

# Year R Classroom News

Spring Term 2 — March 2024

We have had another busy half term in Reception!

As part of our topic, **The Smartest Gruffalo on the Broom** we have been doing lots of work around stories by Julia Donaldson. We went for a walk through Hartshill Hayes when looking at **The Gruffalo** and then compared this setting to Hartshill and Chapel End when reading **The Smartest Giant in Town**.



quiet

trees



bark



moss



log pile house

birds singing

stream

leaves

footprints

cars



noisy

roads

busy



shops

traffic lights

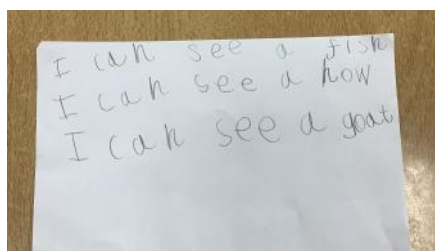
loud

houses

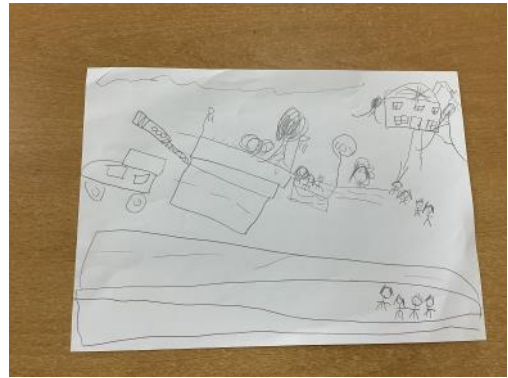
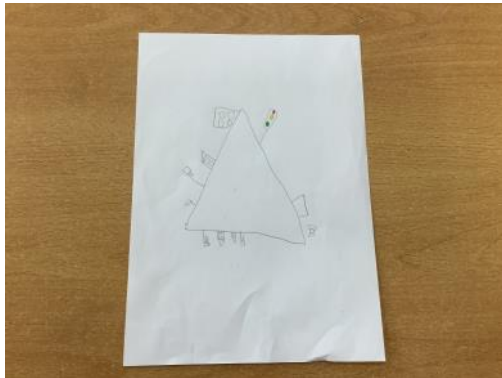
We made some super pictures of The Gruffalo using different materials.  
 Amy, our school cook helped us to make a Gruffalo crumble, we followed the recipe carefully and it tasted delicious!  
 We used our building and designing skills to make a home for The Gruffalo and a town for the Giant!



Our writing is coming on very well, we are using our sentence openers to help write sentences. The children are working very hard to make sure they form their letters correctly. Please continue to support this at home, using the formation phrases given out at Parent's evening to help.



We have been looking at features in our locality and drew maps to show our walk in the local area.



## Maths

We have been using cubes to measure the length of objects and enjoyed finding things that were longer and shorter than our foot!

We also looked at height and put ourselves in order from tallest to shortest!



The basket is  
longer than  
my footprint



The cubes are  
shorter than  
my footprint



## World Book Day

We enjoyed celebrating World Book Day, coming to school dressed as a book character or in our pyjamas! Each class did lots of work about a different story and we all made some super art work to decorate our school library. We shared our favourite book with our friends and were also able to tick off one of our 50 read books too!



## Chinese New Year - The Year of the Dragon

We enjoyed learning about how people celebrate Chinese New Year. We had lots of fun making lanterns and money envelopes, using chopsticks, copying Chinese writing and tasting Chinese food!



## Keeping Healthy

We looked at the importance of brushing our teeth. The children were very good at brushing, making sure they reached right to the back!



You need a pea sized amount of toothpaste



Brush your teeth in the morning and at night

Go to the dentist for a check up

You don't want to get a cavity!



---

We hope you all have a lovely Easter and a well earned rest and look forward to seeing you after the holiday!

