

# Benfieldside Early Years Unit



What will the Early Years  
Children be learning about  
this half term?

## Our Topic this Term is: "Fantasy Land"

Below is an overview of what we plan to cover with the Early Years Children this half term. All of our Early Years children (Nursery and Reception) will be developing skills through the same topic but the activities will be delivered at a level appropriate to their age and stage of development. We plan all of our activities around the seven areas of learning, but our children also initiate their own learning through free choice activities and we do try to follow the children's interests, therefore our planning is flexible and subject to change.

<b>Personal, Social &amp; Emotional</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Settling back into Early Years Unit and welcoming new starters.</li> <li>Sharing Information about Christmas.</li> <li>Talking to others in small groups.</li> <li>Use our learning environments independently.</li> <li>Discuss our Feelings and how we express them.</li> <li>To learn how to show respect for others and care for others.</li> <li>Discuss how we show we care linked to Valentine's Day.</li> </ul>
<b>Communication, Language &amp; Literacy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Read, Write Inc. and Letters and Sounds activities to promote communication, literacy and language skills.</li> <li>Reinforce correct handling of books.</li> <li>Enjoy rhyming activities &amp; fill in missing words in rhymes.</li> <li>Listen to stories with attention and recall main events.</li> <li>Name writing/recognition.</li> <li>Look at how stories are structured &amp; say what might happen next.</li> <li>Describe story setting, events and characters.</li> <li>Reception children will be developing letter formation and blending and segmenting sounds/words.</li> <li>Look at invitations and the information they give us.</li> <li>Make Invitations for the Fairytale ball.</li> <li>Look at fairy-tale story books.</li> </ul>
<b>Mathematics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number Rhymes.</li> <li>Measure: size and length.</li> <li>Money, making comparisons of quantities.</li> <li>Positional Language.</li> <li>Practical Addition.</li> <li>Patterns &amp; colour.</li> <li>Reception children will be developing number formation.</li> </ul>

<b>Understanding of the World</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exploring indoor and outdoor environments.</li> <li>Discuss favourite Christmas presents.</li> <li>Develop a Fairy Tale Land with a castle</li> <li>Compare Real and imaginary worlds looking at similarities and differences.</li> <li>Investigate features of a castle.</li> <li>Investigate our local environment and compare to a fairytale land.</li> <li>Investigate ice/water and its properties.</li> <li>Investigate Chinese New Year traditions.</li> </ul>
<b>(ICT)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mouse Control through various computer programmes.</li> <li>Interactive Whiteboard.</li> <li>Using tape/CD player.</li> <li>Ipad.</li> <li>Programmable toys.</li> </ul>
<b>Physical Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sticky Kids Warm Up CD in hall.</li> <li>Dance.</li> <li>Action Rhymes at Discovery Den.</li> <li>Outdoor area &amp; Climbing Frame.</li> <li>Forest School.</li> <li>Mark Making Opportunities.</li> </ul>
<b>Creative Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paintings of favourite Fairy Tale Characters &amp; Christmas presents.</li> <li>Make Magic wands.</li> <li>Making potions and spells.</li> <li>Large Junk Models of castles/towers.</li> <li>Prince &amp; Princess Pictures/Collage.</li> <li>Collage - Design ball room dresses.</li> <li>Make masquerades for ball.</li> <li>Create wall displays on Fantasy Land topic.</li> <li>Make valentines cards &amp; crafts.</li> <li>Chinese New Years Crafts.</li> </ul>
<b>( Music/Drama)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sing Nursery Rhymes &amp; play musical instruments.</li> <li>Play instruments to Fairy Tale Music.</li> <li>Our role play area will become a Fairy Tale Land and castle.</li> <li>Enjoy a Valentine's Fairytale Ball.</li> <li>Dressing Up in various fantasy land costumes.</li> <li>Dance &amp; Ring Games.</li> <li>Dragon Dance with Musical Instruments.</li> </ul>