

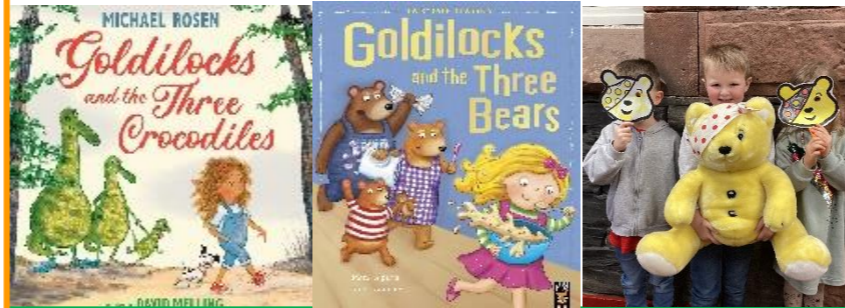


Once upon a time...

This term is all about traditional tales. This topic allows children to develop a love of reading and develop their knowledge of stories. During this term we will also celebrate the religious festivals of Diwali and Christmas.

Physical Development

- At playtimes pupils will learn to use equipment safely and sensibly.
- The children will develop confidence in using the Playdale equipment.
- This term we will focus on speed and agility – this area focuses on negotiating space when moving in different ways.
- Children will gain a better understanding of why its important to exercise and how we can look after our bodies
- Children will take part in specific jobs to build up their fine motor control.
- Children will use their fine motor ability to form letters, words and numbers. They will gain confidence in forming them correctly.



Understanding the World

- Children will learn about Hinduism and how they celebrate Diwali, the festival of light.
- Children will learn about Christianity and why they celebrate Christmas and how we celebrate this festival.
- Children will continue to look at the ways in which the weather is changing and what this means for wildlife and the natural world.

Read Write Inc.

Literacy

- Children will complete daily Read Write Inc sessions. This includes:
 - Continuing to learning to recognise initial set 1 sounds and build up speed with recognising the sounds they already know.
 - Continuing to write sounds
 - Develop the skill of blending (putting sounds together to make a word)
 - Begin to make words using the sounds they have learnt.
- Children will be encouraged to recognise and write their name.
- Children will develop a love of reading through our daily snack and story time.
- We will retell a variety of traditional tales and develop our story telling skills.
- To enjoy listening to modern takes on traditional tales.



Communication and Language

- Children will be encouraged to engage in conversations with adult and children in the classroom.
- Children will develop the skills for sitting on the carpet and begin sitting for longer periods of time.
- As they learn the new classroom routine children will listen carefully to instructions and follow them appropriately.
- Children will enjoy listening to a daily story and develop their questioning skills to find out more.
- Children will be able to join in with repeated phrases from the traditional tale stories we read in school.
- Children will take part in regular singing sessions.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Children will continue to adapt and learn their new school routines.
- We will continue to develop children’s confidence so they are able to speak to others about their own needs and interests.
- Children will continue to follow our classroom rules and routines.
- Children will continue to make new friendships and will enjoy learning and playing with them.

Expressive Arts and Design

- Children will take part in our whole school Christmas production, singing songs and saying their own line in the nativity scene.
- Children will learn how to create a Diya lamp using clay.
- Children will create masks and puppets of characters from the stories we read.
- Children will follow instructions to use different shapes to create art.
- Children will create Christmas cards using different materials to make marks.

Mathematics

- Children will enjoy watching Numberblocks as an introduction to numbers
- Children will develop a good understanding of numbers 1 to 5. This includes:
 - How to make these numbers
 - What these numbers can look like in different forms (dice face, numicon, numeral)
 - Learning how to write the numerals for these numbers.

