



Gruffalos Autumn Term 1 2023

Learning to play, Playing to learn!



Specific Area: Literacy

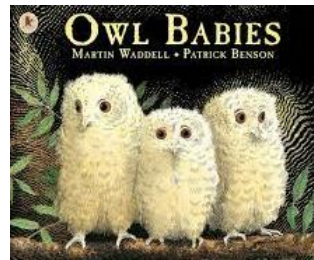
During this half term, the children will be introduced to our phonics programme, FFT success for all. The children will start with familiar sounds and noises they know and recognise. The children then move through the phases starting with phase 2. This requires learning the individual phonemes for each of the letters of the alphabet. The children will be identifying some initial letters sounds for objects and writing initial letters. The children will also be learning to recognise and write their own names.

Prime Area: Communication and Language

We will be developing our listening and attention skills this half term through a range of activities. The children will have a daily story time and number counting time, as well as lots of opportunities to talk in small groups and with a partner. We will be looking closely at the Owl Babies story and Bog Baby.

Specific Area: Maths

This half term we are focusing on the numbers 1 to 3 in depth through recognition, counting activities, matching quantities to the correct number and recalling number bonds to 3. We also explore shapes, jigsaws and simple problem solving during our play.



Prime Area: Physical Development

As part of our daily fundamental skills programme the children will practice running, jumping, hopping, skipping and catching. This helps to develop the children's gross motor skills. In class, we do a variety of activities to develop our fine motor skills such as threading, cutting and playing with playdough.

Specific Area: Understanding the World

This half term we are thinking about what we looked like as babies in the past and what makes us special. We are thinking about people in our families and in the community and how they help us. We are exploring the outdoors using our senses and making close observations and seasonal changes.



Prime Area: Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be forming new friendships and relationships with our peers and teachers, therefore developing our sharing skills. We have circle time in small groups where we can discuss our feelings and emotions. We have a snack table in the classroom so the children can begin to manage their own self-regulation and become more independent. The children can decide for themselves when they feel hungry or thirsty.

Specific Area: Expressive Arts and Design

This half term we will be creating and making marvellous marks using different media, such as chalk, felt tips and paint. We will be developing our listening skills during music and singing along to some well-known songs. The children have the opportunity to use their own ideas to create something using junk modelling.

Dates for your diary

Photography Day-
28th September

Owl Visit- w/c 1st
October

PCSO visit-w/c 15th
October.

Reminders

Please make sure your child's clothing is labelled including their P.E kit and that your child does not wear earrings.