



Reception Term 3 Learning Overview



Welcome back to a new term in Squirrel Class — we hope you all had a lovely Christmas and a happy New Year. This half term our topic is *Magical Meadows and Mystical Tales*, and we are really looking forward to exploring traditional fairy tales together, including exciting experiences such as nature walks and our school trip to Hever Castle.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Throughout the term, the children will explore right and wrong through fairy tales, talking about characters' choices and feelings. We will support them to build confidence, resilience and positive friendships as they share ideas and work together in play.

Communication and Language

The children will listen to and retell a range of traditional tales including *Jack and the Beanstalk*, *Goldilocks* and *Cinderella*. They will learn new vocabulary, practise speaking in full sentences and grow in confidence when sharing ideas with adults and friends.

Physical Development

We will develop gross motor skills through acting out stories, outdoor play, PE and building large-scale models. Fine motor skills will be strengthened through activities such as threading, cutting, drawing, mark-making and writing in preparation for more independent writing.

Literacy

This term we will focus on understanding how stories work, including characters, settings, problems and solutions. The children will practise sequencing events, writing captions and sentences, and retelling stories through talk, drawing and early writing.

Topic:

Magical Meadows and Mystical Tales



Mathematics

The children will build secure number knowledge through counting, comparing amounts and exploring how numbers are made. We will also explore shape, space and measure, including weight and capacity, through practical, hands-on activities linked to our stories.

Understanding the World

We will explore traditional tales from different cultures and talk about what stories can teach us. The children will also learn about the world around them through nature walks, a visit to Hever Castle, and discussions about real and imaginary places.

Expressive Arts and Design

Creativity will be encouraged through art, music, role play and imaginative play linked to fairy tales. The children will create puppets, costumes, castles and magical worlds, expressing their ideas and bringing stories to life.

Reminders:

- **PE:** Thursday AM
- **Nature walk:** Tuesday PM
- **Reading books:** in school every day
- **Water bottles:** daily and named
- **Please name all clothing**
- **Mittens preferred** (gloves are ok)
- **Coat:** Needed daily, we go outside in all weathers.