

# Aspen



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# Autumn Term 1

## Once Upon a Time

## Literacy

We will be practising our phonics and reading, building our knowledge of letter sounds, as well as recognising and blending sounds to make simple and complex words. We'll also practise our Blank Level questions to build understanding of texts. Our stories in Purple will be Rapunzel, The Elves and the Shoemaker, and Rumpelstiltskin. In Orange, we will be looking at Little Red Riding Hood, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, and Rapunzel.

## Numeracy

In Purple class, we will be working on place value, and we'll also keep reinforcing all of the work we've done on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. In Orange class, we'll be continuing to count to larger numbers, as well as working on our colour and shape recognition, and we'll be completing some addition using concrete objects.

## My World

We will be learning about family trees this half term, including family relationships. If you have photos of yourselves that you are happy to share, please do send a copy to Maria or Josh, as well as the names you preferred to be called by your children.

## Learning for Life

In cooking, we'll be making a variety of different savoury and sweet dishes. As part of this, we will be working on how to cook hygienically and how to use equipment correctly.

## Myself and Others

We will be working on identifying the things we like - hobbies and interests - this half term, along with how we feel about them, which links to our emotional regulation.

## Communication and Language

Between our lessons, we will take part in various different activities that enable us to communicate how we feel, as well as sharing and taking turns with others. This will include learning through play.

## Music

We will continue to explore rhythm and pulse, as well as exploring different instruments and senses.

## Creative Me

We will be exploring different materials, textures, colours and techniques to make art, linking it to our family and relationships in My World, including using our computing skills to research and find things we like wherever possible.

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### Physical Education

In Orange, we will be focusing on movement, coordination and rules for games and taking turns.

In Purple, we'll also be working on our movement, coordination and rules for games and taking turns, as well as trying to play some tag rugby.

All of the skills we learn will help to develop our balance, understanding of how our bodies work and flexibility.

Our PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday for this year.

### How you can help at home

Please keep taking your children out as much as possible and giving them new experiences. Reading with them or to them will support word recognition and sounding, as well as encouraging them to use their fine motor skills - drawing, painting, mixing, playing with playdough - whenever it is safe and appropriate. If you need any work or reading books, please let Katie or Josh know. Any questions, please also feel free to ask!