

<p><u>Expressive arts and design.</u></p> <p>Creating castles Making crowns Making houses for the 3 little pigs to live in. Printing brick houses using lego bricks. Goat crafts Designing clothes for gingerbread people. Salt dough fairy tale characters. Making lanterns for Chinese New Year.</p>	<p><u>Understanding of the world</u></p> <p>Exploring past and present - looking at castles and the people who lived in them - who were the knights? Similar, linked fairy tales from around the world (eg the runaway chapatti) Exploring building materials. Which would make the strongest house? Baking gingerbread man Building bridges - can we make a bridge that's strong enough for a toy animal to stand on? Test which material is the strongest. Exploring wind power - can we blow down our models with a hairdrier? Learn about Chinese New Year.</p>
<p><u>Literacy</u></p> <p>We will focus on a wide range of fairy tales including Goldilocks, Cinderella, The 3 little pigs, The 3 billy goat's Gruff, The Gingerbread Man & Each, Peach, Pear, Plum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exploring different characters and settings - Following recipes to make porridge, gingerbread men etc <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Letters from key characters - Retelling stories, drama and hot seating of characters in stories - Comparing similarities and differences of favourite tales <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Speech bubbles - Writing invitations, menus and lists <p>Phonics: Essential Letters and Sounds (daily)</p>	<p>Once Upon a time. Spring term, 2026</p>  <p>Maths</p> <p>Dragon egg counting Exploring capacity using oats, flour, water etc Focus on positional language. Hide a toy and give instructions as to where it is using words such as: behind, underneath, in front of, on top of. Set the table for the 3 bears coming for tea. How many knives, forks, spoons? How many altogether? Play with farm animals and make up fields with 5 animals in each. How many do 2 fields have? Play what's the time Mr wolf. Help measure ingredients for gingerbread and salt dough. Measuring, comparing and ordering objects by size order Mastering number - build on subitizing skill, understanding number composition, partitioning numbers and comparing amounts.</p>
<p><u>Physical development</u></p> <p>Regular mark making/ drawing and handwriting practice. Cutting out gingerbread men. Threading activities. Playdough and biscuit cutters Making model houses out of small construction toys (eg lego, lolly sticks etc) Folding and cutting Chinese lanterns Obstacle courses, climbing and jumping skills, ball skills</p>	<p><u>Personal, social & emotional development</u></p> <p>Jigsaw: Dreams and Goals unit Think about the feeling and emotions of characters in stories. Have you felt this way? Valentine's day cards Children's mental health week activities</p>