

# Autumn Term 2- Magical lands and mythical creatures in far-away places

This half term the children will encounter the magic and mystery of unicorns, dinosaurs, dragons and fairies. The children can create their own dragons, become unicorns, stomp like a dinosaur, and visit lands far, far away. The children will lose themselves in a world of awe and wonder, where make believe and imagination is a dream away.

The children will also explore the wonder and magic of the world through celebrations. Celebrations in every culture, focus on teaching traditions, history, and the reason a group of people cares for one another. Teaching children about the celebrations of other cultures helps them to see that no matter what differences we all have, we also have many things in common, such as Family, respect and love.

They will explore festivals, including Harvest Festival, Bonfire Night, remembrance Sunday, Diwali and Christmas.

During this we are focusing on these 4 nursery rhymes/songs,



- Dinosaur, Dinosaur turn around
- The Rainbow song
- 1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a Dragon
- 5 little fairies jumping on the bed



If possible please could you sing these songs at home with your children. Nursery rhymes play an important role in our children's early lives, particularly the development of crucial language and communication skills. So we are joining in with

World Rhyme Week November 15th to 19th 2021, learning one new rhyme each day in



the 'Rhyme A Day' challenge.



## Dates for the diary

Children in need (wear something yellow or spotty)

Friday 18th November

Christmas jumper week

Monday 5th – Friday 9th December.

Christmas break

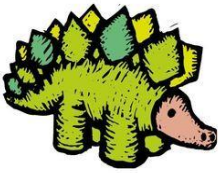
Friday 18th 12pm- returning January

## Winter weather

We believe it is important for children to have some outside play everyday whatever the weather! So please remember to send in warm coats, hats and mittens.



## Dinosaur, Dinosaur

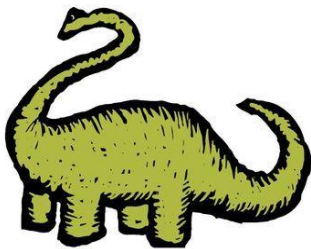


Dinosaur, dinosaur,  
Turn around,  
Dinosaur, dinosaur,  
Stomp the ground.  
Dinosaur, dinosaur,  
Show your claws.

Dinosaur, dinosaur,  
Snap your jaws.

Dinosaur, dinosaur,  
Turn around.

Dinosaur,  
dinosaur,  
Sit back down!



## The Rainbow Song

Red and yellow and pink and green  
Orange and purple and blue  
I can sing a rainbow  
Sing a rainbow  
Sing a rainbow, too



## 5 little fairies jumping on the bed

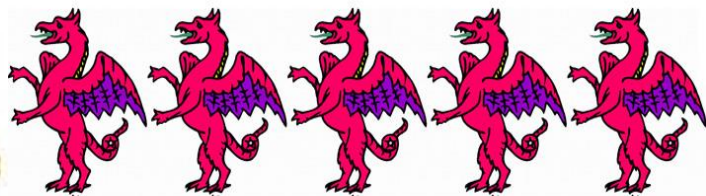
FIVE little fairies jumping on the bed,  
One fell off and bumped his head.  
Mummy called the doctor and the doctor said:  
'No more fairies jumping on the bed!'

FOUR little fairies jumping ...

THREE little fairies jumping ...

TWO little fairies jumping ...

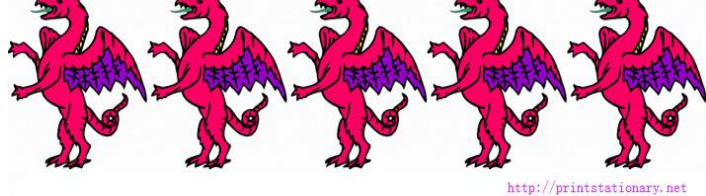
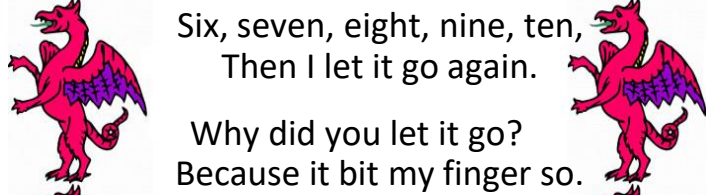
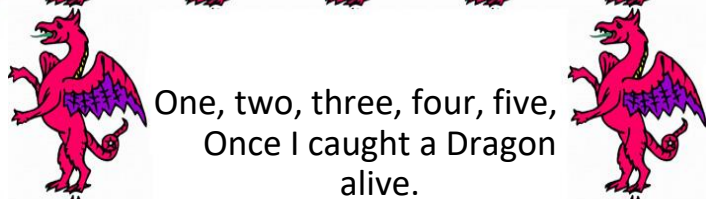
ONE little fairy jumping on the bed,  
He fell off and bumped his head.  
Mummy called the doctor and the doctor said:  
'No more fairies jumping on the bed!'



One, two, three, four, five,  
Once I caught a Dragon  
alive.

Six, seven, eight, nine, ten,  
Then I let it go again.

Why did you let it go?  
Because it bit my finger so.  
Which finger did it bite?  
This little finger on the  
right.





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The children have lost themselves in worlds of wonder and explored the magic of the world through the history, traditions, and celebrations of different cultures.

The children have explored festivals, including Harvest Festival, Bonfire Night, remembrance Sunday, Diwali and Christmas.

We have listened to a broad selection of stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems that will develop their understanding. These are some of the key books we have been reading:



For remembrance day the children made their own Poppy's using fruit stamping to create beautiful pictures recognising efforts of the armed forces past and present. To mark Bonfire night the children made their own Firework pictures using recycled materials. We listened to the different types of sounds the fireworks make and had a go at creating our own with the musical instruments.

The children have recognised the Diwali festival of light by making salt dough candles and looked at the henna patterns made on hands and learnt the new word 'Mehndi'.

Making their own by stenciling around their arms and adding drawings and gems. The children thoroughly enjoyed participating in World Rhyme week, learning a new rhyme every day and we hope they showed you at home! During this week we looked at the habitats, diet and different species of animals from within the rhymes.

The children travelled through the land before time forgot - playing with dinosaurs in snow filled landscapes, practiced being archaeologists digging for dinosaur bones hidden in rice, made bookmarks and read lots of our favourite dinosaur story's.

Recognising Christmas holiday traditions, the children enjoyed decorating the outdoor trees with baubles and tinsel and talking about their own decorations at home. They have loved singing Christmas songs and taking part in Christmas workouts and particularly yoga with cosmic kids that took us on an adventure over the mountains to look for Santa in his grotto, practicing the tree, owl and sleigh poses. We've also made our own snowmen/women models with chocolate treats and many other Christmas decorations that the children are looking forward to bringing home to show off!



**NO NUTS PLEASE!**  
Please do not bring any nuts into our setting or products with nuts listed in the ingredients.



Please like us at **Sandbach Heath Preschool**, to follow daily what your children have been busy doing!



Next terms topic will be the wonderful world of animals. We look forward to the new year and this topic when we start back, **Wednesday 5th January. From all the staff we wish you a fantastic Christmas.**