



Autumn 2023

STJB Year Two



Once upon a time

Dear Parents,

This term our topic is 'Once upon a time'.

In **Science**, the children will recap the materials they learnt about last year and identify and name these materials. They will explore why certain materials are suitable for certain uses. They will then explore which materials can squash, bend, twist or stretch.

In **English**, we will begin by writing recounts. We will be reading Traditional Fairy Tales. The children will be looking at different versions of the Three Little Pigs. They will be writing a description of the wolf and their own version of the story.

In **Maths**, we will look at place value, addition and subtraction.

In **Geography**, the children will be learning about maps. They will be looking at maps of Findon village and learning how to use a key to identify physical and human features. They will be learning North, South, East and West directions and how to follow a route on a map. The children will be going on a walk around Findon village and making a simple map with a key.

During **History**, the children will be learning about personal timelines. They will be making comparisons between a baby, toddler and year two child.

In **Computing**, the children will be learning about online safety. They will learn to use the Purple Mash search bar. They will be able to explain what a digital footprint is. The children will be able to give reasons for keeping their password safe that

include protecting their personal information. They will be able to say the good and bad sides of digital technology. The children will look at the internet, web browsers and search engines to give them the basic tools to help them search for information more effectively. The children will also be creating simple spreadsheets, tables and graphs.

During **PE**, the children will be participating in games, gym and dance. In gym, they will be learning about different balance skills, travelling and how to challenge themselves. In dance, they will be learning to work with a partner to create shapes in dance. In games, the children will be learning ball skills and how to use these in team games.

In **RE**, the children are going to hear stories from the Bible and recognise the links between the Gospel and good news. They are going to learn what Bible stories mean to Christians. The children are going to look at how Jesus told stories to teach Christians about forgiveness, peace and bringing good news.

In **D.T**, the children will be learning about healthy eating, where food comes from and how to cook it.

In **Art**, the children will be looking at painting and drawings by Picasso. They will learn to use a range of media and how to make marks by shading and blending. They will use these skills to draw a self portrait. In painting, the children will learn to colour mix primary colours and make secondary colours. They will also learn how to use different types of brushes and other tools to create a variety of different effects.

In **Music**, the children will be listening to different pieces of music, playing instruments, improvising and composing their own music. They will also learn to perform a song as a class.

In **RSHE**, the children are going to be learning to identify and manage feelings in themselves and others.

This is just an outline of what the children will be exploring during this topic. We are using these news letters to give you information about your child's education.

Homework

Please share books and hear your child read regularly. We will be giving weekly maths tasks to support your child in their maths learning. Each week we will be giving out spelling activities for your child to practise, this will help your child with their reading and writing. Please give your homework in on a Tuesday. It will be given out on a Thursday.

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