



9<sup>th</sup> January 2017

# Nursery and Reception news

## Dates for your diary:

### Wednesday

Reception need their PE kits on their pegs please.

No earrings please.

### Thursday

Reception will go swimming after lunch. They will need their swimming bag on their peg with a lycra costume or trunks and a towel. They will also need £2.00 towards the cost of transport. No earrings please.

We had a fantastic first couple of days and the new Nursery starters have settled well. Our topic for this half term is based around the author Julia Donaldson. She has written many fabulous books such as *The Gruffalo*, *Room on the broom*, *Superworm* and many more. If your child has a favourite book by this author, we are asking that they bring it to school so that they can share it with their friends and we can use them as inspiration for our learning over the next half term.

### Literacy

This week, the first book we will look at is 'The Gruffalo.' We will be looking at the language of the story and noticing that it is really a poem. We will be making up a story about our own monster and adapting the original version to produce our own. In phonics this week the Reception children will revise the sounds they learnt at the end of last term, sh, ch, th, ng, ai, ee, igh and oa. We will practice reading tricky words was and my. We will continue to practice blending letter sounds together to read simple captions and sentences and have a go at writing our own. Nursery will be singing lots of familiar nursery rhymes, action rhymes and listening to sounds in the environment.



### Maths

This week Nursery will practice their counting skills and be singing number rhymes and Reception will be estimating and counting to check their estimates.

### Topic

We will be making a 'Gruffalo crumble' for the children to try and we will be identifying footprints from the story. We will be using playdough to create our own Gruffalos and using the construction kits to make a cave for the Gruffalo to live in.

Please make sure that your child has their hat and gloves at school at the moment as it has been rather cold recently and we continue to play out whatever the weather. Thank you.

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