

## **November 2017 Newsletter – Number 1**

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers

Wow! So many adventures, we have thoroughly enjoyed sharing your child's news, pictures and drawings in group time. Please read on for activities this half term.

### **Activities**

We are exploring the story 'The Gruffalo's Child'. On Friday some of the children designed a cave and we will build this on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November following the children's suggestions. We will explore the story using puppets and actions, talking about the different rhyming words we can hear. Can you help your child at home to discover rhyming words?

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November the children will write a recipe for Gruffalo cake, a shopping list and then visit the Cranborne shop to buy the ingredients. All outside visits/walks are always risk assessed.

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November we would like to go on a walk around Cranborne looking for animal tracks. We need 2 volunteer helpers to ensure we have the correct staff/child ratio. Please let Karen or Clare know if you can help us. The journey will start at 9am and finish approximately 10 am. When we return we will use clay to make the animal we seen on our walk.

We also plan to explore light and dark, big and smaller using torches to discover shadows. Look out for ideas in your child's red communication book.

This year we are supporting 'Children in Need' on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. The children and staff are invited to wear fancy dress with something yellow or spotty. We will make spotty biscuits and the children will complete as many obstacle courses as they can. All donations will be welcomed.

### **Parent and Key-person Consultations**

Your child's key-person has been busy assessing their observations and planning their next steps. The reports have been written and over the next coming weeks you will be invited in to discuss your child's progress. Please look out for the dates in your child's red communication book.

### **Fundraising**

The Smartie Tube winner will be announced on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November in the afternoon. Please hold off buying your Christmas cards some of the children have created their very own Christmas card for you to buy. They will be coming home with instructions on how to purchase them on 13<sup>th</sup> November.

Kind Regards  
Karen



**Dates for your Diary**

**Visit Cranborne Shop to buy ingredients – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

**Music with Jan – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> November and 5<sup>th</sup> December**

**Walk around Cranborne to look for animal tracks – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November  
(volunteer help needed)**

**Support Children in Need – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

**Nativity Performance – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December @ 11.30 am**

**Pre-School Finishes – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December @ 12.50 pm**

