

Year 1 Summer 1

Our topic is...



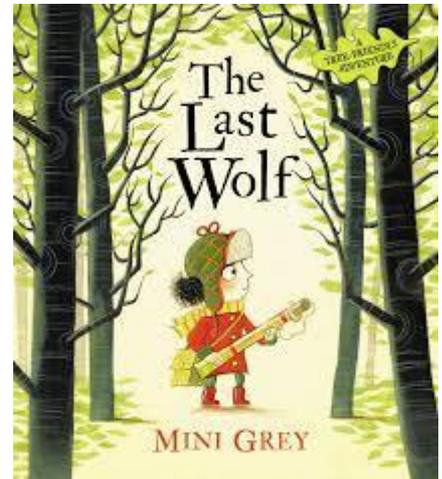
Once Upon A
Time...

Supporting your child's learning at home

The most effective way of supporting your child's learning is by taking an interest in what they are doing. This leaflet should give you a starting point for talking about what learning your child is doing at school. There are ideas below to support their learning at home.

English

Our English this half term will focus on a Story called 'The Last Wolf' by Mini Grey. We will be starting the half term by making predictions, responding to illustrations and building up a character description. We will then move on and will look more closely at Endangered Animals, what makes an animal endangered and use this information to create our own Endangered Animal Book. We shall then look at the story, discuss it from another perspective, and start to write more in depth sentences using exciting adjectives and connectives. We will be asking questions to the Wolf, describing his characteristics and reflecting on how we felt about the story.



We will be using drama activities to explore the emotions of the characters. Our focus will be on exciting language, use of questions and use of the range of sentence types expected for Year 1 children.

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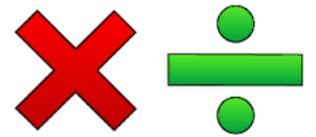
- Continue reading with your child regularly and practising the phonic sounds in the Reading Diary.
- Expand your child's vocabulary by discussing more challenging and exciting words when reading to them.
- Speak to your child about what they are reading and encourage them to think about what might happen next or to consider why a character may be feeling as they are. This will help with their inference skills.
- Learning weekly spelling words.
- Practise handwriting when learning spelling words.

Mathematics

This half term we shall start to look closely at Multiplication and Division. We will recap counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and then start to build up to using arrays. We will begin by looking at how arrays are repeated addition, which will then help to notice that this is linked to Multiplication.

We will then move on to Division, we shall begin by sharing objects into two groups and then four. We will then build up on this using other mathematical objects to help support. We will end the half term by looking at doubles.

We will be looking at some problems involving reasoning and higher order thinking where the children will have to explain how or why in words.



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DIVISION

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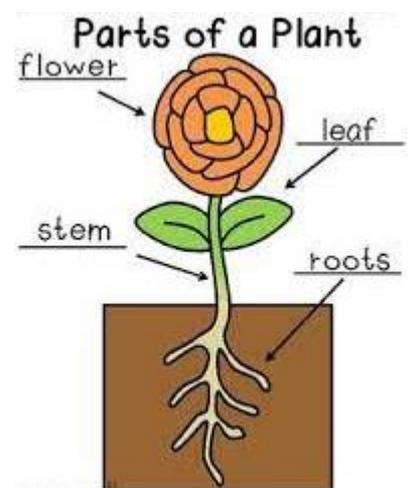
- Continue to practise times tables, in particular 2s, 5s, and 10s.
- Recap number bonds to 10 to ensure the children are secure.
- Help your child with their maths homework on Education City.
- See what arrays you can find when out and about.

Science

During this half term, our Science is based around Plants. We shall each be growing a bean seed, which links, nicely into our Topic of 'Once Upon a Time'. We will be keeping a bean diary, where we shall be recording how much we have watered the seed, any changes the seed has made and drawing what the seed looks like. We will also be looking and naming the parts of a plant and what the functions are. Finally, to end the half term we shall be looking at a range of trees and identifying whether they are a deciduous tree or an evergreen.

At home, you could:

- Grow some seeds of your own and discussing what is needed for the plants to produce healthy growth.
- Notice different plants when outside, naming them and their parts and discussing how they are changing with the onset of spring.



DT

In our DT sessions, we will be linking our learning to our Fairy-tale theme. The children will explore moving picture books and then will design and create our own moving picture based around a Fairy-tale. After we have created our own moving pictures, we shall then use our reflective ladybird skills to evaluate our work.

Geography

During our geography sessions, we will be focusing on Hot and Cold places. We shall start by visiting the Arctic and Antarctica and look closely at what the climate, habitat and what animals live in these countries. We shall then move on



and look closely at the climate, habitat and what animals live in warmer areas such as the Amazon Rainforest and Sahara Dessert. We shall then compare the two by looking at the similarities and differences between warmer and colder places.

Music

During Music, to link to our topic of Once Upon a Time, our theme is called Use Your Imagination. We shall start by exploring different songs such as 'Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious from Mary Poppins, Pure Imagination from Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory and Daydream Believer by The Monkees'. The children will then use these styles to able to apply it to learn the song 'Use Your Imagination'. They will get to find the pulse, rhythm and pitch by marching, clapping and using their voices. Together we will learn how to use the xylophone to the correct beat whilst singing.

P.E

Children will be taking part in some 'Invasion Games'. This will include thinking about using space in games, attacking and defending skills as well as dodging and marking skills in a game.

R.E

Our topic this half term continues the Christian theme; we shall be exploring the special places Christians use and comparing it to our special places.

Class dojo:



Please remember you can message **any** of the Year 1 teachers on Class dojo with queries or questions that you may have.

Pine Class - Mrs Plant

Ash Class - Mrs Ellis