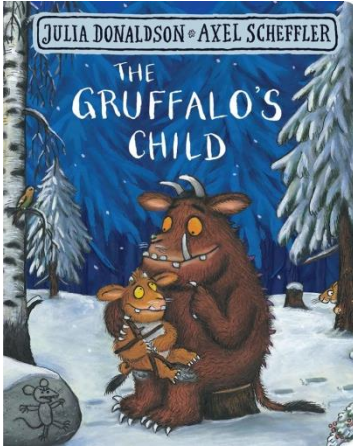


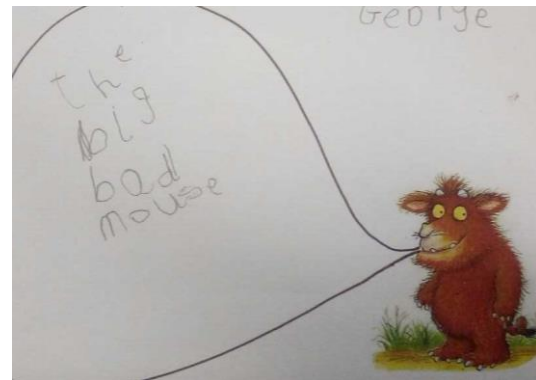
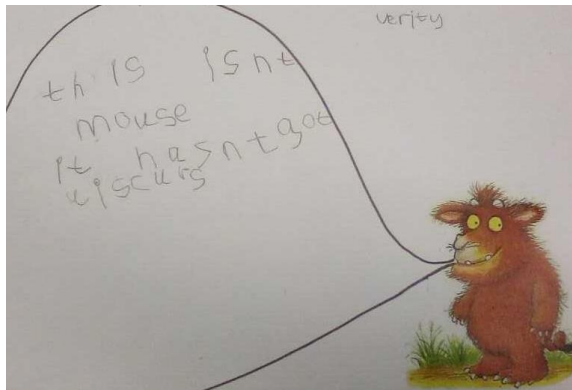
# Peek at the Week

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December



What a very busy week in Waveney Class this week. Our focus story was The Gruffalo's Child. The children listened to the story and talked about the setting and characters, comparing it The Gruffalo that we read last week. They chose either the Gruffalo or the Gruffalo's child to describe, using their knowledge of the letter sounds we have learnt so far to write the words. The children have also been writing in speech bubbles, thinking about what the characters said in the story. We watched the animated film version, which all the children really enjoyed, especially the funny bits. There is a part where the mouse makes a huge scary shadow by standing in front of the moon, and the children recreated this scene in collage

and paint.



We talked about the season changing from autumn to winter. Finley explained the cycle of the seasons, how they go round and round. We read a story in which a bear hibernates and we talked about which other animals hibernate. We looked at a winter scene and discussed why we put food out for the birds in winter. The children then created their own winter scene.



In Maths Reception continued to embed concepts up to 10. They also counted 10s Numicon pieces in tens – some children did this all the way to 100! They placed numbers in order, saying the number before or after, then counted back from 10 to 0.

In phonics, we have learnt the sounds h b f ff l ll and have practised writing the letter in its capital and lower case form. We have read and written (or copied) CVC words containing all the sounds we have learnt so far. Some children have already learnt to read the tricky words on the flashcards by

sight – well done to those that have. The next step would be to be able to write the word when an adult says the word. Some children have used the flashcards to help them write the words **I** and **the** in their writing tasks.

Christmas has come to the classroom and the children have been taking turns to decorate our tree each day. Fin and Amber did a really good job of working together to put on the decorations on Thursday.

We have been practising our play Humph the Camel and it is really coming along well. In order to practise we are a little off timetable. Your child may not read their reading book as frequently, but please be assured that they are reading every day in our phonics lessons. We hope you have ordered your tickets and that you are going to be able to come and watch it. A child's first Nativity play is a very special experience for them and for their families and they have been working really hard on it.



The Nursery children have also been practising their cutting skills by making leaves to add to the Gruffalo display. They enjoyed exploring our new feely shapes and sorted them into the same shapes. They decorated their real Christmas tree too.



Well done to Raven, who is Waveney Class's Star of the week this week! She has been working very hard, has done some super reading in the phonics lessons and wrote 'big bad mouse' in a speech bubble using phonics. Well done, Raven!

**PLEASE NOTE!** Nursery children can come into school for the pantomime next Thursday afternoon, starting at 2.00, but a parent will need to stay with them for the duration of the performance.

**REMINDER** If your child is a narrator in the play, we need their smart outfit in a named bag on Monday, please. Thank you.

**WELL DONE** to George who has read all 40 story books from the recommended list. Also well done to Verity, Florence, Harry, Fin and George who have achieved their bronze reading certificate this week!

Have a lovely weekend! The Early Years Team

### HOME LEARNING

- Nursery** Make a Christmas shopping list by cutting out and sticking pictures of things you would like to buy for your family. Can you say what sound each item begins with?
- Reception** Can you make rhyming strings, e.g. red, ted, bed; hat, pat, Cat, rat? Write them using phonic skills.