Key Text – The Gruffalo

PSED

- To speak in front of others during circle times.
- To join in with others acting out a narrative
- To take turns sharing resources
- To fasten their coat independently
- To talk about their family and how they make them feel
- To talk about friendships
- To talk about what to do when they fall out with their friends - learn how to listen to one another and make compromises

Enrichment/Wow moment

To watch the Gruffalo Movie

To make popcorn.

To perform a range of Julia Donaldson songs and video them.

Literacy

- To listen to stories and repeat words and phrases from the story
- To read their name and write letters from their name - especially the capital letter.
- To distinguish between the different marks- drawing animals/ characters.
- To listen to and identify initial phonemes in words and in their name
- To begin to orally blend
- To retell the story in order

Physical Development

- To develop a tripod grip when holding a pencil
- To draw lines and circles with gross motor movements with squirty bottle
- To move in different ways
- To climb, balance, jump and land safely
- To copy letters from their name
- To thread cereal and pasta on wire
- To crush cereal with a hammer
- To manipulate sand moulds in the sand

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Expressive Arts and Design

- To sing Julia Donaldson songs
- To engage in role play ice-cream parlour/hairdresser
- To copy and make their own rhythms
- To copy and match different pitches
- To paint a Gruffalo
- Make a mask of the Gruffalo

Mathematics

- To order and sequence familiar events
- Number formation
- To recognise the numeral 3 and count out amounts to match that number
- Use positional language to describe where the character from the story is
- Ordering object by length- worms/snakes
- Making numbers using three frames
- To draw a map of the woods and talk about the route that the Gruffalo took
- Showing amounts up to 3 on fingers.

Understanding the World

- To know how people are similar and different
- To talk about different animals homes in the woods and compare them
- To make maps and routes of where they would like to travel
- To make popcorn and talk about how it changes in the microwave

Communication and Language

- To talk to the class about themselves.
- To retell and order the story using the familiar language
- To answer who, what, where questions
- To use connectives because, then, etc
- To take fox home and talk about what we did we fox over the weekend.

What I can talk about at home.

- Who wants to eat the mouse? What does the mouse do? How does he trick the others?
- Talk about the characters in the story and their different types of houses. Who lives in the log-pile house?
- Can you find the rhyming pairs from the story?
- Talk about maps and why we use them.
 They show us which way to go. Show them some maps.
- To talk about the different things that they can see when they are going on a journey or for a walk.

Key Vocabulary

Names of animals that are in the story - owl, snake, fox, mouse

Different types of animal homes, habitats - den, nest, burrow, halt, form, sett, drey, lodge Local landmarks in their environment - the Dam, the Wash, the Dream

Features on maps - roads, buildings, woodland, farmland, parkland, river

Maps - go forward, turn left, turn right

Maths activities I can do at home.

- Practise writing numerals 1 to 3
- To recognise the number 3 can they find the number 3 on any houses in their street
- Comparing the size of characters in the story
- Comparing length of objects around the house using correct language longest or shortest

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Literacy activities I can do at home.

- To practise writing their name or letters from their name using the rhymes that we are learning in school
- To play I spy saying the initial letter for different objects
- To listen to rhyming books and recognise the words that rhyme.
- To look at road signs and environmental print when they are out and about eg TESCO etc



Books I could share at home.

- The Gruffalo's child
- The Snail and the Whale
- A Squash and a Squeeze
- Monkey puzzle
- The Smartest Giant in Town
- The Smeds and the Smoos
- The Highway Rat
- The Detective Dog
- Non-fiction animal homes and Down in the Woods

Activities I can do at home.

- To make a mask of their favourite animal from the story.
- Research different animal homes.
 Talk about the places they live and how they are all different.
- Visit the Gruffalo trail at Delamere Forest
- To visit a local wood and talk about what they can see.
- To draw their own maps on large pieces of paper.