



Nursery Newsletter

Term 5

20th April - 22nd May 2026



Our theme for this term is “Fantasy”.

We will be looking at traditional stories, Fairy Tales and all things make believe.

To support your child’s work in the nursery, here are some fun suggestions for you to try

Talking

- Share a traditional tale together and talk about the characters and what is happening in the story. What are the characters like? Encourage your child to describe the characters and to say what they think may happen next.
- We will also be exploring 3D shapes to support the children’s construction of towers, castles and palaces. Whilst you are out and about, please talk to your child about the shapes they can see and look at their features.
- Share some pictures of castles/palaces. Chat with your child about who might live in them. What do you think it would be like to live in one?

Making

- Help your child to draw or paint a picture of a castle, prince, princess or dragon.
- Make a knight’s sword or a fairy’s wand.
- Make a flag to go on top of a castle.
- Use some junk modelling to build a castle/tower/palace/fairy kingdom/superhero home.
- Create some superhero masks together.
- Maybe try one of our fairy tale recipes at home.

As your child prepares for school in September, there are many simple ways to support them at home. Encouraging independence—such as dressing themselves, using the toilet, and opening lunchboxes—builds confidence.

Daily conversations and reading together strengthen communication, while counting, sorting, and spotting numbers develop early maths skills.

Short routines, turn-taking games, and opportunities to play with others help children adjust socially and emotionally.

Activities like drawing, cutting, and threading beads support fine motor skills needed for writing.

Most importantly, talk positively about school, praise effort, and celebrate each small achievement—every child learns at their own pace, and a happy, confident child is the best preparation for starting school.

When talking with your 3- and 4-year-old, try these 10 top tips:

1. **Get down to their level** to make eye contact.
2. **Use simple, clear language** and short sentences.
3. **Ask open-ended questions** (“What do you think will happen next?”).
4. **Give them time to respond**—don’t rush answers.
5. **Repeat and expand** on what they say to build vocabulary.
6. **Describe what you are doing** (“I’m pouring the juice into the cup”).
7. **Sing songs and rhymes** to make language fun.
8. **Introduce new words naturally** in context.
9. **Listen actively and show interest** in their stories.
10. **Use storytelling and pretend play** to encourage imagination and conversation.

Praising effort, celebrating achievements, and talking positively about school will help your child feel happy, confident,