

EYFS

During their time at Nursery, the children will learn through the following 7 areas:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication & Language
- Literacy
- Mathematical Development
- Understanding the World
- Physical Development
- Expressive Arts and Design

You can help your child by:

- * Reading a variety of children's books every day.
- * Talking with your child about things that happen at school and at home in the present, past and future.
- * Singing a range of songs.
- * Spending some time running, jumping, climbing, throwing and catching outdoors.
- * Counting and sorting objects and talking about the shapes.
- * Drawing and making marks with pencils, chunky chalks and paint.
- * Visiting the park and the local Library.
- * Encouraging independence e.g. helping with dressing, using a knife and fork and using face tissues.
- * Checking the J2E app regularly for updates.

Please feel free to ask the Nursery staff if you would like any further support.



Once Upon a time...



Spring | Nursery



Background Information on Topic

Our topic this term is 'Once upon a time' and we will be focusing on traditional stories such as 'The Gingerbread Man' and 'The Three Little Pigs'. We will base our play and focus activities around retelling the stories and exploring the events and characters, and we will practice new vocabulary.

We will also use opportunities when playing outdoors to explore how the Winter season affects our weather and environment, and we will learn about ice for example. We will also look at animals that prefer a cold climate, where in the world they live, and share some facts about them.



Launch Day

On Monday 5th January, we will be having our launch day! This is where the children are introduced to their topic in an exciting and inspirational way. The children will arrive to find a Gingerbread House and cooking equipment in class which will spark off their adventure with The Gingerbread Man.

Chinese New Year

Tuesday 17th February— Year of the Horse!

As well as learning about traditional stories and the season of Winter, our celebration this term will be Chinese New Year. We will be making 'Lucky Envelopes' and practice writing our names on them. We will also learn a Chinese song and make Dragon puppets.



**Important
DATE!**

Key Dates for Spring 1 Term

First day of term— Monday 5th January.
Last day of term— Friday 13th February.

* This half term we will also have a visiting theatre and storytelling workshop— details to follow.

Books

The children will continue to choose a book from our class library to take home each week. Please remember to share this book at least twice with your child, and encourage them to tell you the story using the pictures and language from the story.



Topic ideas for at Home

- *Read some traditional stories at home and use puppet characters to act them out (we will cut and make some on lolly sticks at Nursery).
- *Provide your child with a hat, gloves and warm coat for each day and discuss why they wear them. Can the children practice putting them on by themselves e.g. spreading their fingers when putting on a glove?
- *Go on a Winter walk and take some chilly photos of your journey. Ask your child to retell what they did and where they went.
- *Talk about ice and frost and think of lots of interesting words to describe the way it looks and feels.

