

Nursery Newsletter



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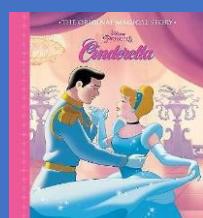
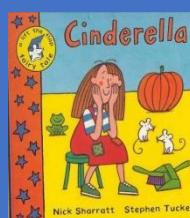
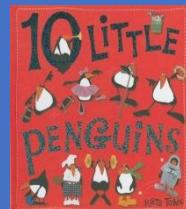
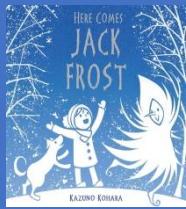
Spring Term 1

Monday 5th January 2026
to
Thursday 12th February 2026

Theme – Winter & Traditional Tales

We hope you have had a lovely Christmas holiday. The children have settled back in well and are ready to begin to learn all about our new topic. We are looking forward to this half term celebrating the different festivals and special events such as Valentine's Day.

This half term we will be reading:



The main learning for the first part of this half term will be all about 'winter weather' and based around the texts 'Jack Frost' by Kazuno Kohara and '10 Little penguins' by Kate Toms.

In the second half of the term we will be looking at different traditional tales with the main texts being 'The Gingerbread Man' and 'Cinderella'!

What will we learn this half term?

Communication and Language

We will continue to have lots of circle time activities and social snack times to develop the children's speaking and listening skills.

We will be continue to share our news from the weekend on a Monday. This encourages the children to speak in front of their familiar group, listen to each other and take turns in conversation. The children continue to develop their confidence when talking in front of their friends as well as improving when listening to others.

We will be listening to topic related stories that are becoming longer stories and seeing if the children can remember much of what happens in the stories.



Literacy

We will be looking at the books 'Jack Frost' and 'Cinderella' as our main topic stories and will be looking at different versions of the story. Some versions will be rhyming stories to help develop the children's phonological awareness to spot and suggest rhymes. We will also be sharing lots of other stories traditional tales too.

We will be encouraging the children to repeat words and phrases from familiar stories. We will be engaging in conversations about the stories and learning new vocabulary.

The children will continue to have lots of opportunities to mark make freely for example writing invites to Cinderella's Ball.

Maths

In Maths we will continue to do lots of counting, recognising numbers and singing lots of counting songs. As part of our topic we will be using positional language to help find the glass slipper in hide and seek. We will be decorating a crown with jewels linking numerals and amounts. We will be looking at the numbers in '10 Little Penguins'.

We will continue to learn numbers through 'White Rose Maths' using the interactive whiteboard. This half term we will be counting, subitising and recognising numbers 3, 4, and 5.

Understanding the World

We will be looking at the winter weather we experience such as storms, rain, frost, ice, and snow and sharing experiences of how the change in the weather makes us feel.

We will be talking about our families and who lives in our home to relate to the Cinderella story.

We will be learning about and celebrating Valentine's Day.



Expressive Arts and Design

As part of our topic, we will be creating lots of lovely paintings, drawings and collages of wintry pictures. We will be drawing penguins on the interactive whiteboard and painting spiky, icy Jack Frosts using a fork.

We will be learning and celebrating Valentine's Day and creating some lovely art work for these.

We will continue to sing our familiar rhymes as well as learn some new songs.



Physical Development

We will continue working on the children's fine motor skills by doing activities such as playdough, jigsaws, threading and sorting objects with tweezers.

We will be holding an 'Early Writing' Stay and Play' that will be hopefully give you lots of ideas that you can do at home to help with your child's fine motor skills. We will continue to have lots of mark

making activities such as writing over names, topic opportunities such as making Valentines cards, making invites to Cinderella's Ball!

We will also continue to practice using scissors by holding them correctly and developing their control when cutting/snipping.

Our children love playing outside so we will 'enjoy' and experience our winter weathers!!



Phonics

This half-term we will continue with Phase One Phonics. We have already carried out lots of phonics games and activities which the children really enjoy!

This phase is split into 7 different Aspects: Rhythm and Rhyme, Alliteration, Voice Sounds, Environmental Sounds, Instrumental Sounds, Body Percussion and Oral Blending and Segmenting.

We will be learning and experiencing rhythm and rhyme and developing awareness to talk about words that rhyme and also produce rhyming words. The children like to think of words that rhyme with their names!

Phase 1 Phonics Activities

- Aspect 1: Environmental sounds
- Stories - Walk around local area
- Aspect 2: Instrumental sounds
- Bag of instruments - Add sound effects
- Aspect 3: Body percussion
- Action songs and rhymes
- Aspect 4: Rhythm and rhyme
- Rhyming stories - What rhymes with...?
- Aspect 5: Alliteration
- Having fun with names - Story characters
- Aspect 6: Voice sounds
- Adding different voices to stories
- Aspect 7: Oral blending and segmenting
- Robot speech c-a-t and Put it together

'Ellis, Mellis', 'Harkins, Tarkins', 'Gilmore, Pilmore'

Lunch time and snacks

We will continue to provide snack with various fruits and a drink of milk. The children enjoy our sociable snack time and many children are beginning to try fruit and snacks that they maybe wouldn't have initially!

Tapestry

Please continue to check your Tapestry account regularly as we sometimes put messages/information on. We also put pictures/videos of current learning and activities on which are lovely for you to see.

Clothing

Please remember to check that all items of your children's clothing and wellies are labelled.

Thank you

We really look forward to the term ahead.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Miss Ellis & The Nursery Team