



## Weekly Newsletter

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have enjoyed sharing and reading 'Superworm' and are particularly enjoying all books written by Julia Donaldson, so we have decided to continue with the theme this week and are looking at The Gruffalo.

#### **Weekly theme: The Gruffalo**

We will be focusing on:

- Acting out the story of the 'Gruffalo'
- Painting pictures of the Gruffalo
- Matching numerals to amounts
- Sounding out words and attempting to write some of the sounds.
- Using clay and other resources to create a Gruffalo.
- Adding two small amounts.
- Creating our own terrible monsters
- Exploring different ways of moving

#### **Read Write Inc**

We hope that you were able to attend the Read Write Inc presentation by Mrs Shelborne last week and found it informative. The children have enjoyed their phonics this week, especially meeting Fred the Frog! There is another presentation on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 3:30pm if you missed the first one.

N.B. If you want to reinforce phonics at home, the Read Write Inc phonics flashcards that we use in class, can be purchased from Amazon for a small price. [https://www.amazon.co.uk/Read-Write-Inc-Home-Flashcards/dp/0198386710/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1510494292&sr=8-1&keywords=read+write+inc+phonics+flashcards](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Read-Write-Inc-Home-Flashcards/dp/0198386710/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1510494292&sr=8-1&keywords=read+write+inc+phonics+flashcards)

Sounds we are focusing on this week are: d, t and i.

#### **Reading**

We will now be hearing your children read in guided reading groups once a week, as well as trying to ensure they are read with once a week with their individual reading books. We endeavour to change books on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays; however we will not change books if reading records are not signed or if we feel that your child would benefit from reading the book again. Keywords are written on post-it notes for you to practise with your children.

Please make sure you read as frequently as you can - a few pages are better than not reading at all.

### **Morning drop-off**

This week, we are expecting the children to be able to come into class **by themselves**. It is really important for the children to develop their independence. However, if you need to speak to one of the Early Years team then please do come in and talk to us first thing in the morning or at the end of the day.

### **Staff absences**

Mrs Fielder is on a two day Paediatric First Aid Course on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November. Mrs Parsons (Supply teacher known to the children) and Mrs Pumfrey will be in class on those days.

Mrs Reader will be returning on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Children in Need**

Don't forget it is Children in Need on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November! The children can come to school in their own clothes in exchange of a £1 donation. Please see the email sent last week regarding other activities the children can take part in for this great cause.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership in your child's learning,

The Early Years Team