



Gruffalos Spring Term 1 2023

Learning to play, Playing to learn!



Specific Area: Literacy

This half term we will be focusing on recognizing, saying and writing each sound and letter of the alphabet. Moving through phase 2 phonics we will practice our letter formations using the lines in our phonics books. Using our 'Gruffalo family tree' children are encouraged to identify their own names and begin to write them.

In English we will be exploring the book 'We're going to find a monster'. Our lessons our discussion based and allow the children to explore their own thoughts and ideas. We will be learning patterns, repetition, punctuation, expression as well as making predictions.

Prime Area: Communication and Language

In English we will be exploring the book 'We're going to find a monster'. Our lessons will be heavily discussion based, allowing the children to explore their own thoughts and ideas. We will be introducing a working wall of the children to independently refer to. We will also be introducing new vocabulary every week using word aware. In provision we have created an environment which is immersive and promotes the natural use of language and communication.

Specific Area: Maths

In maths we have been using manipulatives to explore numbers 1-10 in depth. Through number recognition, counting, splitting, and chunking into parts, writing numbers and matching quantities to digits. To furthering our learning in provision with we have been using our maths challenges to continue exploring mathematical concepts.



Prime Area: Physical Development

We will be introducing daily gross motor sessions, adapted inline with the children's progress and independence. Weekly Forest School sessions will challenge children to independently explore the outdoors. Our P.E sessions aim to support progress through games and activities.

Specific Area: Understanding the World

This half term we will be exploring Chinese New Year. We explored our similarities and differences in terms of: food, clothing, celebration, colours, flags and traditions. In forest school we will be

Prime Area: Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our daily emotional literacy sessions are focused around exploring feelings. Our calm area is a safe space where we are free to enter when we are feeling overwhelmed. In group sessions we are encourages to share resources, and help others during partner talk times.

Specific Area: Expressive Arts and Design

This half term our sessions will be focused on developing our fine motor skills through multiple media. All of our sessions will be focused on topics that we are learning that week (Chinese New Year, boats and forms of travel, monsters and wild animals). The children have the opportunity to use their own ideas to create something using junk modelling.

Dates for your diary

Every Thursday -
Forest School

Reminders

Please ensure that book bags are returned on a Monday ready for your new reading book.