

Oldbrook First School
Living and Learning Together



Year 2 Spring Term 1 - Fairy Tales

English: This half term we will be reading a range of traditional stories and fairy tales, and discussing similarities and differences between them. We will be looking closely at characters talking about their role in the story and describing them, as well as looking at the settings in the stories. We will also be continuing to work on our writing skills including how to use punctuation such as full stops, question and speech marks.

Maths: We will be continuing to read and write, as words, numbers to 100 and learning about place value and partitioning numbers. We will be exploring fractions and solving problems with them. The class will continue to investigate number problems including addition and subtraction and will be explaining how they came across the answer. We will be naming and describing properties of 2 and 3D shapes. The children will also be continuing to learn to tell the time in 5 minute intervals, and will be developing their understanding of positional language and directions.

Computing: The children will learning to create, manipulate, store and retrieve digital content on programs such as Microsoft Word and Purple Mash. As always the children will ensure that they are following our e- safety rules when using the technology in school.

Science: We will be exploring food chains and sorting types of animals into herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. We will be continuing to practise using our investigation skills to plan, carry out and evaluate experiments, also recording results.

RE: In our RE learning we will be learning about Christianity. The children will learn to label important features of a church which will link to our visit to Christ the Cornerstone church. They will also learn about why they go to church and important Christian festivals.

PSHE: This half term the topic is 'Getting On and Falling Out', within this topic children will be learning how to work together, share and play together kindly. They will learn how to understand each other's feelings, how to say sorry and begin to deal with small situations without the need of an adult. This will all be linked closely to our whole school restorative practice approach.

Geography: We will be identifying the 4 countries within the UK, as well as naming their capital cities. The children will have the opportunity to develop their map reading skills as part of this learning.

Art / Design and Technology: During this half term we will focus upon experimenting with and using fabrics to create pictures and a collaborative patchwork quilt linked to our topic learning.

PE: This half term our focus will be on continuing to develop our Gymnastics skills. They will also be learning invasion games with Mr Reynolds. This will include working as a team, attacking and defending.

Music: Our music learning will continue to follow the Music Express programme. Our new topics are linked to animals and the weather. We will be learning to identify and copy pitch, beats and then composing our own music to illustrate a story.

How you can help your child this half term:

- PLEASE make sure they have their PE kit in school **all week**. Now that the weather is colder, children **MUST** have a **t-shirt, pair of shorts, jogging bottoms and plimsolls or trainers** in school. The children should not be wearing earrings or other jewellery on PE days. If your child cannot remove their own earrings then please make sure their earrings are taken out at home on our PE days which are **Wednesday** and **Friday**. Children with long hair must have it tied up for PE.
- Encourage your child to read a little each night. Also, continue to read to them. Regular practice really does make a difference. Try to encourage your child to talk about what they've read and their opinions of it. Encourage your child to think about all the different texts that they read, not just their reading book! (Food packets, TV listings, shop signs, magazines or comics, game or toy instructions, writing in computer games or on the internet etc.)
- Support the children with their weekly home learning which is based on topics we are doing in school.
- Look in your child's book-bag regularly for letters and information from school.

Thank you for your continued support with home learning, the children do enjoy sharing things with you, bringing ideas into school and continuing to grow their brains at home! Please feel free to see us about any concerns or questions you may have.

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Miss Rebecca Blakesley - Year 2 Teaching Assistant