# Reception Newsletter Autumn 2 2023





Welcome to Reception!

"A mouse took a stroll through the deep dark wood....."

## The Gruffalo and Friends!

Our class text this half term is 'The Gruffalo'

Written by Julia Donaldson.

In Literacy this half term we are reading the story of "The Gruffalo". By looking at the story we will be discovering what animals live in the wood and the similarities and differences between them. We will be retelling the story by using pictures and actions on a "Story Map".

In Maths, we will be exploring number by discovering ways in which numbers can be split and combined using natural found objects. We will be practising our subitising skills to 5 (recognising a given amount without the need to count) and gaining an understanding of the concept of 'one more'. We will also be looking at shape and how they can be rotated/ manipulated.

In our topic work the children will be discovering animal habitats and the season of Winter. We will be learning all about the Christmas story and will be busy preparing for our own Christmas performance.

The children will visit the Library Boat every fortnight on a Monday. Please share Library books at home as the children are always excited to show you what they have chosen.

PE will take place every **Monday**

Please can children wear P.E kit to school on their P.E day.

Children will have homework files that will come home on a **Wednesday**. This is to help embed learning that takes place in school and is aimed to be as fun and practical as possible! We kindly ask that work is completed and sent back into school by the following **Monday**.

We do lots of activities outside. It is important that children bring a suitable coat to keep them dry and warm .Please practise fastening zips , putting on gloves etc so that children can do this



Don't forget to sign up to Tapestry, (if you haven't done so already) to receive your child's observations from school. Please send any learning from home to us via Tapestry too!

**The Year Group Leader in Reception is Mrs Coleman**

Reading is an essential part of the learning journey at The Crescent Academy. Your child will read in school every day. **It is essential that your child has their reading book and diary in school every day**. We use the diary to communicate with you about your child's reading progress.

We would appreciate it if you could leave a comment/ sign in the diary to let us know that you have read **at least 3 times each week** with your child at home. We are able to award children in school for their efforts during our Friday celebrations for super reading at home!

*Thank you for your continued support.*