

## Communication and Language:



- Using stories about fairy tales to inspire our role playing.
- Learning the new vocabulary we need to talk about fairy tales, including: 'Once upon a time', 'beginning, middle, end', 'first, next, then, last', 'characters' and 'setting'.
- Using "Talk for Writing" story-mapping techniques to innovate stories and re-tell them in a different way.

## Physical Development:



- Learning to hold a pencil using our "pinchy fingers".
- Continuing to exercising our fingers with lots of fun fine motor activities, including threading, hammering, cutting and using play dough.
- Developing our skills in rolling, crawling, jumping, hopping and skipping.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development:



- Thinking about the things we can do to care for each other.
- Using circle times to explore what makes us unique.
- Getting changed and un-changed for PE independently.

## Literacy:



- Beginning our daily Read Write, Inc phonics sessions learning to read and write the Set 1 sounds.
- Using our book of the week as inspiration for writing sounds and simple CVC words including *Three Little Pigs*, *Alice in Wonderland* and *The Gingerbread Man*.
- Beginning to have 1:1 reading time with our teacher in the afternoon to develop our love for reading.

Our topic this half term is:

# Once Upon a Time



## Understanding the World:



- Learning how different Autumn and Winter festivals are celebrated, including Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas.
- Continuing to talk about seasonal change as we move from Autumn into Winter.
- Learning about the uses and properties of different building materials.

## Mathematics:



- Comparing amounts of objects to decide which is "more" and which is "fewer".
- Learning the strategies of "careful counting" to count out groups of objects up to 5.
- Learning to find one more and one less than a given number, up to 5.

## Outdoor Learning and Special Experiences:

- Outdoor Learning in Markfield Park happens every Tuesday afternoon. Activities this half term will include making and hanging a poppy wreath to mark Remembrance Day and a hunt for naughty Gingerbread men hiding in the park!
- Cuckoos and Canaries will be performing our Christmas play, "Nativity: Remixed!" in early December.

## Expressive Arts and Design:



- Producing process drawings and paintings by following simple picture instructions.
- Using different materials to create our favourite fairy tale characters.
- Learning the songs we will be singing in our class Nativity play.