

# Ecclesall Primary School Curriculum Overview Year: Reception Term: Spring 1 2026-Once Upon a Time.

## Prime Area: Communication & Language

- To retell traditional tales using some exact repetition and traditional story language such as 'Once upon a time'.
- To use story language in play.
- Build up vocabulary related to 'Once Upon a Time'. Please refer to our Knowledge Organiser.
- Offer explanations for why things might happen.

## Literacy: Reading

- To know that a traditional tale is a story that has been told for many years.
- To know what an author and illustrator do.

## Literacy: Writing

- To label a story map for The Gingerbread Man.
- To write sentences about Goldilocks & the 3 Bears.
- To write a speech bubble for a 3 Little Pigs character.

## Prime Area: Personal Social and Emotional Development

- To know what it means to be resilient.
- To recognise what we are good at and what we would like to get better at.
- To set a class and personal goal.
- Talk about things that are difficult and how we can overcome them.

## Numeracy

- To practise subitising.
- To understand the composition of numbers up to 8.
- Doubling to 8.
- Matching odds & evens.
- To combine two groups

## Understanding the World

- To know that objects are made from different materials such as wood, metal, plastic.
- To identify objects that float/sink
- To know that some things were different about life in the past.

## Expressive Arts and Design

- Explore how to make loud and quiet sounds in music.
- Create different textures using a range of media and materials.
- Use traditional story language.

## Phonics

- Recognise level 3 digraphs and trigraphs in words.
- To begin to read level 3 tricky words and words with level 3 sounds.

## Prime Area: Physical Development

- Recognise the importance of exercise for good mental health.
- Begin to form letters correctly.
- Show control when balancing.

## Computing

- Meet the Digital Citizens characters.
- Finding balance with the use of technology at home.

## Key Texts

- The 3 Pigs, Goldilocks and the Gingerbread Man
- Poems for the very young- Michael Rosen
- Author of the half term -Judith Kerr

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