Friday 16th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have had so much fun continuing our theme of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We had tuff trays with colourful rice and fruits so the children could feed the Caterpillar, they made beautiful Caterpillar masks which they later re-enacted in a role play, remembering the sequence of the story! We also decorated our classroom with Halloween decorations and spoke about this day. To celebrate Halloween, we made some pasta pumpkins; we also made some spooky playdough with sequences inside which the children got to take home. They were very excited about this! To celebrate the end of term, we made chocolate brownies; the children enjoyed measuring the ingredients and mixing them all together! We were all definitely very excited about taking them home and eating them!

Next term:

Topic: Stories - 'The Gruffalo'. We will be basing our activities around stories in which the children have shown a keen interest; hence exploring it after half term.

Communication and language – In the story, they will be exposed to new descriptive vocabulary such as 'terrible' and 'poisonous' which supports them with their language development. The repeated phrases will support children to remember language and develop their speech.

Gross motor - We will have a game called 'Follow the Forest Path' where there will be footprints of the Gruffalo and different animals in the book and the children must guess the animal and then jump from each footprint like the animal!

Fine motor - We will create sparklers (for fireworks night) by covering breadsticks with chocolate- we will be using our hands to break them into pieces and cutting up chocolate - supporting our fine motor skills. The children will also use play dough to make their own Gruffalo.

Art - For firework night, we will make fireworks with paint and glitter. We will choose a character from the story to create our own masks and then re-enact it.

Snack – apples & ricecakes, pears & broccoli, peppers & bananas, cucumbers & satsumas, raisins & apples.

Notices:

From the second week back, we will be starting Forest School on Fridays where the Ducklings will walk over to a designated, gated area in Avondale Park where we will be able to participate in Forest School activities. Please could you kindly ensure they are dressed appropriately on Fridays with wellies, waterproof jacket/trousers to avoid any clothes from getting dirty.

Please could we also ask that children do not bring toys from home into the nursery as they can get lost and we don't want the children to get really upset.

We hope you have a lovely half-term break, spent with family, friends, and loved ones. We can't wait to welcome you all back on Monday 2nd November and hear all about what you have got up to!

Miss Nazia, Miss Bayan and Miss Karen