

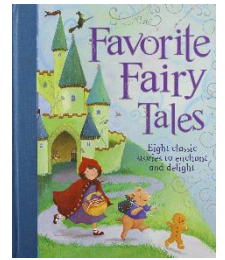
St Thomas of Canterbury Church of England Primary School

"Let all that you do be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14



Curriculum Update

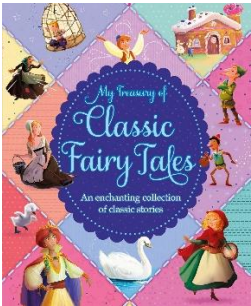
Summer Term 1 - Reception



Dear Parents/Carers,

This letter informs you about what your child will be learning at school in the first half of the Summer term. We hope that you will be able to help your child explore and discuss these areas at home through some of the following ideas:

- researching areas at the local library and helping your child develop their library skills
- searching with them on the internet for child friendly material and relevant websites
- watching relevant television programmes that may support their work, or visiting a museum
- **and, most importantly**, talking to your child about what they have done at school! Listen to what they have learned and praise their achievements. You can use the Seesaw photos to help you.

Topic	Our Learning
<p data-bbox="156 1234 344 1339">Fairytales stories</p> 	<p data-bbox="400 1189 1487 1585">We have a very exciting term ahead of us looking at a range of stories, in particular Fairytales and traditional tales. We will be discussing stories that the children have already heard or read before. We look forward to bringing these stories to life with your child so that they become fully immersed in the story. This will be done through a range of different methods such as drama, reading, watching pre-recorded shows of the story and art and design activities. We will adapt the class role play area so that it links to an aspect of the story allowing the children to choose to act out the story or to make up their own version.</p> <p data-bbox="400 1637 1487 1765">While looking at the stories, we will incorporate each area of learning and challenge children's prior knowledge and understanding through questions and activities that are chosen.</p> <p data-bbox="400 1816 1487 1989">We will take an in-depth look into different stories allowing the children to challenge their thinking whilst answering 'who, what, when and why' questions when talking about the plot, characters and why certain things happened.</p>

Through these different techniques we will continue to work on writing skills and stamina encouraging them to write some of their own stories with increased independence.

In maths this term we will be exploring both 2D and 3D shape, discussing their properties and developing our verbal counting skills up to and beyond 20. We will also recap positional language and explore the language involved with measures such as distance. We will relate their learning to real world situations through play both inside and out and using a range of practical resources.

We will be posting some photos of the experiences through Seesaw so you can share and discuss the activities with your children and talk through the learning they have taken part in. If you read any Fairytales or traditional tales with your child at home you can upload a picture to Seesaw too so we can discuss it as a class.

We will take full advantage of the nice weather and be using our garden as much as possible. With this in mind please can you ensure that your child has their wellies in school with their name in because this will mean that they can play and explore in the water area and mud kitchen as well as play outside on the bank *if* it rains.

Through P.E we are now moving on to a dance topic. We will explore the movement of our bodies, depending on the style and speed of the music. We will listen to familiar songs and use them to support their learning of new skills. The children will also have the opportunity to play on bikes and scooters, using them on our play road. This will help them to learn about road safety in an engaging and interactive way.

A Christian community where children are known by name and loved, which empowers them to learn and to grow in faith, knowledge and fellowship.

