



# Nafferton Primary School

"Where Childhood Matters"

Dormice and Fieldmice Newsletter, Week Ending: 12/10/18

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Thank you to all of you who sent in some autumnal collections on Monday. The children have enjoyed looking at and talking about them and using the magnifying glasses to look more closely at the detail. We also went up to our outdoor area to have a look for autumnal finds. When we came back to the classroom we were surprised to discover a trail of footprints leading to old bear's basket. In the basket we found The Gruffalo story and characters. This led to great excitement and discussion about the footprints and The Gruffalo which has been on-going for the week. The role play area has also become a Gruffalo Cave and some of the children have enjoyed leaf printing. In music the children learnt 'The Gruffalo' song and in PE we have been moving like the characters from the story. We completed the week by making and enjoying Gruffalo Crumble!

We are really pleased with the progress children are making with phonics. Thank you for your support at home in practising saying phonemes and blending them together to make words.

In maths we have been looking at positional language. We read the story 'Where's Spot' and talked about language relating to position (on top, underneath, next to, in front, behind and in between). This became the job of the week and children have had to match the correct language to the correct position of The Gruffalo characters.

## Things to note:

- As part of our continuing development of communication and literacy skills we would like to send home a class animal - Mrs Sizer's Candy the Cow (named by Mrs Sizer's previous class and Miss Searby's Marty the Zebra). In order for these to visit the children's home they will need to send an invitation to say when they would like to have them. If dates clash it will be first come first served and we will ensure that the next available date is given. This enables the children to write for a purpose (with parental support). The invitation will become part of their learning journey. We would ask you to share some of the things you have done with the animal by sending in photographs and a small description of what you have done.
  - **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October Harvest**
  - The children are invited to bring in food as part of the Harvest Festival. These should be none perishables which we will walk to All Saints Church, returning straight to school afterwards. We will set off at the beginning of the day, as soon as we are toileted and ready and would like you to meet us on the front play ground if you would like to walk with us. Thank you in advance for your support.
  - **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>** – Flu Vaccines. There will also be soup on the front play ground after school. Summer Phase will be making the bread and soup as part of their DT and money raised will go towards a charity chosen by the school council.
  - **Friday 19<sup>th</sup>** Village Ramble. You are welcome to join us on our walk around the village (meet us on the front play ground). We will be setting off at 9.30. The route is unsuitable for push chairs. Children should wear wellingtons or sturdy boots which you don't mind getting muddy and a change of shoes would be useful.
  - **Education City – Please find letter attached with your child's password** - These are phonic and maths based activities which will support your child's learning at school. At this age it is useful if an adult can be present to explain the activity and so that your child can get the most out of them. However, they are entirely your choice as we feel that letter pots and reading books should still be the focus. The interactions that your child has with you are still the most important.

If you have any concerns, please do find us at the end of the day. Enjoy the weekend,

Mrs Sizer, Miss Searby, Mrs Pierrepont and Mrs Stinson.