



All Saints Primary School, Wokingham  
Early Year Foundation Stage: Reception

**Key questions:**

- What is a fairy tale?
- What is a character?
- Who lives in a castle?
- What is a castle for?
- What are the main features of a castle?
- What does it mean to be royal?
- What festivals do we celebrate, how and why?
- What is the true meaning of Christmas?

**Literacy:**

- Read Write Inc Set 1
- Reading and writing first name
- Retell and role play
- Simple sentence character descriptions
- Writing stories (mini books)
- Cinderella's shoe shop (signs and shoe adjective descriptions)
- Christmas cards and greetings

**Expressive Art and Design:**

- Junk modelling castles – joining boxes cutting drawbridge and battlements
- Drawing fairytale characters
- Peg doll characters
- Firework blow / splatter paintings
- Diwali clay divas
- Rangoli patterns
- Christmas carols and Nativity play

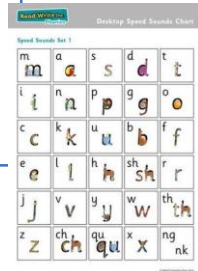


Key knowledge  
Autumn 2  
  
ONCE UPON A TIME  
We are explorers

**What makes a good fairytale?**

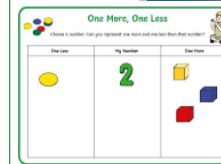
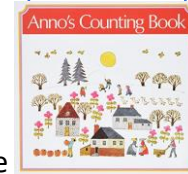


**Key texts:**  
Three Billy Goats Gruff  
Three Little Pigs  
Goldilocks  
Cinderella  
Hansel and Gretel  
Rama and Sita  
Little Owl and the Christmas Star



**Key concepts:**

Fairy tales are old stories that have been told to children for hundreds of years. Fairy tales often include animals as characters, such as wolves, bears or goats. Sometimes there are made up characters, such as trolls. Fairy tales are set in the past and show the clothes that people used to wear a long time ago. In fairy tales, kings, queens, princes and princesses live in castles. Many fairy tales are set in woodlands and forests. There are lots of new stories that tell fairy tales in a different way.



**Key vocabulary:**

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|------------|------------|--------|
| Bear       | Castle     | Wicked |
| Troll      | King       | Evil   |
| Woodland   | Queen      | Wolf   |
| Forest     | Prince     | Palace |
| Castle     | Princess   |        |
| Cinderella | Goat       |        |
| Snow White | Stepmother |        |

**Physical Development:**

- Pen disco
- P.E. – self-awareness, agility, space and movements
- Co-operative games
- Beginning to dress independently (P.E. and costumes)
- Playdough plaits and threading to improve fine motor control
- Wrapping presents

**Social Emotional:**

- Being a good friend?
- Playing games – taking turns, winning and losing
- Tidying up
- Caring for others

**Maths:**

- Representing, sorting, matching, comparing and composition of numbers 1-5
- One more one less
- Pattern and 2D shapes
- Light and dark, day and night

