

EYFS Summer 2016

Our topic for this term is all about magic and our essential question is 'Do you believe in magic?' Our launch day will be in the first week and will be an opportunity for all children in EYFS to come to school dressed as a magical character of their own choice and we will watch the magical film Fantasia in the school hall, munching treats to make the experience even more magical.

We will be learning all about Jack and the Beanstalk in the first two weeks, reading different versions of this story so we can act it out. We will have Jack's cottage in the classroom and we will be planting lots of beans to see whether or not they are magical, as well as looking after them and watching them grow. We will be measuring the bean stalks and measuring all sorts of different things too. We will be making story maps and we may even have a try at writing the stories ourselves, as well as making our own magical gardens. We will be counting in twos as we climb up the beanstalks too.

For the next two weeks we will be looking at mini beasts, making mini beasts hotels outdoors to encourage lots of little insects to come and live in our outdoor area and going on hunts to see what we can find. We will learn all about the different creatures we find, and sort them into different categories, use different technology, such as iPads, to find out more information and write our own information texts. We will be drawing them really carefully and reading lots of different insect stories, such as 'The very hungry caterpillar', and 'The bad tempered ladybird'. We will be carefully watching our own tadpoles to see how they grow into frogs and we hope to have our very own caterpillars so we can watch them change into butterflies before releasing them into the wild.

Weeks six and seven will be all about fairies, goblins, elves and other tiny magical creatures, as we read stories about them and look for evidence to see if they really exist or not (we think they do). We will write fairy potions and spells, write letters to them, make fairy cakes and make lots of other things small enough for small magical creatures to enjoy.

Weeks eight and nine are all about getting ready for our café day, so we will be able to make more fairy cakes as we should be getting quite good at making them by now. We will be making posters to advertise it, writing invitations for you to come and join us and learning all about life in a café so that we can serve our guests and take their money.

Weeks ten and eleven will be all about superheroes. We will look at different types of superheroes and discuss their magical super powers, then design our

own superhero, give them a magical super power, describe them, including what super foods they would need to eat, make a puppet of them and give them a superhero countdown to help us learn how to count backwards. We will have superhero quarters so we can keep track of them all and read lots of superhero stories.

Weeks twelve, thirteen and fourteen will be all about pirates and mermaids, the last of our magical creatures. We will be looking at maps, hopefully finding treasure, making more puppets, and having a camp for the end of the project when we will be able to come to school dressed as mermaids or pirates and spend time out in camps and dens on the school field, listening to stories and having magical adventures.

What a busy and exciting term it promises to be. We will need a long school holiday after that for a rest.