

Once Upon a Time

In the Once Upon a Time topic, your child will be immersed in the wonderful world of stories. They will listen to a range of traditional tales and have the chance to act out the stories in their play. They will also listen to alternative contemporary stories to see different viewpoints from the characters. They will use the stories to think about how life has changed from when the stories were written. They will also make up their own stories and make masks, props and puppets to act out their stories. They will apply all their writing skills (correct letter formation, segmenting words and holding a sentence before writing) to write their own short stories.

Core text: Look up! By Nathan Bryon

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Supporting your child at home

- Read traditional stories and fairy tales to your child.
• Visit your local library and choose picture books to share.
• Talk about the characters in stories and whether they like or dislike them.
• Talk about how the characters in stories behave and what they could do differently.
• Share and discuss the Did you know? resource.

Homework

- Reading with your child at least 5 times a week
• Practising reading green and red words
• Count on and back from a number 1-20
• Recall number bonds 0-10 (e.g. 4 + ? = 10)
• Recognise quantities to 5 without counting them

Reminders

Please provide your child with only essential resources e.g. reading book and named lunch box (if they are not having hot meals). Children do not need to bring any toys or stickers to school, please can these stay at home. Children need a named, refillable water bottle that is taken home each day for washing. Children will visit the Library on a Thursday. PE will take place on a Friday. Please send your child to school wearing their PE kit and sport shoes, which they will continue to wear throughout the day.

The adults in Reception are:

- Mrs James (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday)
• Mrs McGarragh (Thursday)
• Mrs Woods and Mrs James (teaching assistants).

Thank you for your continued support.

Did you know?



Read these interesting facts about fairy tales with a parent, carer or teacher.



Fairy tales are old stories that have been told to children for hundreds of years.



Fairy tales often include animals as characters, such as wolves, bears or goats. Sometimes there are made up characters, such as trolls.



Fairy tales are set in the past and show the clothes that people used to wear a long time ago.



In fairy tales, kings, queens, princes and princesses live in castles.



Many fairy tales are set in woodlands and forests.



There are lots of new stories that tell fairy tales in a different way.

Key vocabulary



Explore these words together. Talk with an adult about what each word means and use the words in a sentence or as you play.



bear



castle



Cinderella



fairy
godmother



fairy tale



goat



king



prince



princess



queen



Snow White



story



troll



wicked
stepmother



wolf



woodland