

# FOUNDATION 1

(NURSERY)



# NEWSLETTER

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## What's New...



**WELCOME BACK, AND HAPPY SPRING! WE ARE REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO AN EXCITING TERM AHEAD, FULL OF STORIES, CREATIVITY, AND HANDS-ON LEARNING.**

This term our learning will be inspired by modern classic fairytales alongside a focus on growing, planting, and seasonal change. We will be working on all areas of the children's development through learning through stories and talk, as well as developing their fine motor skills to begin to hold a pencil properly. Here's a snapshot of what your child will be exploring across the different areas of learning:

### **Communication and Language**

We will be sharing and enjoying a range of modern fairytales, encouraging the children to listen carefully, talk about characters and events, and share their own ideas.

### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

Fairytales provide wonderful opportunities to explore feelings, friendships, and problem-solving. Caring for plants will also help children learn responsibility and patience as they nurture something over time.

### **Physical Development**

Children will strengthen their fine motor skills through planting seeds, filling pots with soil, watering plants, and creating artwork linked to our stories. Outdoor play will include digging, exploring the garden, and moving like fairytale characters, supporting balance, coordination, and overall physical confidence.

### **Literacy**

We will enjoy a variety of modern fairytales through books, storytelling, and puppets. Children will begin to recognise story structures, join in with repeated phrases, and develop an interest in books. Mark-making activities such as drawing characters, making simple story maps, and labelling plants will support early writing skills.

## **Mathematics**

Planting and growing offer many chances to explore maths in meaningful ways. Children will count seeds, compare plant growth, talk about size and height, and notice patterns and changes over time.

## **Understanding the World**

As spring arrives, children will explore what plants need to grow and observe changes in the environment. Through fairytales, we will also talk about different settings and encourage curiosity about the world around them.

## **Expressive Arts and Design**

Children will bring fairytales to life through art, music, movement, and imaginative play. They will create story-inspired artwork, design gardens for characters, and enjoy singing songs and acting out stories using props and costumes.

We encourage you to support learning at home by sharing stories together, talking about plants you see outside, or even growing something small at home. Thank you for your continued support - we are excited to see the children's learning grow this spring!

## **Friendly Reminders**

### **Water**

Please ensure your child comes to school with a named water bottle every day. They will have access to this throughout their session.

### **Tapestry**

We hope that you will enjoy using Tapestry as much as we do! It is a great way of keeping up to date with what your child is doing each week and enables you to share experiences from home. Please upload some photos so we can share home experiences as a class.

### **Bags**

Your child will need a named bag in school every day. This not only takes care of them but promotes independence so your child can bring them to and from school themselves.

### **Uniform**

Please make sure all uniform, water bottles and book bags are labelled. This is very important in school as it helps us return items to you at the end of the day and avoids items being lost or misplaced.

We are so excited for this term with the children! Please do not hesitate to get in contact if you have any questions - communication is very important to us, especially in EYFS - no question is a silly question!

**The Foundation 1 Team.**

