

## Welcome to Reception – Overview Spring Term

In Reception this half term we will be focusing on the following books:

Little Red Riding Hood by Mara Alperin  
Mr Wolf's Pancakes by Jan Fearnley  
The Princess and the Pea  
The Three Billy Goats Gruff  
Winnie and Wilbur at Chinese New Year by Valerie Thomas  
Rapunzel (Once Upon a World) by Chloe Perkins  
Suddenly by Colin McNaughton

In PSED, we will be continuing to focus on supporting the children in their relationships with peers, to express their feelings and consider the feelings of others. We will model and praise considerate behaviour and encourage children to express their feelings if they feel hurt or upset using descriptive vocabulary. We will discuss and talk about these emotions and help and support them to take appropriate steps with their peers using restorative justice strategies.

In Communication and Language, we will be focusing on developing children's vocabulary by teaching and modelling new vocabulary throughout the week and encouraging children to apply this in their play and everyday speech. We shall continue to encourage children to articulate thoughts and ideas in well formed sentences using connectives to join one idea to another. We will continue to promote and model active listening skills.

In Physical Development, we will be focusing on developing and refining fundamental movement skills such as rolling, hopping and jumping. Additionally we will be developing our overall body strength, co-ordination and balance needed for gymnastics. We will continue to develop their fine motor skills (hand strength and control) so that they can use a range of tools competently.

In Literacy, we will be focusing on reading simple 3 letter, CVC words by Fred talking and reading the word. Additionally, we will start to spell simple CVC words by using our Fred fingers to segment the sounds on our fingers before writing, using the correct RWI letter formation phrases.

In Maths, we will be embedding the children's knowledge of numbers 1 to 10 and focusing on doubling, halving and portioning numbers. We will also be learning about odd even numbers as well as continuing our work with number bonds to 10, addition and subtraction.

In Understanding the world, we will be focusing comparing and contrasting characters from different traditional tales. We will be drawing information from a simple map looking at key human and physical features. We will be recognising some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries.

In Expressive Arts and Design, we will be focusing on developing the story lines in their role play using their own experiences, stories and their own imagination.

This half term in Forest School we will be building dens by throwing tarpaulins over a rope and pegging them down using a mallet and metal pegs. We will be taking part in an eco week with a focus on recycling and composting. We will be taking part in the RSPB's Big Garden Bird Watch, counting and identifying the birds in our school environment. We will be learning about weather, making some recycled wind socks and taking part in our usual delicious campfire cooking sessions.

This half term in music we will develop our performance and composition skills.