



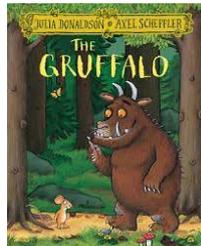
# Year R Spring Half-Term Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a lovely two weeks settling back into the school routine after the Christmas holidays. The children are all very calm and settled and are so excited about their learning! Thank you to all of you who have been spending time reading with your children over the break; we have seen a big difference in some of the children's knowledge which is lovely.

## Project

We have started the term off by learning about winter, and what wonderful weather we have had for it! Each morning, the children have been exploring the ice and frost and we have written books all about the changes which happen when winter comes. This week we have moved on to read, 'Robin's Winter Song' and exploring the feelings in the story.



For the rest of the term and going into the second part of Spring we will be entering a project called 'Into the Woods' where we will be reading 'The Gruffalo' and 'Little Red'. The classrooms will be transformed into a woodland area.

**Phonics** Our phonics teaching continues to be specifically pitched to the stage each child is working at. Most children are now able to read and write CVC words (e.g. cat, mat, big) and are starting to learn their digraphs (sh, ch, oo).

In the classroom, we will be encouraging the children to use their phonics knowledge to write throughout the day. From week 3, Phonics will be extended to 45 minutes per day.

**Maths-** In Maths we are moving our learning forwards by beginning to read and write our

numbers to 10. The children will be chanting the numbers forwards and backwards, looking at more and fewer and really digging deep into the concept of 0.

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Later in the term, we will be exploring the idea of adding by combining two groups together e.g. three oranges and five apples makes 8 fruits altogether.

The children worked really hard in the Autumn term on reading and writing their numbers to 5 and counting sets of objects accurately.

**PE Kit** - Children have PE lessons on Wednesdays and they are expected to come to school wearing their PE kit: a plain black or grey pair of jogging bottoms or leggings, trainers and a white t-shirt. Please send your child in wearing a Gallions jumper or a plain hoody which they can remove if needed.



Please speak to us if you have any questions.

**Reception Team**

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