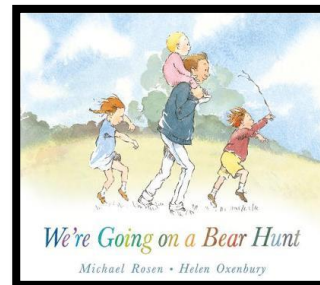
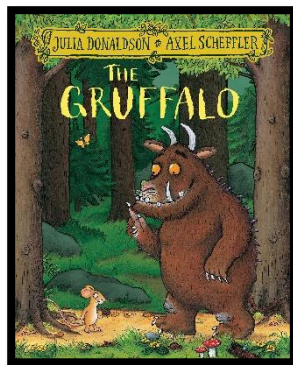


# Footprints in the Forest

This term the children in Reception will be learning all about forests/woods and animals that live there. Is there really such a thing as the Gruffalo? The story 'The Gruffalo' will be one of our lead texts this term. Using this text the children will develop their language skills as we learn about and describe the characters. We will then move on to learning the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' with a focus on re telling this and sequencing the parts in order.



## Home Learning

We have evaluated our home learning and will be presenting this differently this term. Rather than setting home learning every Monday, please look out for a bingo style grid that will be posted on ClassDojo. This grid will include a variety of home learning activities for the whole term, which you can complete at a time that is convenient for you as a family. Please upload photos/comments of your child's engagement with each activity so we know they have completed it. For every activity completed your child will receive a ClassDojo point. If you ever have any questions about any task, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

## ClassDojo

We will continue to use ClassDojo as a platform to contact you and share information. If you have any photos from walks you have been on where you have seen 'woodland' animals, we would love to see them.



## Colder weather



With the colder weather this term, please make sure your child has a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves for outside learning and playtimes. We are continuing to keep our classrooms ventilated with windows open throughout the day so we recommend extra layers.

## Reading and Phonics

The children are continuing to impress us with their phonics and reading development. Thank you for your continued support reading at home with your child. Please ensure **all** books are brought back into school for **Monday morning** ready for your child to take their new book home that afternoon. Please ensure book bags come into school each day and are named so your child can keep their books in them. If you would like an additional book sent during the week, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher. When your child reads at home, please write in their reading record. If they have read 5 times or more in that week they will receive a certificate in our weekly celebration assembly.

## Writing

We will be continuing to support the children with forming their letters correctly this term to help them become super independent writers. Thank you for practising these letter formations at home with your child. Regular practice makes a huge difference. If you need another letter formation mat that was sent home at the beginning of the year, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

## PE

Please make sure earrings are removed for PE sessions for safety reasons. If your child is wearing any type of earrings they will be unable to take part. We kindly ask that PE kit consists of a plain hoodie, a plain/school t-shirt, jogging bottoms, plimsolls or trainers. Please ensure clothes do not have logos on.

If you have any questions about your child's learning or progress, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher. We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for your continued support.

**Miss Pearson, Miss Hurling & Mrs Turner**

