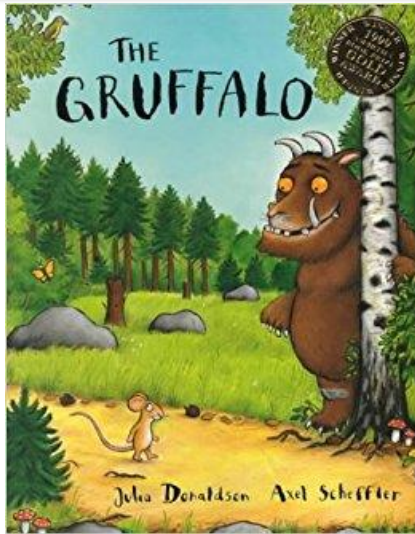




Into the Woods



Overview of Topic

The focus for this term is 'Into the woods', where will be focusing on stories that are based in the woodlands.

The children will have the opportunity to look at different woodland habitats and get to create nests and homes for different animals.

The Prime Areas:

These 3 areas are the most important for your child's development. Their future ability to learn and develop will depend on their strengths in these areas.

As Communicators pupils will be developing their understanding and speaking skills. They will engage in class discussion that offer opportunities to share their ideas and experiences as well as listen to their peers and respond appropriately.

As Athletes we will be developing our spatial awareness and how to negotiate the space around us. We will be developing our hand-eye coordination through ball control games. We will also have the opportunity develop our skills in using tools safely and for a purpose.

As Citizens we will be focusing on how our words and actions can have an impact on others and the world around us through PSHE and P4C sessions. Additionally, pupils will continue to strengthen their relationships with their peers through play opportunities, sharing and taking turns.

The Specific Areas:

As explorers we will be exploring the outdoors, in particular the woodland area. Pupils will have a chance to explore habitats and show concern for living things and the environment. Pupils will also be exploring the computing program Purple Mash and will be able to complete a simple program over time.

As Religiously Literate pupils we will be focusing on the birth of Jesus and the emotions of the characters from the Bible story. Pupils will learn why Christmas is such a special time for Christians and how they prepare for it.

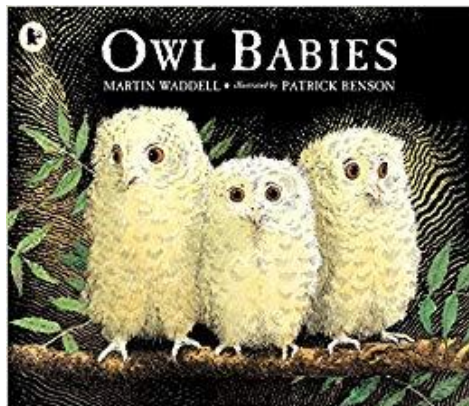
The Specific Areas

As Readers children will have opportunities to read a range of books based in the woods. Children will have opportunities to look at stories in depth, through shared reading and writing and recreating scenes through drama opportunities. In phonics, pupils will be learning to read CVC words and tricky words.

As Writers pupils will begin to form recognisable letters and will attempt to write CVC, VC and tricky words. Pupils will have opportunities to write on different surfaces and on different scales. Pupils will also use their understanding of the stories to create story maps, giving meaning to the marks they make.

As Mathematicians we will be focusing on size, ordering objects by length and height. We will then focus on measure, where pupils will have opportunities to measure using a range of equipment. The children will focus on 2D and 3D shapes and will begin to be able to recognise and name them. There will be a focus on using positional language to describe an object.

As Artists we will be using a range of tools and equipment to create for a purpose. Pupils will also be creating their own art work using natural resources such as stick, stones, leaves and bark. Pupils will develop their imaginative , play through recreating stories.



Reminders:

PE Days - Our PE day will be on a Thursday. Please ensure that children have a fully labeled PE kit in school at all times. It will be sent home at half term to be washed.

Reading: Daily phonics sessions will take place in class. Books will be changed on a weekly basis. Please sit with your child everyday even if just for 5 minutes while you read to them or they read to you. Please leave a comment in your child's reading journals, to let us know how they have got on with their book.

Dates for your diary:

Thurs 5th - Reception Phonics workshop

Fri 6th Nov- Wear purple for Polio

Wed 11th Nov - Remembrance Service

Fri 13th Nov - Children in Need

Weds 18th Nov - Anti Bullying workshops

Mon 23rd Nov - Inset Day (School Closed)

Fri 27th Nov - Christmas Craft Day

Fri 4th Dec - Virtual Christmas Bazaar

Fri 11th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day

Thurs 17th Dec - Nursery and Reception Nativity (tbc)

Fri 18th Dec - Christmas Service and End of Term (1.30pm)