



Nayland Primary School

Summer Term 1

**This half term in Woodpeckers our theme is  
'Once Upon a time, in a land far, far away...'**

Our classroom will be transformed into a magical kingdom where fairy tales spring to life! Children will journey through enchanted forests, meet kings and queens, plant towering beanstalks just like Jack, and skip and sing their way through adventures with Little Red Riding Hood. Along the way, they will bring these classic tales to life through exciting Computing and DT projects, designing, animating, building and imagining their own happily everafters. Get ready for a term filled with wonder, creativity, and just a sprinkle of fairy tale magic!

Maths	This term, children will build on their understanding of place value within 20, learning to read, write, and compare numbers, and represent them using practical equipment. They will also develop their skills in addition and subtraction, using number lines, tens frames, and other concrete resources to solve problems and explain their thinking.
English	We will be continuing on our Curious Quest, where through imaginative prompts, the Curious Quest will continue to support creativity as we grow into independent writers. We will write sentences to accompany drawings, using correct sentence structure and applying phonics knowledge, to segment and spell words more confidently.
Science	We will explore plants by identifying common flowers, trees and garden plants, and learning about basic parts like roots, stems, leaves and flowers. Children will observe plants growing, talk about what they need to stay healthy, and investigate the plants around our school.
History	We will explore the lives of Kings and Queens, learning what makes a monarch, how they lived, and why they were important. Children will look at famous royal figures from the past, compare life then and now, and discover the traditions, symbols and stories that shape our monarchy today.
Design and Technology	We will be designing and making their own animated book pages, exploring simple mechanisms such as sliders and levers. They'll learn how moving parts can bring illustrations to life and will create interactive pages inspired by stories they know and love.
PE	In P.E the games sessions will be based around striking and fielding and invasion games and continuing on our OAA journey using our school grounds to make learning active.
French	Woodpeckers continue to be introduced to the basic understanding of the French language, looking at greetings, introducing ourselves, numbers, colours and our family.
Computing iDraw	In this unit of learning children will explore and develop skills using digital tools to create and edit graphical art.
PSHE / No outsiders & RSE	We will be looking at Christianity: Leaders and Teachers. We will be answering the question Why do Christians trust Jesus and follow him? In PSHE we will continue our journey with Yasmine and Tom, recognising that all bodies are different and that all bodies can do different things. We will develop a positive body image about ourselves and learn skills to respond to any negative comments about our bodies.
Music	We continue our journey learning the Recorder, developing rhythm, coordination, and early notation skills. We will also look at singing and performing as a choir, looking at the story of Little Red Riding Hood.

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

- Please remember to label all your child's clothing with their name.
- Ensure your child's PE kit is in school and is weather appropriate for lessons outside.
- Please do not send your child into school wearing jewellery. Small stud earrings can be worn but must be removed for PE.
- Don't forget to send your child into school with a water bottle, and a warm coat.

**USEFUL WEBSITES**

- Google Earth
- Phonics Play  
<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk>
- Topmarks  
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- PE will be on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- Library day is Wednesday.
- Book change day is highlighted on the first page in your child's Reading Records.
- 21st April No Outsiders Day
- 4th May Bank Holiday
- 19th May Look and Share after school
- 20th May Look and Share before school
- 20th May Class trip to Wyvern Wood
- 22nd May HSA Colour Run & last day of term.

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