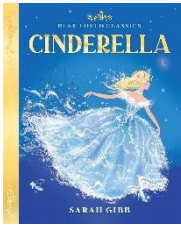


# Spring Term 1 Topic: Once upon a time



## Key texts:



## Writing:

Writing can often be a difficult skill to master. As the children enter Year 1, we will be developing their stamina for writing as well as their vocabulary to allow them to write creatively.

At home, you can encourage this by getting them to write about their experiences. They could story map it first (draw pictures to remind them what they need to write) and then use the map to help them write the sentences. We want all our children to know that at the beginning of a sentence they need a capital letter and at the end they need a full stop. Get your children to read their sentences back and correct any mistakes independently.



## Other home learning ideas:

We will be looking at healthy eating in our spring term. Can you make a healthy snack at home?

## Home learning project:

We will be looking at fairytales and castles. Can you use your DT skills to build a castle using junk box modelling?



## Reading:

Most children will now know Set 2 and Set 3 sounds. Please work with them at home to help them say these sounds speedily and read words that include these.

**Fred Talk:** At school, we use Fred talk to help us to blend. Fred says the sounds before reading the words.

**Key reading words to practise:** night, blow, spoon, look, spoil, care, rude, name, smile, phone, brown, home

**Common exception words:** Each year group has key words to learn. Below are the common exception words for Year 1 and 2.

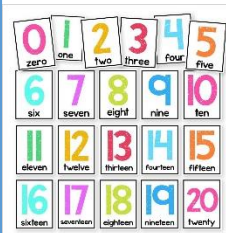
**Please practise reading and spelling:** the, a, do, to, today, of, said, says, are, were, was, house, friend

## Common Exception Words

Year 1				Year 2				
a	his	push	was	after	class	floor	most	pretty
are	house	put	we	again	climb	gold	move	prove
ask	I	said	were	any	clothes	grass	Mr	should
be	is	says	where	bath	cold	great	Mrs	steak
by	love	school	you	beautiful	could	half	old	sugar
came	me	she	your	because	door	hold	only	sure
do	my	so		behind	even	hour	parents	told
friend	no	some		both	every	improve	pass	water
full	of	the		break	everybody	kind	past	who
go	once	there		busy	eye	last	path	whole
has	one	they		child	fast	many	people	wild
he	our	to		children	father	mind	plant	would
here	pull	today		Christmas	find	money	poor	

## Maths:

This term, the children will be consolidating place value and exploring numbers within 20. Help your child at home to read, write and represent numbers within 20 in different ways. Remember the more they practice, the better they will be!



## Representing Numbers 1 to 10

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10



Remember to go onto our school website for key calendar dates: [Calendar – Avanti Fields School](#)

Remember to log on to your child's Espresso account, Oxford Owl and My Maths to access their learning pad and a wealth of learning resources.

## Science

In Science we are learning about **different materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water and rock.**

Can you identify **different materials** in your house or outside? Try and sort them out into groups.

Can you find any materials you can **recycle**?

## P.E

In P.E, we will be participating in **gymnastics**. Have a go at practising different balancing poses – can you hold the pose for 30 seconds?

Time yourself and see how long you can hold your pose for - remember to keep still!



## Art

In art, we will use a range of materials to explore printmaking. We will be exploring a wide range of art and design techniques using **colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form** and **space**. Can you have a go at using different media to create your own piece of art?

## Design and Technology

We will be using our culinary skills to make a range of healthy foods. We will be using our senses to focus on different tastes e.g. bitter, sour, sweet, salty and umami.

## Music

We will continue to explore a range of different music and use instruments to keep in time with different beats. Can you practise using you body or playing instruments at home to different songs?

## Computing

In computing, we will be focussing on internet safety. Make sure you always ask an adult before using the computer.

Can you practice logging in on a computer and using an application such as paint to create a picture. Can you remember how to minimise your screen, maximise and close your application? Can you also practise typing on the laptop and try writing some sentences on Word?

There are **additional activities** on **Espresso, MyMaths** and some which are attached to this document.

**Speedy words:** These are to be read quickly at a glance without Fred Talking.