



Gruffalos Spring Term 2 2023

Learning to play, Playing to learn!



Specific Area: Literacy

This half term we will be focusing on recognizing, saying and writing new digraphs. Moving through phase 3 phonics we will be blending and segmenting in order to build up to writing CVC words neatly on a line. We will be challenging to children to independently sound out words and begin to form short sentences.

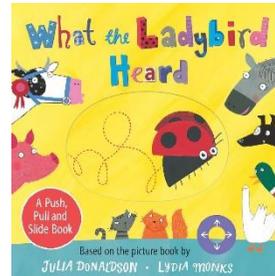
In English we will be exploring the book 'What the lady bird heard'. Our lessons are discussion based and allow the children to explore their own thoughts and ideas. We will be learning animal noises, patterns, repetition, punctuation, expression as well as making predictions.

Prime Area: Communication and Language

In English we will be exploring the books 'What the ladybird heard' and 'Aaaarg! Spider!'. Our lessons will be heavily discussion based, allowing the children to explore their own thoughts and ideas. We will be using talk partners on the carpet which allows us to voice our ideas to our peers and share and add to concepts. We will be using our working wall for children to independently refer to. In provision we continue to create an environment which is immersive and promotes the natural use of language and communication. Will also celebrate World Book Week.

Specific Area: Maths

In maths we continue to use manipulatives and pictorial methods to explore numbers 1-10 in depth. Through number recognition, counting, splitting, and chunking into parts, writing numbers and matching quantities to digits. We will be introducing the new maths platform 'numbots' to encourage independent maths.



Prime Area: Physical Development

We will be continuing 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 focus on fundamental movement skills.

Specific Area: Understanding the World

This half term we will be exploring Mother's day, Easter, St Patricks Day and The Indian festival of Holi. We will create corresponding artwork, paintings, cards and collages. Other activities include prepare our own hot cross buns and making giant Holi festival T-shirts through paint splatter.



Prime Area: Personal, Social and Emotional Development

In PHSCE we will be learning about Mother's Day, exploring families home life and giving children the opportunity to talk freely about their experiences. Continuing our daily emotional literacy sessions we will be focusing on relationships. Our calm area is a safe space where we are free to enter when we are feeling overwhelmed.

Specific Area: Expressive Arts and Design

This half term our sessions we will continue to develop our fine and gross skills through multiple media. All of our sessions will be focused on topics that we are learning that week (Mother's day, spring, mini beasts, Easter and Holi). The children have the opportunity to recreate artworks in our indoor and outdoor creative area.

Dates for your diary

Friday 23rd Feb
Creepy Crawly session

Tuesday 12th March
Farm trip

Thursday 7th March
World books day

Reminders

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