



Reception Weekly Focus

Week Beginning: 13th May 2024

Our ducklings left last week and are happy in their new home. I will bring some photographs. I hope you have managed to come in and meet them. What a wonderful experience! We will be continuing our topic of 'Habitats' until half term. Our caterpillars are also due to emerge this week.

We will be continuing our book 'The Gruffalo'. We will be making our own story maps and rehearsing the story. We will be accessing lots of Gruffalo writing opportunities continuing to explore the story using our tuff tray.

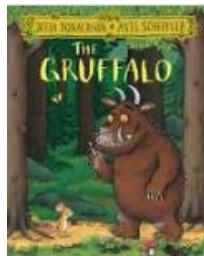
In RE we will be thinking about the new topic of Pentecost.

Focus words this week: Polar, Arctic, Jungle, Rainforest, Half

Talk about the words and what they mean. Can you use these words within a sentence throughout the week?

Focus Story:

The Gruffalo



Maths Focus:

Halves



Find opportunities to model and show what a half is - cutting a cake, chopping up fruit, sharing sweets etc.

Children should know that half is the opposite of double. They should halve by sharing or splitting an object or number.



Rhyme of the Week: Welly Boots

Lots of Minibeasts

(Sing to the tune of 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes'.)

Ants, worms and bumblebees,
Bumblebees.
Ants, worms and bumblebees,
Bumblebees.
Oh, lots of min-i-beasts on plants and trees.
Ants, worms and bumblebees,
Bumblebees.

Snails, pretty butterflies,
Butterflies.
Snails, pretty butterflies,
Butterflies.
Oh, see them crawl or flying in the sky,
Snails, pretty butterflies,
Butterflies.

La-dy-birds and beetles,
And beetles.
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And beetles.
Oh, minibeasts can wriggle, fly and crawl.
La-dy-birds and beetles,
And beetles.

Story Time

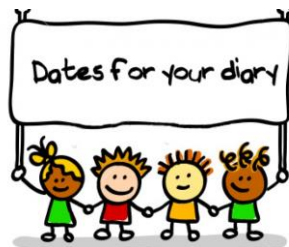
Reading books will be changed throughout the week.

1000 story books will be changed on Mondays this half term.



This week the children will:

- Learn about the story of Pentecost.
- Continue work on talk 4 writing book (The Gruffalo) and writing stories.
- Sort animals into their habitats and begin to think about their similarities and differences
- Create a habitat for insects outside on a large scale and add to it each week
- Play in our new role play area - investigating minibeasts!
- Making lifecycles about ducklings, chicks, caterpillars
- Be confident counting forwards and backwards to 20
- Starting to learn our doubles for numbers to 10.
- Know how to make teens numbers in different ways.
- Know about different types of habitat
- Explore our curiosity cube
- Writing labels, lists and information linked to our new topic
- Using our Gruffalo tuff tray to tell the story in their own words



Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday

Friday 17th May – National Numeracy Day, Mad hair day