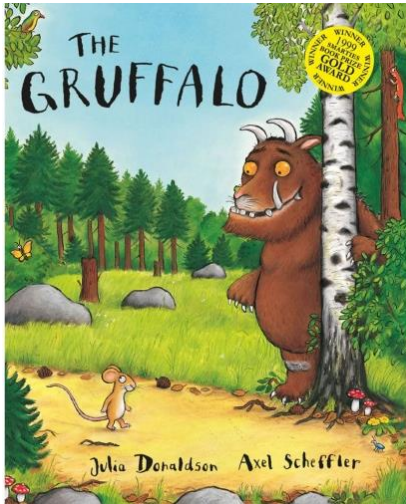




Learning to bring out the best in everyone.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November



What a very busy week we have had in Thames Class. Our theme book was *The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler.

**LITERACY** We listened to the soundtrack at the beginning of the animated film and talked about where we thought the story was taking place. Then we all watched the film. The Reception children talked about the setting, season and weather of the story. We talked about what other creatures the mouse might meet in the woods and had a go at writing words in the characters' speech bubbles independently. Some children thought the mouse might meet a badger, a

deer, a rabbit or a squirrel. The year 1 children completed a story plan of a new version of *The Gruffalo* story in which the mouse meets a different animal and has an adventure. They will be using it to write their story next week.

**MATHS** Reception have learnt about number 10 in all its formats. We found different ways of making 10 and some of us wrote number stories. We also

Year 1 have been working on place value, understanding number values from 10 to 20, including finding 1 and 2 more and less. They noticed which digit was different and which was the same when they counted on and back on a number line.

**PHONICS** Reception have continued Phase 2 learning the phonemes e u r and the digraph ck. (A digraph is two letters that make one sound). Year 1 have been learning consonant blends **tw**, **sw** and endings **-xt** and **-nt**.

**GEOGRAPHY** The Year 1 children looked at the map of the UK and revised the four countries and the legends we have learnt from England, Scotland and Wales. Then we all listened to the legend of the two giants that made and then destroyed The Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland. The Year 1 children learnt how it was actually formed by a volcano and the rocks are shaped like hexagons.



**CREATIVE** We sang the Gruffalo song, then drew one of the characters from The Gruffalo, looking carefully at the body parts and colours of our knitted characters. We cut around spirals to make snakes, then decorated them.



The **Nursery** children have also enjoyed playing with the story characters and practising cutting skills.

**Please note** Your child may have brought home a note about what they need to bring in for their costume for the Nativity play. Please could costumes be brought into school in a carrier bag with your child's name on, by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

The children have been practising the play and it is looking wonderful. You are in for a treat!



Our **Star of the Week** this week is **Grace**. She has worked really hard and always with a lovely smile. Well done, **Grace**!

Our star in the Nursery is **Wilbur**. He gets to take our class giraffe home for the weekend to have fun together. Well done, **Wilbur**!

### Home Learning

**Nursery** Practise counting toys. Can you count in order to 5? to 10?

**Reception** Continue learning your words for the Nativity play.

**Year 1** – Continue learning your words for the Nativity play, also practise your new spellings.

Have a lovely weekend, Thames Class Team