

Nursery – Ideas for Home Learning for Summer 2 – Week 1

This half term our topic is Astounding Animals! Each week we will be providing home learning ideas for our nursery children. If you would like to share your learning with us feel free to email photos to:

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	Week 1 Woodland Animals/ The Gruffalo
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	What did you think of the Gruffalo? Was he being kind or unkind? What would have happened if he had eaten the mouse? Would he be punished? How?
Physical Development	Work on throwing and catching a large ball. Can you move around like the mouse, the fox, the snake, the owl and the Gruffalo? Talk about how we feel before and after exercise.
Communication and Language	Talk about what the Gruffalo looks like, describing some of the features highlighted in the story (knobbly knees, poisonous wart etc). The children can draw a picture of him, adding these features. Afterwards see if they can point out and describe the features in their own drawing.
Literacy	Read 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson. If you do not have the book you can watch it here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s8sUPpPc8Ws Encourage them to join in with the story if they are familiar with it. They may be able to finish some of the rhymes. Afterwards, ask if they can remember which animals (characters) were in the story. Where are they? What happens at the end? Why did the Gruffalo run away?
Maths	Matching - Using dominoes or playing cards, try to make pairs with the same amounts. Can you pair up all of the dominoes/ playing cards? There are dominoes to print and cut out below if you need them.
Understanding the World	You may be able to visit some woods locally for a walk. If so, see if you can find signs of woodland animals such as burrows or nests. You might even see the animals themselves! What can you smell, hear and see in the woods? How much do you know about foxes, snakes, owls and mice? What do they eat? Where do they sleep? With a grown up, try using a computer, tablet or phone to find pictures and facts about these and other woodland animals.

Expressive Arts and
Design

If you have playdough at home, try making a Gruffalo adding features from the story (eg: purple straws on his back, orange buttons for eyes, white sticks for tusks).

Collect leaves, sticks and rocks and try using them to create an animal picture!



