

Our next topic is...

Once Upon a Time

This is a fantastic topic full of traditional tales, role play and art!

Milestone Moment

Each topic includes a "Milestone Moment" that the children will experience. This topic our Milestone Moment is linked to our school value Creativity. We will be visiting The Story Museum together AND Creating our own crowns to wear at our Jubilee party!

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

Our key texts this topic are
The Gingerbread Man
Goldilocks and the Three Bears
The Three Little Pigs
Jack and the Beanstalk
We will be re-telling these stories in a variety of ways including role play and story maps. The reception children will also be writing parts of each story!

Mathematics

11. Number
12. Numerical patterns

Nursery will be exploring and comparing height, length and shapes.
Reception will be doing lots of problem solving including addition, subtraction, doubling and sharing.

Understanding the World

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

We will be growing a bean, making gingerbread men and porridge and exploring different materials while building the pigs' houses. At Forest School we will be doing lots of planting and caring for our seedlings! For the last week of this topic we will be focussing on the Jubilee, finding out about the Queen and contrasting life 70 years ago to now.

Expressive arts and design

16. Creating with materials
17. Being imaginative and expressive

This topic we will have a Castle role play and lots of opportunities for dressing up and imaginative play. We will also have lots of opportunities for painting, drawing and collaging the characters from each story. We will be singing lots of songs too (see some of the topical songs below!)

Key Vocabulary

Once upon a time, the end, beginning, middle, end, character, story, author, illustrations, plot, blurb and a huge variety of descriptive language!

Memos

- PE for this term will continue to be on a Monday afternoon. Children can wear their PE clothes all day on a Monday. As the weather improves we may take our PE outside so please make sure your child has trainers or plimsolls. (If you're not sure what counts as PE clothes, just ask!)
- Forest School continues to be on a Tuesday morning, please send children dressed ready for their adventures! We will help them change afterwards. Even in the warmer weather long sleeves, long trousers and wellies are essential!
- Please send in a named sun hat and a named sun cream for us to keep in school and use on sunny days. When needed, we ask that you apply sun cream in the morning and we will reapply at lunchtime!
- We have our "Stop and See" session every Wednesday 2.45-3.15 for you to pop in and see what's going on inside Apple Tree Class!
- On Thursday 26th May we will be taking the children on a trip to The Story Museum - more details coming soon!
- Our next Stay and Play session is Friday 6th May 1.45-2.45pm - please do spread the word amongst family, friends and neighbours - we'd love more people to come along and enjoy! :-)

Topical Songs

There Was A Princess Long Ago <https://musicbus.com/resources/song-words/song-words-t/there-was-a-princess/>

When Goldilocks went to the house of the bears <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-when-goldilocks-went-to-the-house-of-the-bears/zbkrf4j>

See more below...

Pigs, Where Are You Song

(Sing to the tune of 'Tommy Thumb'.)

1st little pig, 1st little pig,
Where are you?
In my house, in my house,
How do you do?

2nd little pig, 2nd little pig,
Where are you?
In my house, in my house,
How do you do?

3rd little pig, 3rd Little pig,
Where are you?
In my house, in my house,
How do you do?

Big Bad Wolf, Big Bad Wolf,
Where are you?
Here I am, here I am,
Time to get you!

Ahhhhhhhhh!

Gingerbread Man, See How He Runs

(Sing to the tune of 'Three Blind Mice'.)

Gin-ger-bread, Gin-ger-bread,
See how he runs, see how he runs.
The old woman she bakes him on a tray,
The Gingerbread Man he does not want
to stay.
He runs to the door and then he runs away.
Oh Gin-ger-bread.

Gin-ger-bread, Gin-ger-bread,
See how he runs, see how he runs.
The old woman she chases after him,
The Gingerbread Man finds a stream but
can't swim.
We all want to know what will happen
to him.
Oh Gin-ger-bread.

Gingerbread Man on the Run

(Sing to the tune of 'London Bridge Is Falling Down'.)

Gingerbread Man on the run,
On the run, on the run.
Gingerbread Man on the run;
Let's all chase him.

Gingerbread Man cannot swim,
Cannot swim, cannot swim.
Gingerbread Man cannot swim;
What will he do?

Gingerbread Man meets a fox,
Meets a fox, meets a fox.
Gingerbread Man meets a fox;
Will he help him?

Gingerbread Man trusts a fox,
Trusts a fox, trusts a fox.
Gingerbread Man trusts a fox;
He climbs on him.

Gingerbread Man meets his end,
Meets his end, meets his end.
Gingerbread Man meets his end;
Fox has tricked him.

He'll Be Climbing Up the Beanstalk

(Sing to the tune of 'She'll Be Coming Round the Mountain'.)

(This verse is about Jack)

He'll be climbing up the beanstalk when he comes,
He'll be climbing up the beanstalk when he comes,
He'll be climbing up the beanstalk, climbing up
the beanstalk,
Climbing up the beanstalk when he comes.

Singing ey, ey, yippee, yippee, ey.
Singing ey, ey, yippee, yippee, ey.
Singing ey, ey, yippee, ey, ey, yippee,
Ey, ey, yippee, yippee, ey.

(This verse is about the giant)

He'll be stomping round the castle when he comes,
He'll be stomping round the castle when he comes,
He'll be stomping round the castle, stomping round
the castle
Stomping round the castle when he comes.

Singing fe fi fo fum here I come.
Singing fe fi fo fum here I come.
Singing fe fi fo fum, fe fi fo fum,
Fe fi fo fum here I come.

Poor Little Baby Bear

(Sing to 'Baa Baa Black Sheep'.)

Poor little Baby Bear,
His porridge bowl is dry.
Goldilocks has eaten it,
Then he starts to cry.

Then when he saw his chair,
He was full of despair.
For Goldilocks had broken it,
When she sat right there.