

Dear Parents and carers, this term our story focus is The Gruffalo. Stories can bring learning and language to life! We will be sending lots of resources to support and extend learning at home. Here is an overview of some of the exciting learning opportunities your child will be involved in this term.

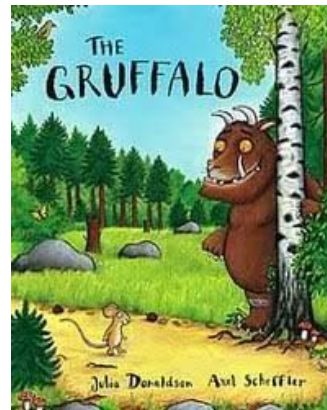
**PSED:** Children will be encouraged to care for living things in our environment. They will also be learning about where different animals live and how their homes compare to ours. We will look at what they need to survive in the forest in which the book is set.

**Mathematics:** We are learning to recognise and count up to ten securely. Children will have the opportunity to practise counting their steps as they journey through the forest. We will create our very own Gruffalo's den, figuring out how many sticks and other materials we need.

**Expressive Arts & Design:** Children will be exploring a range of skills through printing and collaging by painting the Gruffalo. They will also be learning how to use music to add suspense to their story telling. This will help them appreciate how each of the characters feel at different parts of the story.

**Understanding the World:** The children will be learning all about different habitats. Exploring locations of certain habitats and where we would find certain animals in the forest. They will be comparing their own seaside town of Southport to the forest scene from the story.

## Talk for Writing: The Gruffalo



**Physical Development:** The children will be exploring how they can move their bodies. They will have to manoeuvre their bodies through gaps and under branches like they would have to do if they were walking the path of the mouse.

**Communication & Language:** The children will be learning about forest animals. They will learn lots of vocabulary they can use to describe all of the characters from the story. When the children make their own stories, they will explore their own characters and decide on what features they will have.