



Brecknock School

Curriculum

Information

Spring 2022

In our first topic this term, 'Once Upon a Time', the children will be listening to and re-telling traditional stories such as *Jack and the Beanstalk*, *The Elves and the Shoemaker* and *The Little Red Hen*. We will talk about the characters and settings of the stories and will re-tell them orally and in writing. We will finish the unit by acting out our favourite stories. In the second part of the term we will investigate the natural world around us, in our topic 'Plants and Growing'. We will investigate what plants need to grow, plant seeds and watch them grow and describe the changes that we see.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will continue our 'Philosophy for Children' lessons, in which we help children to consider important questions about themselves and the world around them. Questions we will look at this term include 'Why do we have rules?', 'What is friendship' and 'Is it OK to be different?' We will help children to give their own answers to the questions, and to listen and respond appropriately to other people's ideas.

Communication and Language

Oracy is always at the heart of our teaching at Brecknock. This term we will rehearse useful phrases for story telling such as 'once upon a time', 'one day', 'suddenly' and 'the end'. We will practice speaking clearly and confidently as we act out our stories in a 'story whoosh'.

Physical Development

We will continue to develop our fine motor skills through activities such as cutting, drawing and using tweezers. We will work on developing our pen grip through drawing and writing. We will continue to spend much time outside, building our gross motor skills as we run, hop, skip and jump. In our weekly P.E lessons we will develop our balancing, rolling and throwing and catching skills.

Literacy

We will continue our daily phonics sessions to learn the sounds the letters make. This term we will focus on learning the digraphs and tri-graphs in phase 3, and learning our 'tricky words'. We will blend sounds together to read words, and will use our phonics skills to write words and sentences containing the sounds we know.

We read several times daily, sometimes independently and other times supported by an adult.

Maths

We will continue to develop our understanding of early maths concepts. This term we will explore maths concepts such as comparing amounts, identifying 'one more' and 'one less' than numbers from 1 to 5, and talking about the composition of numbers.

We will continue to identify and talk about the shapes and patterns we see in the world around us and we measure objects using non-standard units.

Understanding the World

We will learn about the life-cycle of a plant, by planting seeds and watching them grow. We will experiment with light, water and soil to find out what plants need to grow. We will think about the ways we have changed since we were babies and will understand that people grow as well as plants.

We are excited to plan out our herb garden for the summer term. We will think about which vegetables, herbs and fruits to grow.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will have plenty of opportunities for imaginary play when we dress up and act out our traditional stories. We will have time to explore musical instruments and use them to perform songs we know.

We will have opportunities to develop our artistic skills and our fine motor skills through drawing, painting, collage and construction activities. We will make props for our stories, such as a mask for a princess or a crown for a king.