

Townlands C of E Primary Academy

"A journey of learning in the light of God's love"

Faith, Honesty, Love, Friendship, Forgiveness, Hope, Respect

"What shall we say the Kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade."

The parable of the Mustard seed- Mark 4:30-32



EYFS Autumn Term 2025 Second Half term

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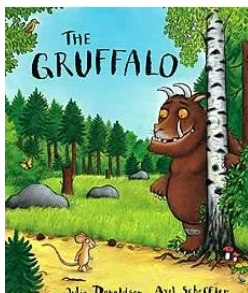
Firstly, we would like to say how pleased we are to see how well the children have settled into their new school routines. We are very excited, as we are sure you will be, to see their progress throughout the next half term.

We will continue to focus on building new friendships and promoting good manners. We will also use Tapestry to allow the children daily opportunities to share their homework and events going on in their lives at home, which will support and develop their language and communication skills.

This half term is all about exploring the woodland area and the different creatures that might be discovered there. Our themes will be 'I wonder which animals I will find in the woods?' and 'What is special about Christmas'.

Throughout this theme we observe Night and Day. We will be looking at the differences between night-time and daytime, light and darkness and looking closely at a range of nocturnal animals. Our focus books will include *The Gruffalo* and *Owl Babies*.

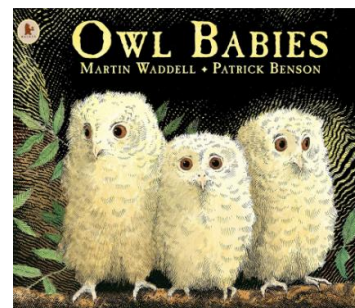
Books we will be using to enhance our learning and love of reading.



The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson

In this much-loved book, a little mouse walks through the woods and encounters a fox, an owl and a snake.

To fend them off, he tells each one about the scary Gruffalo. But when the mouse actually encounters the Gruffalo himself, he cleverly invents another tale and manages to escape from danger yet again.



Owl Babies by Martin Waddell

Owl Babies is a comforting read for any child who has ever worried about mum leaving them alone for the very first time. The baby owls: Sarah, Percy and Bill wake one night to find their mother gone. The darkness gathers and they perch patiently on their branch waiting for her return, full of worries.

Homework

Last half term, we began to send your child home with a phonics reading book that marries up with their phonics stage. We encourage the children to try reading this to you independently, however your support will be much appreciated as they embark on their reading journey. We encourage the children to read with you **at least five times a week** and discuss what they have read to support their comprehension. Your child has a reading record which you should record their reading in, they will develop a beneficial routine and receive prizes along the way.

Homework during this half term will be shared on Tapestry (as well as the paper copy). There will be a number of fun homework options for your child to complete with your support across the remainder of the half term. The expectation is for one piece of homework to be completed and uploaded to tapestry (or brought in to show) each week.

PE

P.E sessions continue with our sports coach, Mr Moon and take place every Monday afternoon. The children need to attend school on Mondays wearing their P.E. kits. They will need to be wearing kit which is suitable for indoor P.E. and outdoor learning as well as playtimes.

Please ensure that your child's name is written inside all clothing items brought into school.

Health & Safety reminder

All long hair must be tied back on Mondays and no jewellery is permitted during PE lessons. However if earrings cannot be removed, then they need taping over.

Water



The children need to continue to bring to school fresh water (not juice) each day in a labelled bottle. Hydration throughout the day is important and this is the most convenient way for your child to access water whenever they feel thirsty. We thank you for your cooperation with this.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 27th November – School Christmas Fair. Starting at 2.30PM

Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th December – Foundation Stage Christmas Productions (both afternoon).

Friday 12th December – Whole School Pantomime visit.

Specific dates and times of these events and other key dates will be confirmed as we move through the term.

Keep checking Tapestry to share in your child's learning experiences. Whole school information and activities can be found on the Townlands website. If you have any queries or questions at any time, then please feel free to **phone** or **email** the school office.

Finally, keep an eye on Townland's Facebook page for the latest updates and successes.