

Date: Week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021

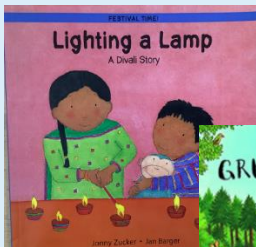
Topic: Forest Friends

Theme: Mapping skills, adventure language, descriptive language

**Our Book of the Week:**



And we have also been reading:



**Our Sound of the Week:**  
This week we have been reviewing our sounds that we have learnt up to now.

**Questions to ask at home:**

- "What is the shape of the week? Can you see anything that is shaped like a circle?"
- "Tell me about the mud in the story 'We're going on a bear hunt. What was it like?'"
- "What kind of creature is the Gruffalo? What does he look like?"
- "What do you know about Diwali? How do people celebrate Diwali?"

**We have been:**

- Hunting for bears in the outdoor environment (we even found some pawprints!)
- Drawing a map of the adventure in the story
- Joining in with the repeated refrains in the story, using our bodies to show the actions
- Talking about the adventure in the story ("Why were they trying to find a bear?")
- Reading 'The Gruffalo' and making comparisons with the bear character in 'We're going on a bear hunt'
- Learning the Gruffalo song, complete with scary actions!
- Finding out about Diwali and learning about some of the ways that people celebrate it
- Making our own Diwali decorations by cutting circles into Rangoli inspired patterns
- Crafting our own paper lanterns, as part of our learning about Diwali

**Shape of the Week:**  
circle

**Our Words of the Week:**  
Wavy  
Oozy  
Swirling

**Our Songs of the Week:**

The Gruffalo Song

Message for parents:



We will be performing our own show this term! Nursery will be learning about the **Nativity** story and acting out a simple version of the story for parents and carers in the first week of December. There will be one show on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December for children who attend early week, and one show on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December for children that attend late week. Full time children will be in both shows. We will be in contact to let you know more details, including times, very soon. Please do ask us if you have any questions!



Pawprints!