Year 1 – Once Upon a Time…

Autumn 2 2026

Phonics
The children will continue to work through our phonics programme and begin to recognise and apply sounds, including digraphs and blending.

Literacy
The children will continue to learn the alphabet and alphabetical order. They will also rewrite a part of a traditional tale with a focus on their letter formation in addition to securing the use of finger spaces and constructing basic sentences using correct punctuation e.g capital letter and a full stop. The children will listen to and engage with arrange of traditional tales through their topic work. The children will produce their own description of their favourite characters.

Ways to help at home
Read with your child, note any difficulties or successes in our yellow reading record book.

Music
Linking sounds with, and naming certain instruments, and playing them.
Class and Christmas songs.
Music making, using beats, rhythms and clapping.

Ways to help at home
Listen to, and sing along to music.

Topic help at home:
The children will be listening to and discussing a wide variety of Fairy tales. Talk about your own favourite and why. There are lots of fairy tales with recurring language and slightly different story lines, discuss differences and language with your Child after reading with them.

ICT
The children will use the Paint programme on the laptop – to draw, select shapes, fill in colour. This will link with their history work. ICT work related to current topic.

Ways to help at home
Talk to your child about the safe use of the internet.

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TEN TEN – valuing ourselves and each other.
Using circle time to engage with current issues within class – friendship/trying our best/supporting each other.
Engaging in discussions linked to the class topic.
Looking after ourselves – inc getting changed and washing our hands.
Discussing how simple diseases spread and simple hygiene rules.

Ways to help at home
Children practising changing independently at home – particularly working on shirt and blouse buttons.

Mathematics
Revise common 2D and 3D shapes.
Measurement – Investigating weight
To read, write and understand number sentences using =,+ and -.
To know the number bonds to 10.
Recognising 2d numbers and counting backwards from 20.

For example
1+9, 2+8, 3+7, 4+6 …..
To be able to count in 5s to 100.

Ways to help at home; Look at shapes when you are at home or out. Count objects and try some simple sums. Practice writing numbers too.

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Science – Looking at different … comparing their properties.
Continuing to look at seasonal changes.
Art & DT –
Designing and creating a house for the three little pigs and a boat for the gingerbread man.
Various Art and Crafts for Christmas including a moving part Christmas card
Firework pictures, paintings of poppies - Remembrance.
Geography – Looking at seasonal changes – autumn into winter. Creating simple maps.
History – Looking at significant events such as Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day.
Ways to help at home; Explore everyday things at home and think about the different materials used to make them.

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Branch 2-Prophecy and promise.
The children will be looking at the Christmas story – particularly focusing on Mary and the angels. They will also look at how Christians around the world celebrate the birth of Jesus and how Catholics around the world show honour to Mary.

Ways to help at home
Talking to children about their understanding of the Christmas story.