

## Fairytale Phase: Autumn

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## What we are learning:



We are at the beginning of our phonic learning journey at this time of the year.

**Nursery** will hear stories and rhymes and play speaking and listening games, to build their confidence, support them to use and understand an ever expanding vocabulary and to prepare them for their later phonics learning.

**Reception** will practise their speaking and listening skills through songs and games, before we begin to learn our first sounds. They will be introduced to the skills blending for reading and segmenting for spelling words. They will also be shown how to form the letters correctly using rhymes to remind them how. They will have lots of opportunities to practise them at school and home.

Fred the frog will help us along the way, helping us to build the sounds we hear into words and break them down for spelling.



### Maths

During this first stage of their maths learning the children will have lots of opportunities to understand number. They will complete activities to sort, match and compare amounts - even before they begin to count. They will represent, compare and compose small amounts and begin to find one more and less. Our maths learning is not about how high the children can count, but ensuring their core understanding of counting and all of its elements are secure. They will count through songs and in lots of different ways.

We will introduce shape, space and measure. They will compare the size, mass and capacity of objects. There will be opportunities for them to learn more about shapes and also to begin to learn about the vocabulary of time.

They will begin to use positional language to describe where things are. This is something you can help with at home. Move objects around and ask them to use sentences to explain where they are.

For example: Teddy is on top of the table. The car is under the chair.

We will send other activities and ideas to support the children's learning.



### All about me

Through group learning activities and independent challenge play, the children will learn 'All about me.' They will think about who is in their family and learn that every family is different. They will reflect on how they are similar and different from their friends and celebrate what makes them unique.

They will look at the different homes in which they live and how they are different within Coventry. We will also find out about the more unique homes in which people live from all around the world.



### Being creative

We love providing new ways for the children to create. This half term we are going to paint and draw self-portraits and characters from the stories we read. We will be building structures that people might call home using a variety of materials.



The children will hear familiar stories and begin to look closely at pictures within them, describing what they see and widening their vocabulary as they go.



The children will start to learn about the fantastics. They will go on a fantastic hunt, use the different fantastics as a focus for developing ideas and vocabulary and as a way for sharing likes and dislikes. They will see the fantastics within our learning activities used as a spark for talk.