Personal, Social and Emotion

This half term the children will be doing PSE with Mrs Smith during my PPA time. Mrs Smith will be looking at being healthy and safe. This week we will also take time to talk about the changes that will soon happen to them. We will discuss the move up to year 1 and discuss what is going to happen in the following weeks to give the children time to understand.

Physical Development

This term we will be focussing on Games skills using hoops and Quoits on Monday. On Friday, we will be looking at our small ball and bat skills. This weeks, fine motor control or funky finger activity will be making a log pile house for snake to fit. In handwriting we will be working on our capital letter formation.

Communication and Language

This week we will be looking at the children’s listening skills. We will listen to the story of the Gruffalo and the children will be encouraged to anticipate key events and respond to what they hear with relevant comments, questions and predictions. They will be answering questions on the characters actions and description. We will be playing a who whose game where the children ask questions to work out which character they are.

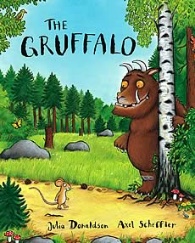
Literacy

This week we will be sharing the well-known story ‘The Gruffalo’. The children will be collecting describing words and writing character descriptions of the Gruffalo. In phonics we will be recapping on the sounds ai, ee, igh and oa. The children will be writing words and sentences containing these sounds.

The children will be reading with me this week and we will be working on recognising our high frequency words.

**Hatchmer Planning**

**The Gruffalo**

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Understanding of the World

This week we will be looking at what to expect when we go on our visit to Delamere Forest. We will talk about what we see, hear, touch and smell here at school and what we might experience in the forest. We will look at the different plants and animals and discuss why animals live in different places.

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Expressive Arts and Design

This week the children are going to make their own Gruffalos with terrible teeth and purple spikes all over his back. They will also be working on learning their friendship song and preparing for our class assembly. The children will start work on our Gruffalo artwork.

Parental Involvement Ideas

This week we are preparing for our trip to Delamere Forest and we are going to talk about how that contrasts with where we go to school. We will be looking at the objective ‘children know about similarities and differences in relation to places’. If you have been to a different environment discuss the differences with your child. Perhaps you have been to the seaside, the moors, up a mountain or to a different country. If you have photographs of the places you have been we would love to see them. Discuss the differences and similarities that the children remembered and write down any comments they make.