

Oak and Willow Theme Overview

Spring Term 2 (1) 2018

Personal Social & Emotional Development:

Working together to act out stories, share ideas and solve problems when we are working.

Knowing what to do and choices we could make when we feel scared, sad or worried – like the characters in the Gruffalo story!

Share own interests and talk confidently when showing and sharing favourite Julia Donaldson books

Literacy – Reading & Writing:

Retelling and re-enacting stories in the correct order and using story language.

Drawing and labelling a map of the Gruffalo's wood

Writing sentences to describe characters.

Continuing to develop and use phonic skills in our reading and writing.

Understanding the World:

Finding out about and sorting animals / creatures with the same features as the Gruffalo e.g. prickles, claws, sharp teeth

Observing closely and talking about similarities and differences between animals / living creatures.

Making maps and describing places e.g. Gruffalo wood & our woodland.

Exploring and experimenting to create play dough with different textures and consistencies

Physical Development:

Continuing to develop our fine motor skills, correct pencil grip and cutting skills with Funky Fingers activities, different types of dough, cutting activities and physical activities in the outdoor area.

Using correct letter formation when writing.

Moving safely, carefully and with control in PE sessions and when involved in physical activities outside.

Julia Donaldson

Gruffalo



Communication and Language:

Asking and answering 'how' and 'why' questions linked our learning and own experiences.

Learning new words and understanding their meaning, linked to stories and characters.

Using story language to develop and retell a familiar story

Explaining and sharing our ideas clearly.

Listening carefully to stories.

Maths:

Adding two groups of objects and finding the total, beginning to use counting on.

Comparing, ordering and measuring objects accurately.

Selecting correct numerals to match amounts

Sequencing events in the right order

Expressive Arts & Design:

Using clay and textured dough to create imaginary creatures and characters inspired by the Gruffalo

Creating a dance and music inspired by The Gruffalo song

Imaginative storytelling and creation inspired by The Gruffalo, our woodland role play area and our own ideas about what you would find or happen if 'you went down to the woods today!'