

Will you read me a story?

Cygnus Class Spring Term 2 2021



Welcome to the magical world of fairy tales! Was the Big Bad Wolf really so bad? How many bowls of porridge did Goldilocks eat? Let's find out more about our favourite stories, and discover some new ones.

This half term, we'll see some of our favourite characters come to life. We'll play imaginatively with a model castle and small world characters. We'll look at different character types, and decide whether our favourite characters are 'goodies' or 'baddies'! Using different materials and shapes, we'll build castles, fairy houses and bridges. We'll read lots of stories and look at the ingredients that go into a fantastic fairy tale. We'll be brave explorers and hunt for missing items from fairy tales. Contemporary versions of fairy tales will inspire us to write stories, and we'll create story maps to retell familiar tales. Our mathematical skills will help us to count the buttons on gingerbread men, and estimate how many beans Jack has got! After reading *The Enormous Turnip*, we'll plant seeds and learn how to care for them. We'll also test the right materials to make a bed for a princess, and houses for the Three Little Pigs.

At the end of the project, we'll look back at photographs of our amazing experiences. We'll also attend a fairy tale tea party and dress up as our favourite characters.

Areas of learning: Early Learning Goals	
Memorable experience	Fairy tales
Innovate challenge	Jelly bean beanstalks
Communication and language	Listening and attention; Understanding; Speaking
Physical development	Moving and handling
Personal, social and emotional development	Managing feelings and behaviour; Making relationships
Literacy	Reading; Writing
Mathematics	Numbers; Shape, space and measures
Understanding the world	The world
Expressive arts and design	Exploring and using media and materials; Being imaginative

Help your child prepare for their project

Reading fairy tales can sweep us away into a fantastical world. Why not look at some books online together to read lots of different versions? You could also watch children's films on this theme and discuss the different types of characters. Alternatively, you could use toys to retell favourite fairy tales.