



# Termly Curriculum Overview Letter

*We are a 'light in the darkness', living life to the full, worshipping and working so that everyone may flourish and achieve their God-given potential*



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TAs			
Term	3		

Welcome to Term 3!

This term our theme is 'Once Upon a Time...'

We will begin our topic by reading a variety of traditional tales such as the Gingerbread man, the 3 Little Pigs and the 3 Billy Goat's Gruff. We will use these tales to retell and change the stories to create our own and to explore the skills of construction, structure building and floating and sinking.

Our learning will also be based on learning about events that have happened in the past. We will discuss recent events that have happened in our own lives, comparing ourselves to how we are now and the differences from when we were a baby. We will also be reading stories set long, long ago such as 'Cave baby' and thinking about how our world is so different to living in a cave in those times.

## Main Areas of Learning to be covered

### Understanding of the world:

- We will look closely at the season of winter and the concept of freezing and melting. During our outdoor learning on the field, we will explore nature.
- We will learn about floating and sinking and design our own boats to help the Gingerbread man cross the river.
- We will learn about the celebration of Chinese New Year

### Physical Development and PE:

- We will be developing the children's gross motor skills in the outdoor area using the balance bikes and building obstacle courses
- **PE sessions continue to be on a Wednesday and a Friday.** In PE we will be learning about moving and travelling in different ways.

### Expressive art and design:

- We will be expressing our ideas through designing and making traps to catch the runaway Gingerbread men and designing new ways for him to cross the river.
- We will be learning Chinese New Year Dragon dancing and playing instruments to the beat of the music.





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## RE:

- We will be learning about Salvation and how we can help other's when they need it.

## Literacy:

- We will enjoy retelling the story of 'The Gingerbread Man' and learning how to change the character and the setting to tell our own stories. We will read alternative versions of 'The 3 Little Pigs' and think about 'Good' and 'bad' characters in the stories that we read.

## Phonics:

- We will practise applying all of the sounds that we have learnt. We will consolidate our newest digraphs of qu, sh, ch, th, ng and nk before moving on to learn the next set of phase 3 sounds. The children are doing so well with their reading and writing and we will be using our sounds to read and write captions and sentences in our learning.

## Maths:

We are focusing on numbers 6 - 10 this term.

- The children are learning to combine amounts to make numbers bigger than 5.
- Say one more or less than a number
- Find simple addition or subtraction facts related to a number

## Homework

- Please continue to support your child at home with listening to them read their 'Little Wandle' independent reading book. These will continue to be changed once a week. This term we will send home 'Tricky word bookmarks' which will help the children in learning to read and spell their tricky words. Please practise reading and writing these words with your child regularly at home if you can.

## Christian Value

Each term we will focus on a different school value. This term, our whole school value is Generosity. Throughout the term, we will explore this value in our classrooms and during whole school collective worship.

Each Friday we will continue to present our Light Awards to children who have been showing our school values in action.

Please see our term 2 Values Flyer for more information.

