



**Physical Development:**

'Dough Disco' is used to strengthen the children's hand muscles. Careful fine-motor tasks encourage precise finger and thumb control over tweezers, pegs and threading.

In PE, children will develop fundamental movement skills through ball games and gymnastics. They will practise throwing, catching, rolling and kicking balls, exploring control, coordination and spatial awareness.

In gymnastics, children will experiment with balancing, jumping, climbing, stretching and travelling in different ways, using both floor and apparatus safely. Through these activities, children will build confidence, strength, flexibility and coordination while having fun and learning to follow simple rules and instructions.

**Personal, Social & Emotional Development:**

This term our focus is the unit 'Healthy Me'. Throughout this unit, children will learn about the importance of regular exercise and sufficient rest in maintaining good health. They will identify healthy and less healthy foods and understand how these choices affect their bodies. The children will also explore practical ways to improve their sleep, practise effective handwashing techniques and begin developing positive habits that support both their physical and emotional wellbeing.

**Communication & Language:**

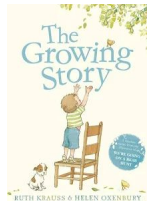
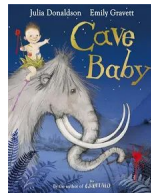
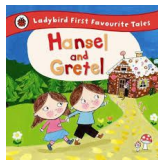
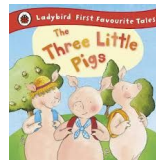
The children will focus on vocabulary connected to fairytales as well as human growth and development. They explore the language, expressions and narrative structures commonly found in fairy tales, discussing characters, settings and events. At the same time, they learn to describe how people grow, change and develop over time, linking language to real-life experiences.

Using a variety of props, the children will have the opportunity to re-enact classic fairy tales, practising storytelling, role-playing different characters and building confidence in using new vocabulary.

**Key Texts:**

- The Gingerbread Man
- The Three Little Pigs
- Little Red Riding Hood
- Hansel and Gretel
- Cave Baby
- The Growing Story

**Once Upon A Time**



**Mathematics:**

The children will explore numbers up to 10, learning to recognise, count and make these numbers using a variety of hands-on resources. They will discover doubles and learn how numbers can be made in two equal parts. Children will also explore odd and even numbers, sorting and identifying numbers based on this concept.

In shape and space, they will manipulate 2D shapes to create patterns and pictures, and learn to recognise and name common 3D shapes. Finally, children will extend their counting skills to larger sets of objects and to things that cannot be seen, building a strong foundation for early mathematical thinking.

**Understanding the World:**

As part of our topic "Once Upon A Time", the children will be learning about stories, journeys and the world around them. They will explore familiar fairy tales such as *The Gingerbread Man*, *Little Red Riding Hood*, and *Hansel and Gretel*, creating simple maps to show routes, paths and key landmarks. Through short walks, drawing, labelling and following maps, children will begin to understand direction, sequencing and how maps help people find their way.

Children will learn about prehistoric life, discussing how humans have learned and developed over time. Life cycles will be explored by talking about how people grow from babies to elderly adults.

**Literacy Development:**

The children have been learning their set 2 sounds this term. We shall continue to recap our special friends and get really speedy with our reading of red and green books.

The children have been assessed on their letter formation and they will be supported to make corrections to letters they are currently forming incorrectly. They will begin to have more formal handwriting lessons to enable instinctive formation of letters.

The children write using their phonetic knowledge about the key texts for this half-term. For example, they might write repeated refrains from fairytales.

**Expressive Arts & Design:**

The children explore creativity through activities such as collage, clay, paper weaving, chalk, paint and crayons, often inspired by the fairytales we are reading. They enjoy learning songs and poems linked to the seasons and the magical worlds of our stories.

The roleplay corner allows children to step into the shoes of fairytale characters, acting out familiar tales or creating their own imaginative adventures.