

## Literacy

We will continue to learn new sounds in Phonics lessons and practise blending and segmenting words to write captions and sentences. Our topic on 'The Gruffalo' will allow us to talk about characters and settings. We will also be doing some work on pirates where we will learn about rhyme through the book 'Pirates Love Underpants'. We will also be making some 'pirate' factsheets



## Reception Spring Term Themes

### The Gruffalo Pirates



## Mathematics

During the term, we will continue to develop children's skills by learning the numbers to 20 and above. We will practice reciting, recognising and writing these numbers and use them to count, order and begin completing simple calculations using the vocabulary of addition and subtraction. Our knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes is becoming very impressive so we will begin to use more mathematical language to describe these shapes.

## Expressive Arts & Design

In Reception, children are always given opportunities to develop their imagination and creativity through role play, music, dance and making. This term, we will enjoy acting out and pretending to be the Gruffalo. We will make character masks and create pictures of settings from different stories. In Music lessons, we will learn about beat and rhythm.

## Personal, Social & Emotional

We will focus on developing independence by getting children to do their own coats up and bring letters in. We will also focus on using our manners and being polite. We will make sure that everyone remembers to say please and thank you.

## Understanding the World

In Reception, we love to find out about the things that different people celebrate. We will learn all about Chinese New Year and we will find out about Pancake Day. Later in the term, we will be having a special bonnet parade to celebrate Easter. We will be looking at different habitats of animals, and will design and evaluate our own habitat for an animal.

## Communication & Language

We are getting better and better at listening in class and following instructions. This term, we will spend lots of time talking to our friends about our favourite books and learning to tell some stories off by heart. We will be learning to give our opinions and listen to other people's opinions too! We will be showing our understanding of stories by answering questions about them.

## OTHER INFORMATION

INSPIRE Workshops: RO'D 13th and RI 14th  
February  
Trip to Birches Valley - Wednesday 5th April

## Physical Development

This term, in PE, we will develop our dance skills by telling stories using our bodies. We will also begin to develop the skills of jumping, hopping, skipping, throwing and catching. We will continue to make use of the outdoor area.