

# FAIRY TALES

By Royal  
Appointment!



## The Big Idea:

Once upon a time, in a far away land, Goldilocks is busy preparing to celebrate her 5<sup>th</sup> birthday! We will set off together on an exciting journey through the land of fairy tales as we make our way to the Royal Palace to join the celebrations. We will be meeting and helping a whole host of familiar characters along the way who may all need a helping hand and provide a few dramas along the way... I have no doubt that the party will be well worth the journey!

## As language specialists

We will be immersing ourselves in a range of different traditional tales and rhymes as we journey towards the Royal Palace. We'll meet Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Jack and the Beanstalk, The Gingerbread Man, The Three Billy Goats Gruff and Little Red Riding Hood who will all help us retell and map a story. Our early writing skills will be full of party recipes, invitations and *Once Upon a Times*. Early phonics skills will start each day as we start our Letters and Sounds programme.

*At home you might like to read a range of fairy tale stories and create a drawing of your favourite character or a map of your own Fairy Tale Kingdom.*

## As mathematicians

We will be counting, recognising and learning to write numbers up to 10 and then to 20. There will be plenty of mathematical reasoning with numbers as we prepare for the Palace Ball.

We will be ordering objects and shapes, helping the Bears with their furniture measurements and Prince Charming and Cinderella with glass slippers.

Jack's Magic beans will help us solve practical addition and subtraction problems.

*At home you can practise counting different groups of objects and spotting different numbers and patterns in your local environment. Order different objects by size, using the correct mathematical language of bigger, longer, taller, smaller and shorter.*

## To develop personal and social skills...

We will be building positive relationships with our new friends in the class and teachers through activity and play. We will get used to the routine of a Willow Brook day and develop confidence in whole school sessions and playtimes. We will be encouraged to talk in group and class sharing times and speak positively about our interests and experiences.

*At home we will be asking you to make a special book about yourself and your family that others can read and share. (more information to follow).*

## To develop Communication and Language skills...

We will be talking fairy tales and reciting rhymes every day! We will read, retell and act different variations of each story and see how modern writers have twisted and changed characters and plot. For example: Goldilocks and the Clever Plan, Jim and the Beanstalk, The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig and Favourite Mixed Up Fairy Tales... to name a few.

*At home it would be great if you were clever enough to retell your favourite tales. Can you remember all the characters? As well as interacting with a fairy tale book, can you tell someone which part of the story was your favourite and why?*

## In our physical development...

We will be practising holding a pencil in a tripod grip, trying hard to write our name and simple words and sentences by ourselves, following the correct letter formation. We will be learning how to manage our own self-care within independence using the toilets and showing good basic hygiene skills. In lesson times we will be using all sorts of P.E. equipment and exploring the big hall apparatus to enjoy climbing and jumping! To help with this we will be getting ourselves dressed and undressed in to our P.E. kits. Activity afternoons will provide lots of chance for exercise on the bikes and scooters.

*At home, work with an adult to practise writing your name correctly.*

## To develop our understanding of the world...

We will be preparing for a party! This might involve shopping for ingredients to make our own Gingerbread men, mixing and tasting porridge with the bears and talking about our own experience of parties and celebrations. We will learn more about how people around the world celebrate different festivals and occasions. As we learn about what living things need to grow, we will be planting and tending our own beanstalks (and hoping that it doesn't lead to any experiences with giants!)

*At Home: Are fairy tales real? Have a discussion about what happens in real life and what doesn't.*

## As expressive artists and designers

Acting out traditional tales and creating pictures and paintings to bring imaginative scenes to life. We will record and photograph our performances on an iPad. We will be making props for our journey through our stories and there will be hats, cakes and costumes to design and make for the party at the Palace!

*At home you might like to create your own home for the Three Little Pigs using different materials. Bring your model in or email a photo to share to [rtarrant@willowbrook.notts.sch.uk](mailto:rtarrant@willowbrook.notts.sch.uk).*