



Sutton Park Primary RSA Academy Little Sparks Curriculum Map - Spring!



What Can We Learn from Fairytales?

Rationale: Through this flexible theme we will learn about story structure, including characters and settings. The chosen fairy tales will form a basis for increasing our awareness of the world around us and how to get along with others. We will develop our oral communication skills through discussions, questioning and reasoning and hope to foster a love of reading through sharing and retelling stories and role playing with others.

Literacy

The children will continue to develop their recognition of sounds in our environment, rhyming words and words beginning with the same sound. We will be thinking about how the stories are structured and using props to support story telling. The children will be encouraged to describe the characters and story settings and think of their own endings. We will also be focusing on print in the classroom e.g. labels.

Understanding of the World

The children will be able to develop their observational skills by looking for similarities and changes in the outside environment and through investigating floating and sinking. We will learn about growth and what plants need to survive by conducting experiments with cress and beans. The children will have the opportunity to practice simple coding by trying to get the Bee Bots from one place to another.

Physical Development

In PE the children will be able to practise a range of games and skills including throwing, kicking, balancing, running and jumping. The children will also learn some basic yoga poses linked to simple stories. To improve our fine motor skills we will begin warm up exercises in the morning called 'Finger Gym' where we will move our hands and fingers to music to improve strength. Our January starters will be finding a space in PE and travelling in different ways. They will be beginning Write Dance which involves making big shapes with our arms e.g. circles.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will be talking about emotions and how different situations make us feel. E.g. if someone gives us a present or if we visit somewhere new. We will be having a go at acting out feelings such as happy, sad or scared and even singing in different ways to show our emotions. We will use the fairytales as a starting point for discussions about taking things without asking, being kind and stranger danger.

Maths

The children will have many opportunities to compare size, height, capacity and quantity throughout the topic. They will be encouraged to ask questions and offer comments about numbers, as well as representing numbers by making marks on paper. The children will also have to solve problems and share things out equally with their friends. They will be asked to give a reason for why or how they have done something, e.g. why did you give everyone two?

Communication and Language

The children will be encouraged to retell the stories using books and puppets. For our newer children we will be focusing on developing their understanding of simple concepts and action words e.g. jumping or eating. We will also be talking about what makes us unique and our similarities and differences.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be encouraged to work together to act out stories using the props provided. They will also be building structures using different materials such as junk, Duplo and wooden blocks. We will be challenging them to build for a purpose e.g. a castle for the Giant or a bridge for the Goats.

KASE

Our curriculum is designed to ensure the children build their knowledge whilst having opportunities to develop important attributes like teamwork and empathy. We plan for a clear progression of skills and provide a wealth of experiences to further their engagement and understanding. We therefore call this our KASE curriculum.