

Our topic this half term is **Stories**. This topic web will give you some idea of the work we will be carrying out in all areas of learning in Reception.

### Communication, Language and Literacy

The children will:

- Recreate roles and experiences in role play e.g. princesses and knights, palaeontologists, zoo keepers
- Use known stories as models for their own story writing acting out stories.
- Write for a range of purposes e.g. speech bubbles for conversations between characters, making a wish list for the princess, using rhyme in their writing, inventing new names for dinosaurs, writing facts about animals at the zoo.
- Build upon their knowledge of letter sound relationships of all 44 phonemes
- Blend sounds for reading and segment sounds for writing
- Carry on practising letter formation and orientation
- Use a range of reading skills in their independent

### Mathematics

The children will:

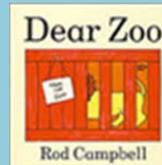
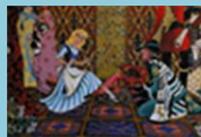
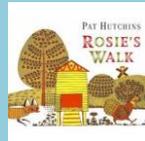
- Become confident with numbers from 10 to 20 through a range of practical activities e.g. play guess my number, order random sets of numbers, counting golden coins in 1's and 2's
- Work out simple number stories relating to the story of that week e.g. adding two sets of giraffes on the plains
- Solve problems that involve halving and doubling numbers e.g. doubling eggs in a nest
- Use 2d and 3d shapes to create models such as a hen house for Rosie
- Use non-standard units to measure, e.g. using arm spans to measure the length of a dinosaur
- Create and describe patterns using a range of resources

### Physical Development

The children will:

- Use tools and techniques to make 3d models such as dinosaur eggs
- Learn to manage their own safety e.g. carrying equipment
- Develop grip and control of pencils and other tools for mark making, cutting and joining
- Jump and land successfully and move in different ways
- Take part in PE sessions led by our sports coaches

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### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will:

- Share ideas and mind map weekly themes
- Talk about their ideas and select the resources they need
- Engage in circle activities such as parachute games
- Build upon confidence and independence in activities indoors and outdoors
- Participate in Show and Tell, developing language skills

### Understanding of the World

The children will:

- Compare and classify animals and dinosaurs using sorting hoops and decision trees by looking for common features
- Look for patterns and change in their own and other environments e.g. signs of spring
- Learn to show care and concern for animals
- Share their cultures through festivals such as Easter
- Cook on a weekly basis using our weekly themes to inspire them e.g. chocolate nests
- Interact with simple computer programs to enhance their learning
- Learn about how people lived in the past e.g. in castles

### Expressive Arts and Design

The children will:

- Participate in drama, acting and dance for our class assemblies
- Use different media for their own creations e.g. making giraffes using cardboard and paper
- Design and make castles and costumes using a range of materials
- Have weekly music sessions with Mrs Walker
- Learn new songs relating to the topic e.g. animal songs, dinosaur songs, Easter songs
- Use their imaginations to turn themselves into their favourite dinosaur
- Dress up as knights and princesses for dress up day