Once upon a time!

Year R

Autumn 2 2026



Key dates

6th November: library trip
10th November: trip to War Memorial Park
30th November: Decorations day
8th and 9th December: Year R Nativity
15th December: Christmas Church service
18th December: last day of term

In this theme, we will be learning to role-play and retell traditional stories that we know and have listened to. We will be creating our own story maps, art and props to develop our understanding of stories and love of books!

Focus areas of learning:

Understanding the world: we will be learning about hygiene, safety and changing states through cooking and baking.

Expressive arts and design: we will be creating 3D art and models using collage and junk modelling.

Communication and Language: we will be role playing and retelling traditional tales.

Further reading:

'Recipe for a story' by Ella Burfoot

'Charlie Cook's Favourite Book' by Julia Donaldson

'Once upon a time' by Vivian French

What can you do at home?

- Have a go at following recipes to cook at home.
- Role-play stories that you know in fun places e.g. go for a Gruffalo hunt in the woods!
- Practise cutting and sticking using scissors, glue and tape to create your own art and models.