

The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson

Over the next two weeks we thought it would be nice to have some activities focussed on the story 'The Gruffalo'.

For anyone who doesn't have the story book the following is a link to a YouTube video of the story:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s8sUPpPc8Ws>

The following is a link to The Gruffalo on the BBC iPlayer:

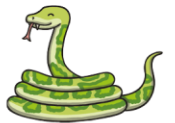
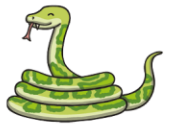
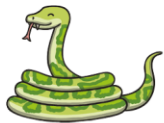
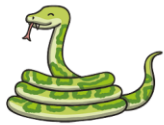
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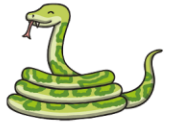
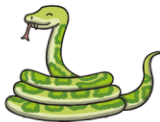
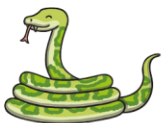
The following is a link to The Gruffalo website that has a variety of ideas and activities.

<https://www.gruffalo.com/activities/activities/gruffalo-crumble>

Below is a list of ideas for you to do with your children. Please do not feel that you have to do everything on this list. You know your child best and what works for them. When working with your child on a written task use the phonics mats which were provided in the blue books (R) for support. The tasks are intended as short written tasks and we wouldn't expect the children to sit for long periods of time. If they are struggling or getting upset then change task. Please email us if you want any support or guidance, we are more than happy to help. (Anything marked with 'R' are activities aimed more so at Reception)

- Read the story with your child. What was their favourite part? Encourage them to find words that rhyme. Discuss characters and setting of the story.
- Rewrite the story in your own words. (R)
- Make a story map of the forest. What animals did Mouse see on his stroll?
- Make a wanted poster about the Gruffalo
- Draw and label the Gruffalo (Nursery)
- Write a book review (Reception)
- Draw speech bubbles for the different characters in the story.
- Draw and label your own terrible creature. What makes them scary? Can you describe colour, height, looks?
- Paint a picture of the Gruffalo
- Make stick puppets (See resources)
- Gruffalo addition to 10 (Nursery)
- Watch 'Mystery Mouse investigates length' power point. (See resources)
- Draw around your feet to create footprints. Use these to measure different items around your house e.g. length of bed, chair, rug etc. Record your findings in a table. What item is the shortest? Longest. Which room is the shortest/longest? (Sheet available in resources if needed)
- Compare objects by size e.g. big Gruffalo and small mouse. Your grown up will give you an object and you have to go find something that is bigger/smaller. Which is biggest/smallest?





- What objects can we use to measure? Ruler, tape measure, (formal measurements) Handprints (informal measurements). Can you measure other objects using something other than your footprint? Try using a ruler/tape measure etc (Anything you have at home) (R)
- Fine Motor Skills: Help peg the washing on the line. Complete puzzles and similar activities you have at home. Help chop up a banana. Complete leaf scissor skills activities (in resources)
- On your next walk use sticks to build a 'log pile house'. Which character lives in the log piled house?
- Use the sticks, along with leaves, to make numbers/letters or your name.
- Playdough. Can you use two hands to roll the playdough into a snake. Now try using one hand at a time. Have a go at making creatures with the playdough, you could use feathers on the owl. Can you make your own terrible creature with the playdough?
- Can you pretend to be the animals from the story? Think about how they move. Try stomping around loudly like the Gruffalo, slithering like the snake, pretending to fly like the owl and creep around like the fox.
- Moving like woodland animal:
<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-t-291952-woodland-animal-movement-cards>
- Bake Gruffalo crumble (Recipe on next page)
- Explore other animals that live in the woods:
<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-t-2546495-woodland-animal-habitats-powerpoint>

Cosmic Kids Yoga have a Gruffalo video but it is only available through the app:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EOHZgKgjhHY>

If your unable to access this the following is an Owl version:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2aje33UPixE>

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Make your own Gruffalo Crumble!

We've all heard of Gruffalo Crumble, but how many of us can actually say we've tasted it? Well now you can! Follow this simple, healthy recipe and maybe Gruffalo Crumble will be your favourite food too!



Serves 4

Preparation time: 20 minutes
Cooking time: 30 minutes

Ingredients

- 20g butter
- 4 leeks, trimmed and cut into 2.5cm slices
- 2 carrots, peeled and cut into 1cm slices
- 1 cupful of garden peas
- 500g baby new potatoes, diced
- 2 x 400g cans butter beans, drained and rinsed
- 400g can chopped tomatoes

For the crumble

- 75g sliced wholemeal bread
- 25g walnuts, roughly chopped
- 20g fresh curly parsley, chopped
- 100g Cheshire cheese, crumbled



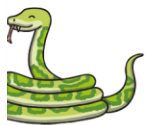
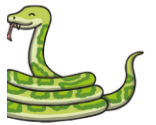
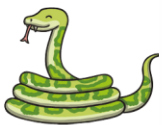
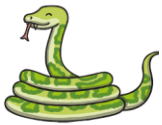
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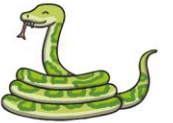
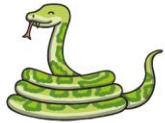
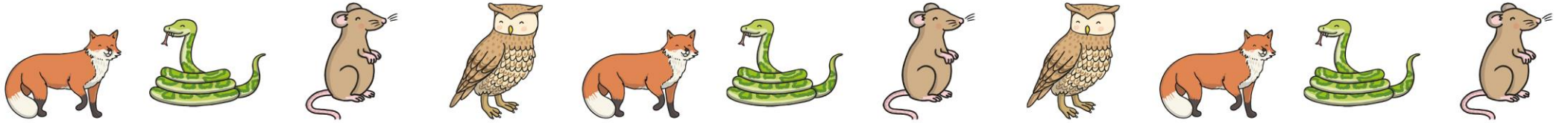
Preheat the oven to 180°C, gas mark 4. In a medium pan, melt the butter and add the leeks, carrots and potatoes. Cover and cook for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add the butter beans, peas and tomatoes and simmer for a further 5 minutes.

Meanwhile, make the crumble topping by placing the bread, walnuts, half the parsley and 75g of the cheese in a food processor. Pulse the mixture until it looks like breadcrumbs.

Stir the remaining parsley into the vegetable mixture, then transfer to a shallow 2-litre ovenproof dish. Cover with the crumble mixture and level with the back of a spoon. Scatter the remaining cheese over the top.

Bake for 30 minutes or until the topping is crisp. Serve immediately with a fresh salad.





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