









Topic – Fairy tales.

Curriculum areas – Making relationships, Reading, calculating, Designing and making, Using tools and equipment, music and dance.

Week beginning	Theme	Letter and colour of the week.	Notes
4 th January	Sleeping beauty 	Green J,Z	
11 th January.	Goldilocks and the three bears. 	Blue Z,Y	We will be introducing some simple wood work skills making chairs and beds for the bears! If you would like to help please let us know.
18 th January	The Frog Prince. 	Yellow Y,X	
25 th January	Red Riding Hood 	Red X,ch	Visit to St Thomas library on Monday morning for story time. Parent helpers needed! Please let us know if you can help.
1 st February	3 Billy Goats Gruff 	Purple Ch,J	Designing and making bridges!
8 th February	Cinderella 	Pink J,z,y,x,ch	Fairy tale ball on Friday am. Please come dressed as a Prince or Princess.

Term Dates 2010:

Spring Term: 4th January to 1st April inclusive

Half Term: Holidays: Monday 15th - Friday 19th February

(Please book early for holiday club.)

Easter holidays: 2nd April 2010 to 8th April inclusive; Whole Nursery shut

Holiday club running Friday 9th -16th April inclusive

Summer Term: 19th April to 16th July

Half Term: Holidays: 31st May – 4th June - **Holiday club running** 1st-4th June inclusive.

Autumn Term: 6th September- 17th December. Half term 25th -29th October

The Exwick Ark will be totally **shut**;

3rd May, 31st May and 30th August (Bank holidays).



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Dear Parents/Carers,

May we take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful new year and welcome you back to The Exwick Ark! We especially welcome Maddison, Rhianna, J.J, Katherina, Finley, Emily, Levi, Molly, Rosie and their families who will be joining us this half term. We hope you will soon feel at home with us!

Topic

Our topic this term is fairy tales and you can see from the reverse that we have lots of fun activities planned. The finale to our terms work will be a fairy tale ball on Friday 12th February. Your child may come to pre-school dressed as a Prince or Princess for this occasion!

School applications

If your child's date of birth falls between 1st September 2005 and 31st August 2006 (blue and yellow groups) please make sure you apply for their primary school place before 15th January. You can apply online at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline. If you would like help with applying online please ask, we do have internet access here if you need it.

Parent Helpers

We always welcome parents to join us for a session at pre-school. We are focussing on music this term so if you play an instrument and would be willing to share it with the children please let us know.

Parent Forum.

We are very fortunate to have a fantastic group of parents who organise social and support events for our families and also provide feedback to the staff on the service we provide. If you feel that you would like to support your child's nursery in this way please speak to a member of the parent forum or staff who can give you more information. The parent forum meet once each half term. Dates and names of the group are on the notice board.

Students.

We are currently fortunate to have a number of students training with us from both Exeter College and University. You may have already met Kirsty, Leanne, Arrabella, Katie and Rosemarie who began long term placements with us recently. The college and University recognise the high standards of care and education that we provide at The Exwick Ark and these placements allow our children to benefit from extra adult input. The students are always in addition to our staff child ratios and are carefully supervised.

ICAN.

We are currently in the process of becoming an ICAN accredited setting. This recognises the high standards achieved by the setting in terms of developing children's speech and language skills. Exwick is recognised as an area with a high proportion of children with speech and language difficulties and so we see this commitment as being vitally important. If you would like to know more please speak to Nicola or Sarah who are co-ordinating this work.

Uniform

We have a stock of sweatshirts and polo shirts available priced at £8 and £5 each.

We look forward to another enjoyable term working with you and your child.

The Exwick Ark Staff Team.