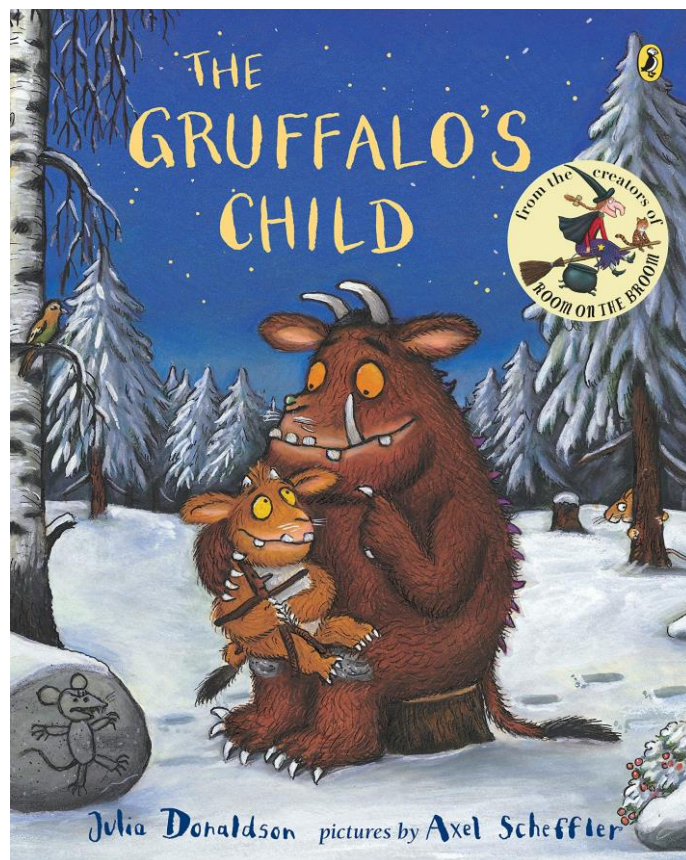


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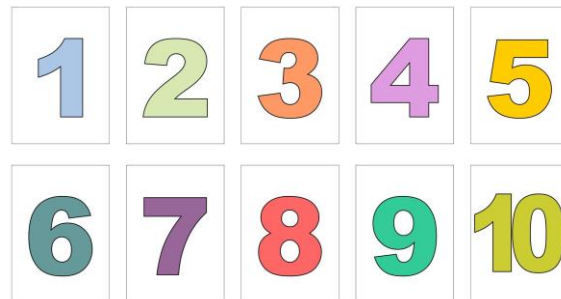


## **Reception Newsletter**

**January 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have had a restful break. We have another busy half term planned for the children. Read on to find out what's in store!



## Maths

This half term we will continue to learn about numbers 0-10 using Maths Mastery. We will also be learning to add and subtract practically in real life situations. You can help your child at home by asking questions such as 'You have 4 fish fingers and I have 2. How many do we have altogether?' 'You have 5 carrot sticks and you eat 2 how many do you have left?' You could also help your children by supporting them in noticing numbers in the environment such as the numbers on your front door, the numbers on a clock and numbers on traffic signs.



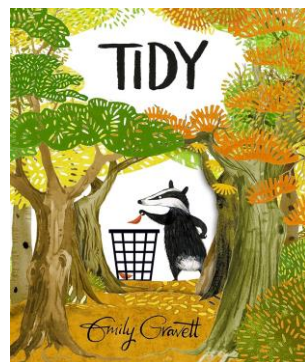
## Literacy

This half term we will be looking at the story 'The Gruffalo's Child' by Julia Donaldson. We continue to focus closely on developing phonic skills through Read Write Inc, for both reading and writing. Our Talk For

Writing sessions will be based on the story 'Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?' By Bill Martin Junior. We will learn the story, create story maps and change the animals to make our own stories. You can support your child at home by reading with them for 5 minutes each day.

### **Understanding of the World**

This half term we are planning an educational visit to Nell Bank, which is a super outdoor learning environment for our children. We will learn about woodland animals and their habitats and look at ways that we can take care of our environment through the story 'Tidy' by Emily Gravett.



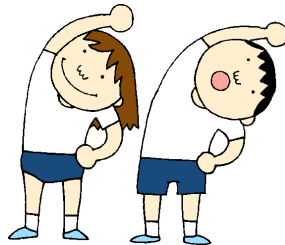
Through our winter topic we will be investigating ice and the effects of freezing and melting water. We will begin to look at the changes within our environment following the transition from Autumn to Winter; for example, what has happened to the leaves that have fallen off the trees? We will also be looking at animals that live in freezing parts of the world to tie in with our Literacy and storytelling.

We will also learn about how people across the world celebrate Chinese New Year.



## **Expressive Arts and Design**

In Art and Design we will be looking at 'cool' colours and using paints to create our own Winter scenes, We will be changing our seasons display to winter. To do this we will paint, chalk and collage pictures of birds and make our own bird feeders to help feed the birds in winter. We will also be creating snow dances in response to music.



## **Getting Active**

We will continue to get the children moving and active in our outdoor area where they will develop their skills in running, jumping, and climbing! We will also be using beanbags and balls to help the children to gain skills in throwing and catching.

**Our P.E sessions will be on Wednesday afternoons in the hall. Your child will need a P.E kit with a white, round necked T shirt, blue shorts or joggers and a pair of pumps or trainers. These items must be labelled with your child's name and must come to school in a P.E bag.**

**The bag will be kept in school for the half term. Children will need to remove all earrings before PE.**

We would like to thank you for your continued support.

The Reception Team

Teachers: Ms Wilson, Mrs Marsh, Miss Burton and Mrs Lamming