

Theme:

During this term, the children in Year 1 will be learning through fairy tales. We will design, make and evaluate puppets. We will learn about castles. We will look at maps and create our own fairy tale maps.

In English, we will focus on:

- Instructions– Gingerbread man.
- Narrative- Zog.
- The Gingerbread man– retelling and writing instructions.
- Narrative- Goldilocks.
- Report writing– Castles.
- Acrostic poems– Castles.
- There will be a focus on basic skills, including capital letters, finger spaces, full stops and sounding out to spell new words throughout each unit of work. We will focus on our handwriting, through daily lessons.

In DT We will design, make and evaluate our own fairy tale character puppets. We will develop our sewing skills to make our puppets. Our parents and carers will help us create our puppets as part of our theme landing. We will also make gingerbread men as part of our work on instructions in English.

In Maths, we will focus on:

Number and place value. We will become confident with numbers to 50 and will be able to read and write them accurately.

Addition and subtraction. We will use numbers up to 20 in our addition and subtraction.

Measure. We will measure length, height and capacity in standard and non standard units.

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In Music, we will listen to different music which makes us think about fairy tales and their settings. We will talk about how this music makes us feel. We will give reasons for why we like or dislike a piece of music. We will use instruments in time with the music and create our own fairy tale music.

In History and Geography we will look at old and new objects, with a focus on castles. We will think about castles within famous fairy tales and compare these to the environment we live in. We will extend this to think about the physical and human features of the fairy tale world and our world.

In Science we will learn about our senses linked to fairy tales. We will learn to describe a gingerbread man using our five senses. We will taste hot chocolate as part of our work on Winter and describe this too.

WOW EVENTS!

We will launch our topic by having a dragon's egg land in our classroom. We will discuss what it could be, where it has come from and what could be inside. We will invite the parents to help us launch our topic by making puppets. We will use our cutting, sticking and sewing skills to make a puppet of our favourite fairy tale character.

In PE we will develop our ball skills through playing ball games. We will develop our teamwork skills and play team games. We will also learn dance, and practise movement to music.

In RE we will learn about creation and keeping our world safe. We will talk about our special places and where we feel happy and safe. We will learn about the Easter story.

In computing we will create a castle using Purple Mash, and will learn how to save and retrieve digital content. We will create our own Zog and Gadabout on Purple Mash. We will talk about keeping safe online as part of our work on e-safety day.