



Topic Learning Letter

Year One - Spring 1

Topic	Our topic this half term is Once Upon a Time. The story of The Three Little Pigs will be the catalyst for much of our learning across the curriculum. Mrs Trotter needs a lot of help building a new house in DT and testing the durability of the materials in science.
Launch and Land	We will launch our topic with a visit to the theatre to see Rapunzel. This will be the most magical start to the new year. We will land our topic by inviting an expert to test and discuss our model houses we will make in DT for the little pigs' mum, Mrs Trotter.
Trips / Visitors	We will be doing some research into buildings/materials and hope to go for a walk around the local area to inform this research. If you or anyone in your family are involved in construction or building design, perhaps they would like to visit to talk to the children about their work during the topic. For example, in the past we have been visited by a bricklayer, a thatcher, a carpenter and an architect. Please message on Seesaw or talk to your child's class teacher if you feel that you could help. We would be VERY grateful!
Science	In science, we will be learning about materials, both identifying materials and considering their properties. The children will carry out simple tests to help them assess which materials might be best to use when designing and making a house for Mrs Trotter.
Computing	The children will be learning all about robots. We will be using bee-bots to introduce the children to coding, and learning to programme them to carry out a journey through the fairy-tale forest.
Design and Technology	The children will become 'experts' and set up a construction company tasked with designing and building a house for Mrs Trotter that meets the specified criteria. We will be using different construction materials and hot glue to assemble our houses... and hoping they stand the test of time against the Big Bad Wolf!
Art	In art, we will be learning collage skills and exploring the work of Henri Matisse, a French artist, who liked to use lots of bright colours. We will experiment with different colours and types of papers, and different techniques in collaging with them.
Music	In music this half term we will explore timbre, rhythm and keeping a steady beat. This will take place every Tuesday afternoon with Mrs Fitt.
PSHE	This half term's focus is Dreams and Goals. We will explore our successes and achievements, consider ways to stay motivated when things are tricky and think about how to overcome challenges. We will also consider how it feels when we succeed at a challenge, especially one that we have needed to persevere with.
RE	This half term we will focusing on theology. We will be answering the enquiry question 'What do Jewish people remember on Shabbat?'
Reminders	Please can all uniform, including shoes, be clearly named, and the names regularly refreshed where written in pen. It is extremely helpful if hats and gloves are also named. PE will be on a Tuesday with Mr Gilkes and Wednesday with your child's class teacher. Please send the children to school wearing their PE kits on these days.

If you have any questions or concerns at all please talk to one of the Year One Team.