

**Year 1 Autumn 1**

**Topic Overview:**

In Autumn 1, children will begin to get an understanding of the local area, looking at very basic physical and human features of their surroundings. Following that, the students will use maps to explore the United Kingdom. This is a unit of study that sets a geographic foundation for not only subsequent geographic units, but also gives the students a sense of place for where they live and provides a solid foundation for learning more detail in both Geography and History in later year groups.

**Big Bang!**

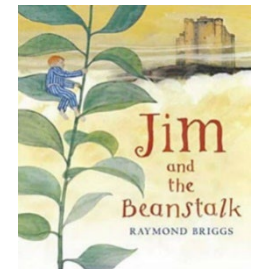
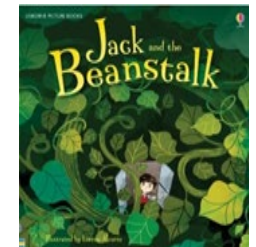
To introduce our topic, children will be immersed in activities related to 'Fairy Tales'. The children were invited to dress as their favourite characters, they experienced different fairy stories, including 'Jack and the Beanstalk', they planted their own magic beans and they ended the day at the movies eating popcorn, whilst watching a movie.

**Educational visit:**

Swanscombe Heritage Park

**Our Learning Overview**

**Key Texts**



**English**

In English, we will be learning features of traditional tales using the text 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We will be comparing the story with 'Jim and the Beanstalk'. We will teach children about nouns and verbs and apply this to writing sentences following the Talk4Writing approach. We will use drama and actions to help us retell the story before we write our own version.

**Maths**

In Maths, we will be learning about numbers to 10, and representing this in different forms using manipulatives. Children also must learn the numbers in words. We will also be using numbers to 10 in addition and subtraction.

**Science**

In Science, we will begin to investigate plants. We will begin by locating the parts that make up the structure of the plant. This will be followed by learning how to describe and classify different types of trees and how they change during the Autumn and Winter seasons.

**Geography**

In Geography, we will be learning about our local area and the surrounding areas. We begin to focus on differentiating between physical and human features. We will then learn about the United Kingdom and its countries. We will focus on their flags and capital cities.

**DT**

The children will learn about sliders and levers in this unit with a specific focus on designing, creating and evaluating sliders and levers in storybooks and children's toys. By the end of the term, children will design their own storybook, using their core text as inspiration for their story and linking to their topic There's no place like home.

**RE**

In RE, we will be learning about religious stories in Christianity and the relevance and importance of them in the Christian faith and how they teach us about making the correct choices.

**Music**

In Music, we will be learning about a beat and following this throughout the term to create a chant.

**Our Values**

- Teamwork
- Respect
- Honesty
- Pride

There's no place like home