

Peek at the Week

Friday 4th December



We have had a lovely week in Waveney class. Our story was 'The Gruffalo's Child'. We read the story together and joined in with the rhyming words. We also compared the story to 'The Gruffalo'. We noticed that there were lots of the same characters, but that the weather was different in our story this week – there was lots of snow! We each chose a character from the story to describe. We practised writing 'the' and using finger spaces. Then we watched the film and talked about what the characters said. We were excited that it was snowing when we came to school and we talked and wrote about the features of winter. We also created beautiful winter scenes using a variety of materials.

Darwin said that the big, bad mouse had a shadow. We talked about shadows and India explained that she thought it might be because 'the mouse was in the way of the moonlight'. We made shadow puppets and looked at different types of light sources, including an overhead projector, to help us understand how shadows are made. Felix said that the different objects were 'blocking the light', and that is how the shadows were made. We also talked about how the shadows became bigger and smaller by moving the puppets closer to, and further from, the light source. We explored transparent objects on a lightbox. We looked closely at the part in the story where the mouse is silhouetted against the bright moon and made our own silhouette pictures.

In maths, we continued to develop our understanding of the number 10 in a wider context. We found the total number of items in two groups by counting all of them then wrote number sentences. We also made 10p and £10 in different ways. We ordered numbers to 10 or beyond and found 1 more and 1 less than numbers.

We have continued to work on Phase 2 Phonics, learning to recognise and write **h**, **b**, **f** and **l**. We read and wrote some words containing those letters as well as the sounds we already know.

We had lots of fun using the Bee-Bots this week, programming in directions. We used the language 'forwards, backwards, left and right' and programmed our Bee-Bots to travel around the Gruffalo story map and a street scene. We had to think very carefully about which way we wanted the Bee-Bots to go and how to get there.

In P.E, we developed our throwing and catching skills by practising bouncing a large ball to each other. We worked hard on our co-ordination and control, and counted the number of times we passed the ball.

Please note We would love to have been able to invite you to a Christmas concert, but sadly this isn't possible this year. However, we are learning some Christmas carols and will recreate a Nativity tableau outdoors. Our aim is to film parts of the story and record them on Tapestry. We would be grateful if you can help your child learn the words to Little Donkey and Away in a Manger. Those children without photography permission will not be filmed.

Reading Stars



Well done!

Bronze Moses
Gold India Grace Felix



Well done to **Jax** who is Waveney Class's Star of the week! He has worked hard on lots of activities this week, wrote a fantastic sentence and he has been kind and helpful.

Home Learning

- Away in a Manger (first verse only) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9CJFt7BZKUU>
- Little Donkey <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1DnnqJB9NMA>

Have a super weekend!

Waveney Class Team