



INTO THE WOODS

MAIN FOCUS

This topic will focus upon:

- **English** where the children will learn about alternative versions of fairy tales in order to produce an alternative fairy tale based on Little Red Riding Hood.
- **Art** where the children will learn how to develop their skills of perspective and draw characters from Little Red Riding Hood.
- **DT** where the children will learn to create wolf shaped hand puppets.
- **Geography** where children will explore similarities and differences between the New Forest and the Black Forest.

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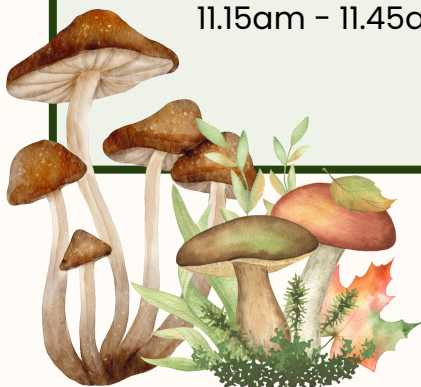
- **Computing** where the children will learn how to design a computer quiz linked to Times Tables Rock Stars.
- **PSHE** where the children will explore relationships.
- **RE:** where the children will learn about the concept of 'Love Thy Neighbour'.

OUTCOME

"Year 4 Story Time"

Thursday 23rd October 2025
11.15am - 11.45am

The Year 4 children will have the opportunity to share the finished version of their story, featuring the illustrations that they will have designed in Art, to their parents and carers. They will also perform their musical piece and share their hand puppets with you.

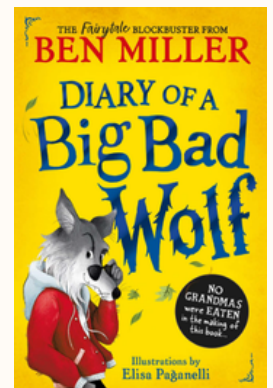


HOOK

Our topic begins with a visit from children's illustrator, Simon Chadwick, who will show Year 4 how to draw their own wolf characters. During the day, the children will be introduced to the book 'Diary of a Big Bad Wolf' by Ben Miller. They will begin to investigate what fairy tales are and why there are different versions.

TOPIC WORDS

fairy tale, forest, happily ever after, perspective, Black Forest, New Forest, grid reference, wolf, villain



Rich Read



LEARNING EXPERIENCES

- **English:** exploring character's personalities and feelings, hot seating, writing in role, writing in the style of a fairy tale, editing and improving.
- **Art:** mirroring the style of an illustrator, showing skills of perspective.
- **Geography:** exploring maps, using grid references.
- **PSHE:** hot seating, taking a stand, debating, giving advice.
- **Computing:** programming and coding.
- **RE:** learning about kindness and respect.
- **DT:** using sewing skills.

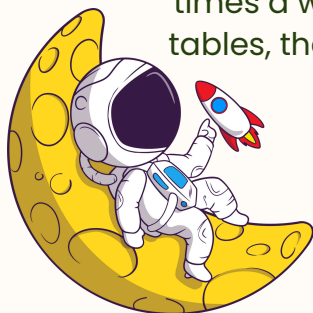


If your child enjoys
'Diary of a Big Bad Wolf',
they may also like:

SPELLING

Your child will be focusing upon learning these compulsory words this half term. Please help them to practise at home:

exercise, famous, various,
favourite, material, notice,
naughty, difficult



ENRICHMENT

To enhance our topic and for the children to learn about Geography fieldwork, Year 4 will be going to the New Forest. Each class will spend the day around the Tall Trees trail at Blackwater. More details will be provided closer to the time.

HOME LEARNING ACTIVITIES

In Lower School, your child has two weekly home learning tasks:

- 1) Reading - due every Wednesday
- 2) Times Tables - due every Wednesday.

To complete the Space Race, they will need to read three times a week and record it in their reading diary. For times tables, they will need to play at least five games a week on TTRS.

