Nursery Bulletin
Friday 25th September 2026

Theme for the week – The Gruffalo, My Body

We've had another super week in Nursery! We have been exploring a bit further afield this week. We went into the Reception area to play, we have been to the woods and we have been out into the KS1 playground to use the pirate ship, sound garden and outdoor toys which the children loved.

Our learning this week

This week we have begun our phonics learning. We sang 'Baa Baa Black Sheep' and played games to explore recognising sounds, clapping syllables in words, alliteration, rhyming and making voice sounds. We also carried out a listening activity where the children had to listen to and name some sounds you might hear indoors.

We started the week by reading 'The Gruffalo' and the children joined in saying some of the repeated words or finishing the line by saying the missing word. We talked about the different body parts that the Gruffalo had. We then read 'The Body' book and 'Funnybones' to help the children learn the names of body parts and understand why we have a skeleton.

We then worked together arranging bones to create a paper skeleton and arranging body parts to create a paper body. The children added picture/word labels to the correct body part. They also chose whether to make their own mini skeletons (using chalk, cutting white pieces of straw or printing with cotton buds to make the bones) or their own Gruffalo (by adding the correct body parts to a Gruffalo outline).

We have also sung lots of body songs and played games such as 'One finger one thumb keep moving', 'Heads, shoulders, knees and toes', 'Che Che Kule' and 'Simon Says'. The children explored making sounds with different parts of their body and with their mouths, learning to recognise the **loud** and **quiet** sounds.

For our maths activities the children looked at two plates of food that the Grufffalo had collected for himself and Mrs Wilson. The children learnt to recognise which plates had the **largest** and **smallest** amounts of food on them. Similarly, they went around the room and collected some buttons missing from the Gruffalo's coat and sorted them into their two colours. Here they compared the piles and decided whether the piles had the **same** amount or which had **more/fewer**. Finally the children had their own two collections of objects and had to try to make them the **same.**

In their child-initiated learning outside the children made ramps with the milk crates and wooden planks and explored moving the cars along the ramps. They also loved

filling the bucket scales with natural materials and seeing what happened to each side. They used the tools, wore helmets and high vis jackets to build a house for the Gruffalo. Inside they have been finger painting, looking after the babies in the house, choosing toys for the sand tray and drawing all things related to the Gruffalo on large paper such as characters, houses and trees.

Next week

Next week we will be learning about the children's interests. We will read the book 'You Choose' by Nick Sharratt.

Reminders

- If you are having issues logging on to Tapestry, please let us know as as soon as possible.
- If you are able to help on our visit to the farm on Tuesday 20th October from 9.15am – 10.30am please let us know as soon as possible via the link book.
- Please make sure you cut grapes, olives and other similar foods into halves or quarters before they go in your child's lunchbox.
- If you would like to come in and read a story to the class please let us know by putting a note in the link book. The children love to have visitors!
- Tuesday 29th September – Flu nasal vaccinations
- Wednesday 30th September – The Friends AGM

Home Learning ideas to support your child's early development:

- Reading – see the "Recommended Reads for Preschool and Nursery" book list.
- The 'NHS Best Start in Life' website has ideas for having everyday conversations, playing and reading with your child.
  Learning conversations: 3 to 5 years - Best Start in Life - NHS
- The BBC's Tiny Happy People and the National Literacy Trust's Family Zone
- NSPCC Online Safety for under 5s

Have a wonderful weekend!

The Nursery Team







