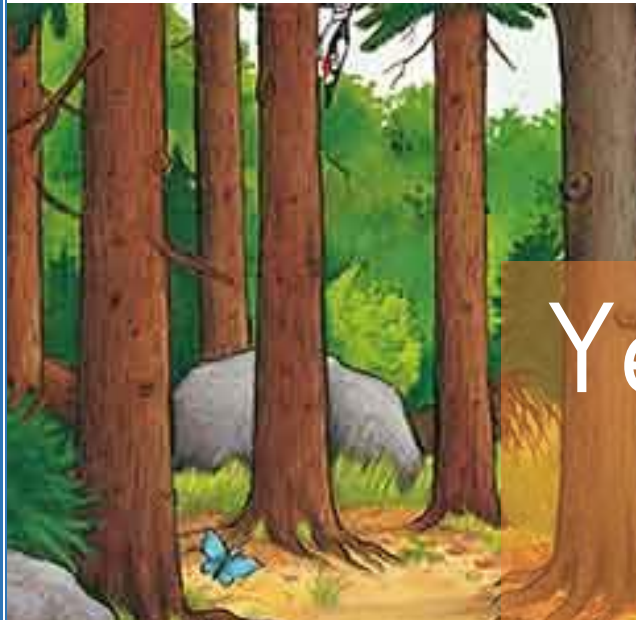
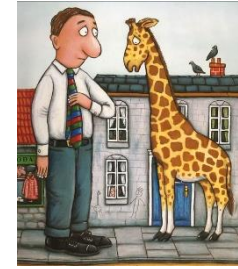




GIANTS Gruffalos & Flying Brooms



Year 1 – Autumn 2 Topic Leaflet



In preparation for your child's topic next half term, here are some suggestions of activities or resources to find out more about the topic:

- Visit the library, identify the author and illustrator on the covers of books.
- Practice drawing characters from different books.
- Research the different animal groups, BBC Bitesize KS1 have some great information to help children learn about how animals are classified into these groups.
- Discuss with your child any journeys they have been on in preparation for our RE topic where we focus on the Nativity journey. Can you think of any traditions your family do over the Christmas period? We will be sharing these in our History lessons.

Vocabulary: Below are some key words that we will be teaching and using within our lessons over the next half term.

- **Author**
- **Illustrator**
- **Characters**
- **Victorian**
- **Tradition**
- **Modern**
- **Rhythm**
- **Rhyme**
- **Journey**
- **Bethlehem**
- **Worship**
- **Classify**
- **Features**
- **Algorithm**
- **Debug**

Maths

This half term, the children will be focusing on counting numbers up to 50 and learning how many tens and ones are in a number. We will also be halving, doubling and sharing.

At home:

- Look on tapestry every Friday for the weekly maths challenge. Every child who does it earns a dojo.

Literacy

This half term the children will be focusing on books written by Julia Donaldson, particularly 'The Gruffalo' and 'Room on the Broom'. The children will begin using adjectives to describe the Gruffalo's home and the various characters in the stories, the children will also develop their story telling ideas by thinking of new endings to the stories.

In class we will be reading these two stories and the children's writing will be based around the characters involved.

At home:

- Read with your child regularly and write in their reading diary to help them move up the reading rocket.
- Read or watch online The Gruffalo and Room on the Broom.
- Support your child's learning of their weekly spellings or green and red words from ReadWriteInc.

Science: We will be identifying the different animal groups including; Mammals, Reptiles, Amphibians, Fish and Birds. The children will learn about the features of these animals and design their own animal using the information they have learnt to help them.

Art: We will be learning why illustrations are important in books and will be looking at and learning from different well known illustrators.

RE: The children will be focusing on journeys. They will learn about the Nativity journey and suggest why people travelled to see Jesus. The children will also focus on journeys that they have made.

History: In history the children will learn about Victorian Christmases, they will compare how Christmas in Victorian times is different to how we celebrate Christmas now.

Music: We will be listening to different pieces of music and performing them. We will be listening for the dynamics (volume) and tempo (speed) of the music.

Computing: This half term the children will learn how to use Beebots. They will work together to write an algorithm (set of instructions) to programme their Beebot.

We will be visiting Bordon Library on the week of 20th November (Tigers on Monday 20th and Kangaroos Thursday 23rd). If you are able help, please speak to your child's class teacher.