustrations, plot, blurb, once upon a time, beginning, middle, end and a variety of descriptive language!

Memos

- PE will be each Tuesday afternoon. Please send children to school in their PE kits, they can wear these all day on a Tuesday.
- Forest School will continue to be each Wednesday afternoon (please send Forest School waterproofs/clothes in a bag and we will help children to change for their session at lunchtime).
- We are changing our "Stop and See" going forward, and now this will be the LAST Wednesday of every term (3.00pm-3.10pm) and not every week. We hope this will still give you the chance to pop in and see what's going on inside Apple Tree Class - in their books and in their frames!
- Please help us spread the word about our Stay and Play sessions, open to those with children 0-4years, by inviting any neighbours, family or friends with children in this age group. £3 per family. Next sessions are 2-3pm on 25th April, 16th May and 20th June - we hope to see you there!