

Deep, Dark Wood

	<p><u>English</u></p> <p>We will start the term by looking at <i>The Gruffalo</i>. We will use the story for the overarching theme in our English this term. We will be investigating how this is a defeating the monster tale We will be doing a range of short burst writing tasks. We will be using labels to identify the parts of the <i>Gruffalo</i> that are used in the text. We will be thinking about the adjectives used to describe the <i>Gruffalo</i>. We will be creating our own monster and describing them.</p> <p>We will be focussing on using capital letters and full-stops to punctuate our sentences. There will be lots of practise of letter formation in our handwriting sessions.</p> <p>We will be revising our letters and sounds and learning the next phases. We will have Buzz words to learn for our spellings in the first term.</p>
	<p><u>Maths</u></p> <p>We will start by quickly revising some of the key concepts from Reception before moving forward onto the maths for Year 1. We will be looking at aspects of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers to 10 - counting, comparing, ordering and looking for patterns • Recognising numbers visually and writing the numbers in words • Addition • Subtraction • Problem solving <p>To help the children understand that numbers are used all around them, it would be helpful if you looked for numbers at home and when you are out and about. (This is a homework activity that has been set.)</p>
	<p><u>Geography</u></p> <p>We will be looking at maps and trails. This will be linked to the <i>Gruffalo</i> - we will follow a trail around school to find where the <i>Gruffalo</i> has been. We will be looking at creating maps using a key. We will be drawing maps to show the school.</p>
	<p><u>PE / Dance</u></p> <p>Dance will be linked to the topic - we will be thinking about how the different animals in the story would move and creating a dance that mimics the journey of the <i>Gruffalo</i> through the deep, dark wood. We will be thinking about the creatures that he meets on his journey.</p> <p>We will be looking at balances and turns during our PE lessons, working individually, in pairs and on the apparatus.</p> <p><u>Games</u></p> <p>In games, we will be practising our throwing and catching skills using a range of equipment. We will use these skills to work individually, in pairs and then move onto playing some mini games in groups. We will be having Mr Jefferies for multi-skills.</p>
	<p><u>Science</u></p> <p>We will begin by looking at Autumn as a season. We will investigate changes that occur in the Autumn. We will link this to our <i>Geography</i>.</p> <p>We will begin to investigate a range of materials. We will be investigating the properties of different materials. We will carry out an investigation to find</p>

	which material is appropriate to make a purse.
	<p><u>Music</u> Our first lessons will be linked to the topic work and we will learn songs and movements linked to <i>The Gruffalo</i>!. We are going to use the instruments to add music to the songs which we will then perform to the other children. We will listen to <i>Gruffalo</i> songs and stories on CD. We will create pieces of music thinking about how the characters in the story move.</p>
	<p><u>ICT</u> We will be looking at and exploring some of the ICT programs that we use in school. We will be using a drawing package to draw images related to our topic. We will use the I-pads to take pictures of the maps and trails we create.</p>
	<p><u>P.S.H.E (Personal, Social and Health Education)</u> We will be thinking about our value for the term 'hope'. We will talk about the word hope and what it means We will explore what hope can mean for different people. There is a piece of homework set for the children to say - what they hope to be when they are grown up.</p>
	<p><u>Art / DT</u> We will be completing line drawings of Shtum, our alien puppet that we use in our phonics sessions. We will be drawing pencil line pictures of ourselves at the beginning and the end of the year so we can compare how our skills have developed. In DT we will be making bunting to use at our <i>Gruffalo</i> party. We will be learning how to stitch a basic running stitch to attach two pieces of material together.</p>
	<p><u>RE - Creation.</u> We will learn that Christians believe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that God created the Universe • The Earth and everything in it are important to God • God is special as he created the Earth and humans <p>Humans should care for the world as it belongs to God</p>
<p><u>Additional Information</u> Welcome back to the start of a new year, I am very excited to find out all about the Summer break. Your child's welfare and happiness are of utmost importance to me, so if you have any concerns or worries please come and speak to me as soon as possible. As always it is really helpful if the children's clothes are named so we can return them quickly to their rightful owners. Please could your child have a pair of wellingtons in school because we will be spending time in the school grounds and on Marling Close, both in the wooded area and on the playing field during Year 1.</p>	
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