



Gruffalos Autumn Term 2 2023

Learning to play, Playing to learn!



Specific Area: Literacy

This half term we will be continuing to learn our phonics letter sounds and will begin to move on to phase 3. We will start to segment words and blend them together to help us learn to read. The children will also be learning to recognise and write their own names. The children will be identifying the letters sounds they can hear in spoken words and using their phonics to spell and write simple words. The children will also be learning some tricky words such as 'I' and 'the.' We are looking at a variety of books and learning lots of new vocabulary each week.

Specific Area: Maths

This half term we are focusing on the numbers 5 to 10 in depth through recognition, counting activities, matching quantities to the correct number and recalling number bonds. We also explore shapes, jigsaws and simple problem solving during our play.

Specific Area: Understanding the World

This half term we are thinking about what life was like in the past for our families. We will be talking about Christmas and what it is. We are exploring animals this half term making close observations and classifying them into groups. We are looking at journeys and how maps can help us in our geography topic and we will be using our forest school.

Specific Area: Expressive Arts and Design

This half term we will be making lots of Christmas crafts and learning some new songs for our nativity performance. We will be creating and making marvellous marks using different media. The children have the opportunity to use their own ideas to create something using junk modelling. The children will also be able to explore Diwali, the festival of light, making different rangoli patterns.

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 Gruffalo story and We're going on a Bear Hunt.

Prime Area: Physical Development

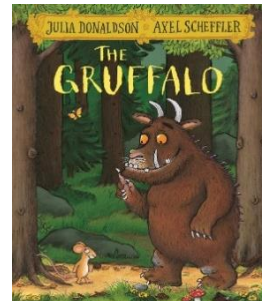
As part of our daily fundamental skills programme the children will practice running, jumping, hopping, skipping and catching. This helps to develop the children's gross motor skills. In class, we do a variety of activities to develop our fine motor skills such as cutting and sticking to develop the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

Prime Area: Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will continue to develop our friendships and relationships with our peers and teachers. We have circle time in small groups where we can discuss our similarities and differences and valuing difference within our class. 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.

Reminders

Children must come to school in a warm coat and bring their reading book bags so that letters can be put inside and reading books can be changed.



Dates for your diary

Remembrance Day
10th Nov
Nativity
performance
12th Dec
Christingle service
18th Dec