

Our Wonderful Woodland

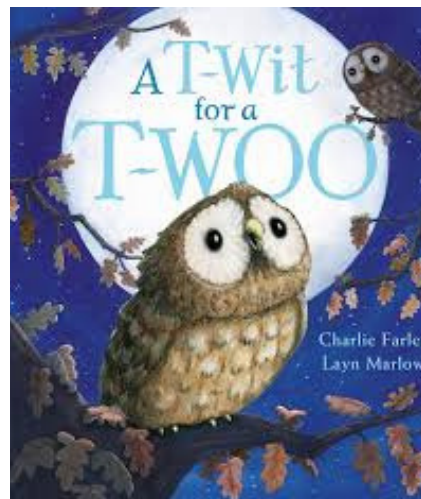
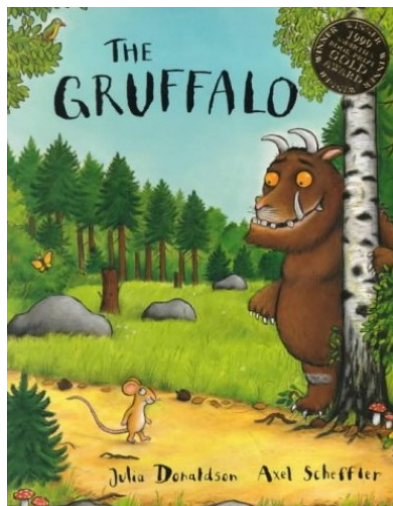
Autumn Term - September 2020

Welcome to Owlets!

An update so far.....

We are so proud of how well the children have adapted to Nursery life in their first week. We have loved spending the week with them, getting to know them and watching them make friends. It has been truly heartwarming to see their happy faces at the gate every day.

This term we are focusing on "Our Wonderful Woodland" and will be exploring all the sights, smells and textures that we might find in our local forests. We will use some beautiful texts to back up our learning and will be starting with *The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson. We will be discussing each of the animals and researching facts about them. As our new nursery class is called Owlets, we have decided to focus on owls and will be reading *A T-Wit for a T-Woo* by Charlie Farley. This is a beautiful story about a little owl who is looking for a friend. We are using this as a base to learn all about different woodland creatures but also to help the children understand the importance of friendship and how to help other children who might be feeling lonely.



What you can do at home..



Reading - Why not share some of these stories together?

Owl babies by Martin Wadell and Patrick Benson

This is Owl by Libby Walden and Jacqui Lee

Who's Been in our Tree? by Diana Batchelor

Tree: Seasons Come, Seasons Go by Britta Teekentrup



Making - Why not get messy and enjoy some of these activities?

Paint a tree trunk and branches and stick real leaves on.

Make leaf or tree rubbings by rubbing crayons against paper pressed up against a tree.

Cut out different shapes and use these to make a shape owl face!

Use papier mache to create your own nest for your owls to cuddle up together.



Visiting - Places of interest for you to visit together.

Why not visit Tilgate Forest?

You could take photos of all the different colours you see.

Why not collect sticks and make your own nest at home?

What is the biggest tree you can find in the forest?

What has changed if you visit the woods this week and then again in one months time?

Lastly, a few polite reminders....

- Please ensure your child has plenty of changes of clothes at nursery.
- Please ensure their snack pots, lunchboxes and water bottles are clearly named as there are lots of duplicates!
- If you did not receive the email about the start and end of the day procedures that was sent on 18/09/2020, please speak to a member of the team.

**Thank you for your continued support,
The Nursery Team**