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Dear Parents

A busy week using one of our favourite stories, the Gruffalo

What an inspiring and wonderful week! The Gruffalo has overtaken Reception class!

In Maths, the children have been teaching the Gruffalo characters how to count with numbers 0-20. They have counted out all the logs and bricks in order to build the log pile, underground and tree top houses and built these using instructions in the construction area. Children have also been on an adventurous number trail within the school grounds to find the Gruffalo and helped 'The Mouse' find his way out of the woods!



We used the spiced play-dough from our baking activity last week in our Malleable learning area to create Gruffalo characters. Children had great fun using the purple sticks to resemble the prickles on the Gruffalo's back and orange buttons for the Gruffalo eyes.

Within our Outdoor learning, children have enjoyed painting giant owls and snakes and becoming archaeologists, discovering Gruffalo bones in the sand tray using dry paint brushes. They have also built underground houses using the building blocks, crates and outdoor equipment.



Today some of the children made a wonderful Gruffalo crumble. We all thought it looked fabulous and tasted delicious. We hoped there were no purple prickles or poisonous warts inside!

We had a magical time at our Christmas activity morning!

Thank you to Parents and Grandparents who could make it to our activity morning. It was magical! The children created some fabulous pictures, shared Christmas stories and even did a little performance at the end on the stage. This was brilliant for us to get used to performing to an audience.



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Polite prompt for morning routines

Please could we ask that you don't knock on the windows and wait at the windows after drop off on a morning as we are finding that this is distracting the children from getting on with their early morning routine. A lovely wave at the door is all your child needs. Thank you for your support with this. We see the early morning routine as a really important start to our children's day.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Reception performance, 'Happy Birthday Jesus' on Thursday.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Burrows, Mrs Sellars and Miss Belford

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