

Class Pepperpots Newsletter Autumn 2025

Our topic for this half term is 'Classic Fairy Tales – Into the Woods' with a focus on the question 'Who's been living in the deep, dark woods?'

English

This term in English, we are using a new scheme called *Literacy Tree*. Our first unit, *Into the Wood*, links brilliantly with our topic *Where the Wild Things Are*. The children were hooked from the start when we discovered that the Wild Things had been in our classroom, which led to some fantastic discussions and pictures. Over the next coming weeks, we will be looking at some different traditional tales that have been adapted and re-written from different points of view.



Later in the week, we'll also be focusing on whole class reading, where we'll develop key comprehension skills such as inference and retrieval. These foundational skills are essential for supporting children's progress in both reading and writing and will be practised regularly throughout the term.

Math

Foundation – In math, reception will be learning about matching and patterns. They will be using lots of different manipulatives to create different patterns and matching and to create different numbers to understand numbers from 1 – 10.

Science

This half term our focus is on Animals including humans. We will be classifying animals into mammals, fish, birds, reptiles and amphibians, and learning about their different features. We will then look at the human body and how we can move it to promote a healthy diet.



History

In history we are learning all about Robin Hood. We will sort facts and opinions about Robin Hood and find out what made Robin Hood a legend. We will also be reading stories and retelling tales of Robin Hood. The children are excited about our upcoming trip to Hill Holt Wood for a Robin Hood themed day.

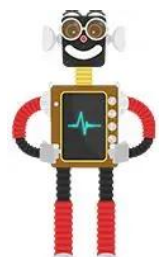
Design and Technology


In D&T we will be making forest-fruit smoothies. The children will think about what ingredients we would find in the Sherwood Forest. We will look at the Eat-Well plate to make sure we're making healthy choices. We will then evaluate what went well and what we can improve.



PSED

In HeartSmart, children will discover how the choices they make can affect both their own hearts and the hearts of others. They'll learn to recognize and express their emotions, understanding that what we fill our hearts with is what shines through in our actions. Together, we'll



		<p>explore gratitude—who we are thankful for and why—and practice making kind, healthy choices that help our hearts grow stronger and happier.</p>
<p>RE This term, pupils will explore the Christian belief in God as Creator, including learning about the Creation Story. We will welcome a weekly visitor from the local church to support our learning. As part of our Harvest celebrations, pupils will help prepare a Harvest Festival and learn about Fair Trade as part of our role as Global Neighbours.</p>	<p>Music This term, pupils explored music through fairy tales. They chanted in time, used character voices to change dynamics, and responded to hand signals when playing instruments. Children chose sounds to match story moments, read simple rhythms, and played or clapped patterns with the pulse. They followed instructions during performances and joined in repeated phrases using expressive voices.</p> 	<p>PE This term, Monday afternoon PE will be gymnastics with Miss Lawrence. On Thursdays Mr Jones will be teaching Multi-Sport.</p>

This term, our class will be visiting **Holt Hill Woods** for an exciting outdoor learning experience. The children will have the opportunity to explore the forest environment, take part in a range of outdoor activities, and learn about the legendary story of Robin Hood.

It's a wonderful chance for pupils to develop teamwork skills, build confidence, and foster a love for nature and the outdoors.

