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Happy New Year and welcome back after the Christmas holiday. Thank you again for all the lovely gifts and cards we received. We really appreciate them.

Our topics for the Spring Term are **Fairy Tales** and **Mad Scientists**. We will be covering all areas of learning through our topics. In the first half of the term, we will be looking at different traditional fairy tales such as The Gingerbread Man, The Three Little Pigs, The Three Billy Goats Gruff and Goldilocks and The Three Bears. Children will have the opportunity to listen to different fairy tales and explore a variety of activities related to our topic. In the second half term, the children will carry out investigations, make predictions and take part in simple science experiments.

If you have any skills or knowledge that you would like to share with us about our topics please speak to us.



**Personal, Social & Emotional Development**

We will be having discussions about good/bad characters in our fairy tale stories. We will talk about what being a good friend is and how we can be kind and helpful to each other.

**Literacy**

The children will continue to work on their mark making skills by writing own names, letters of the alphabet, numbers and simple words from our fairy tales and mad scientist topics. In phonics, we will continue to explore letters and the sounds they make. We will also continue to look at initial sounds and rhyming words.

**Reading**

Our book library is always open at the end of each nursery session. Please come in and borrow a book! It is essential that you read with your child daily either the book they have chosen from Nursery or books of their own choice.

**Physical Development**

We will continue to develop our gross motor skills through different ball games and obstacle courses. Daily malleable activities such as moulding with playdough, threading and using tweezers will continue in order to strengthen children's hands and support fine motor movements. Please note for your own child's welfare, hooped earrings are not to be worn. Only studs are allowed.

**Mathematics**

The children will be learning to count forward and backwards to 10/20. They will be counting out from a larger group and adding amounts to find a total. They will continue to work on their number recognition and formation. They will also be making different patterns, ordering objects according to their sizes and recognising simple 2d/3d shapes.

**Understanding the world**

We will continue to have our cooking sessions when children explore measuring out ingredients and following simple recipe to cook. The children will engage in different role play using props and fairy tales costumes to support their play.

**Expressive Art & Design**

We love to get messy so this term we will be continuing to do so. The children will experience working with a variety of media and materials as they weave, make 3-D models of fairy tale characters and explore a range of creative making tasks.

**Things you can do at home:** As always, we really value the support that you give your children at home. Here are a few ideas that you may want to try:

- Use old cardboard boxes and bits of paper to make a model of your favourite story character.
- You could visit the local library and have a look at the different fairy tale stories they have.
- Encourage your child to cook with you. Talk about the ingredients that you need and what happens to them when they are being cooked.
- Practise writing own name, numbers and letters.

**Birthdays: A gentle reminder**

Birthday cakes/party bags- please ensure there are no nuts in the cake due to allergies. If you wish to bring in party bags for the children, please ensure they do not contain any hard-boiled sweets.



**Voluntary Nursery fund:** We are always very grateful for the donation of £5 a term given by yourselves to help the nursery buy those extra resources such as cooking ingredients. It really does help us! Thank you!

Looking forward to another exciting and busy Spring term.

The Nursery Team

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