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What have we been learning about in Year R this week?

The children have settled back into the classroom routines this week and are certainly enthusiastic to be back in school. We are starting our topic 'Into The Woods' for this half term linked to our core texts of The Gruffalo and We're Going on a Bear Hunt.

In Literacy we began the week discussing what we did during the Christmas holidays. The children spoke in partners about what they did and then some of the children told the class what their partner did.

The end of the week saw the children receive a parcel with items such as an owl, snake, fox, mouse and a Gruffalo in. The children discussed each item and linked them to our core text of 'The Gruffalo' which we are going to be starting next week.

In Maths we have been counting back from 5 through singing songs like 5 currant buns and 5 little speckled frogs. We have also discussed the meaning of 'zero'.

The children have begun to talk about 'seasons' and how the environment changes through the different seasons. The children have also completed some artwork to create some trees from the different seasons. These will be displayed in the classroom next week.

We would like to remind everyone that if your child has a reading book we change them on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We will only change the reading book if it has been read at home and a comment has been made in your child's reading record.

Next week:

We will begin our work on 'The Gruffalo'. The children will be going on a woodland hunt and thinking about how the mouse would feel in the woods. The children will also act out different parts of the story where the mouse meets the different characters. They will also be writing some thought bubbles how the different characters might be feeling.

In Maths will be comparing and ordering numbers 0 to 5. We will also be looking at numbers that can be added together to make 4 (e.g. 1+3 and 2+2) and numbers that can be added together to make 5 (e.g. 1+4, 2+3).

The children will also be completing their own Gruffalo paper plates to display in the school.

Have a lovely weekend.

The Year R team

