



## Oughton Primary School and Nursery

Our topics are: Fairy Tales and Julia Donaldson (Spring 1)

 Growing (Spring 2) 

Welcome back Plum Class! We hope you have all had a safe and relaxing break and feel ready for the Spring Term!

We are going to be very busy this term looking at Traditional Fairy Tales and familiar Julia Donaldson stories. We will be retelling stories through story maps, looking at character descriptions, talking about what we like and dislike about the stories and doing helicopter stories where we will be acting and doing freeze frames.

As the weather warms up throughout the term, we will take our learning outdoors, where we will be planting flowers, beans and seeds, looking at the weather and change of seasons, signs of Spring and we will be looking into reducing, reusing and recycling.



### Ways to help your child

**Maths:** Count everything! Look out for numbers in the environment, the children will be focusing on numbers to 5 but it is always fantastic to begin to identify larger numbers too. Look at shapes in the environment, count the sides and corners and question your child about them.

**Literacy:** If you are looking at name writing at home with your child, please can you make sure you are using upper and lower case letters. For example - **John**

**J** - uppercase capital letter

**ohn** - lower case letters

**Sharing:** The children will be working on their social skills in class. At home, please play games with your child that involve taking turns.

**Imaginative play:** You can help your child's imaginative play by using kitchen utensils and pretending to cook or even set out a picnic area in your living room and have a teddy bears picnic.

**Outside:** You can go on listening walks, listening for sound in the environment, look out for shapes and numbers. Make the most of Oughton Common and search for signs of Spring.

**Getting dressed:** Encourage your child to dress independently at home, fastening zips and buttons, removing and putting on clothes.

### This term we will be:

- Looking at developing our sentences.
- Using enriched vocabulary with learning new words every week.
- Asking and understanding simple questions.
- Understanding that print has meaning.
- Continuing learning about body percussion.
- Looking at rhyming words and continue a rhyming string.
- Giving meaning to marks made and drawn.
- Understanding ABAB patterns.
- Reciting number names in sequence.
- Saying one more and one less of a number.
- Making simple comparisons to quantities
- Recognising shapes and their properties.
- Looking at what times are special and why?
- Experimenting with looking at textures and joining materials.
- Drawing and painting objects and adding features into our work.

### PE

PE is every Tuesday. The children will be changing into shorts this term as well as removing their shoes and socks when they are in the hall. Please make sure everything is labelled with their name.

On Tuesday, your child's hair must be tied back if it is long and earrings removed.

### Dates for the Diary

14th Jan - Shape Wow Day

20th Jan - Science Day

10th Feb - Fairy Tale Wow Day

9th/10th Feb - Parent consultations

14th-18th Feb - Half Term

3rd March - World Book Day

1st April - Last day of term

4th-18th April - Easter holidays

19th April - Children return to school