



Reception Newsletter **Autumn 1 2018**

We are so pleased with how well all of our Reception children have settled into school life at Newcroft. They have been finding out about expectations and routines, have been exposed to lots of learning opportunities and become really independent at organising themselves and their belongings, particularly in the morning and at the end of the day.

We started the term off with the lovely Julia Donaldson story, 'The Gruffalo'. The children particularly enjoyed exploring the story sack and using the props in the puppet theatre to retell the story. We were very impressed to hear them using the phrases and vocabulary from the book – word for word! In our Physical Development sessions, we had great fun by listening carefully to the story on CD and moving like the animals in the story.

Handwriting.

One of our key objectives is to encourage the children to **correctly** hold any writing implement, including paint brushes. We are doing a lot of gross and fine motor skill work to help them be able to hold and manipulate a pencil correctly and effectively, using a tripod grip (see below). Writing their name independently is a key focus at the moment (with a capital letter for the first letter only). Guidance will be sent home regarding this for their homework over the half term.



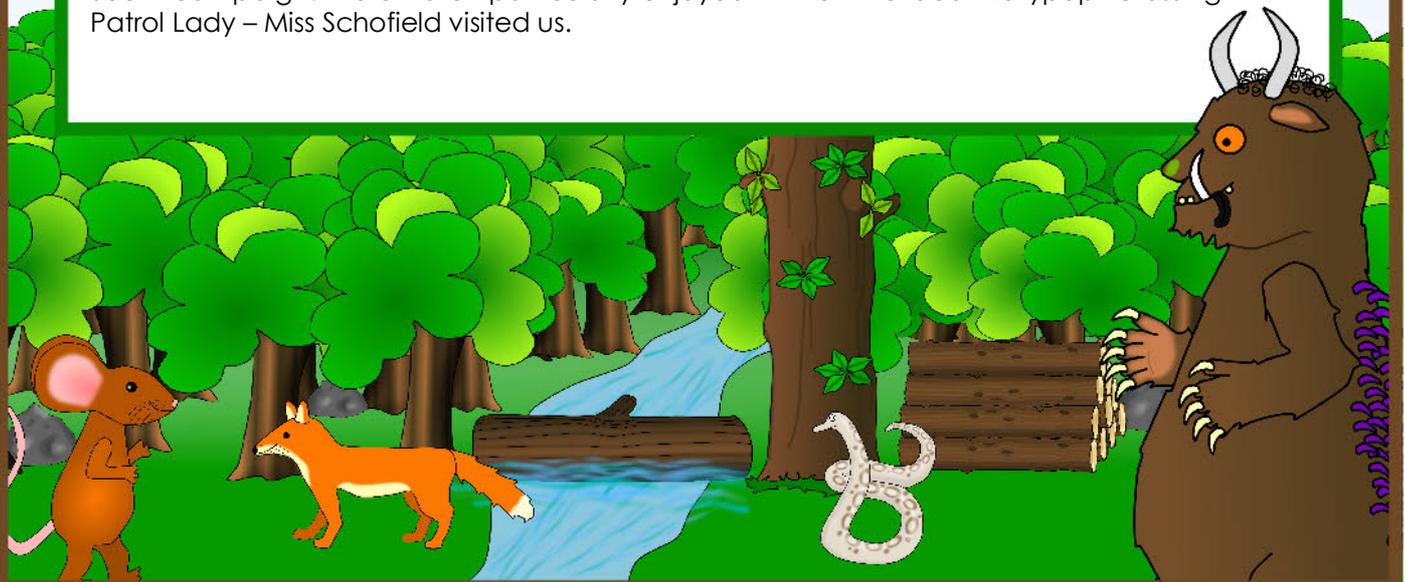
Phonics and Reading.

Thank you for your support at home with phonics and reading. Please remember to record in your child's home school diary every time you do this, so that they can earn dojo points.

We will be running an informal drop in session on Tuesday 6th November from 3:15 until 3:45. You are more than welcome to Pop in for a cup of tea and have a chat about how you can support your child at home with their early stages of reading.

A Special Visitor.

Last week, we participated in lots of activities to support Road Safety and the 'Be Bright be Seen' campaign. The children particularly enjoyed it when the local 'Lollypop' Crossing Patrol Lady – Miss Schofield visited us.





She took us out of school and along Trueway Drive in small groups to practise the 'Stop, Look, Listen, Think' routine and she showed us how to cross the road safely.



The photos below show the children enjoying role-play and practising what they have learnt!



Have a great half term.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Reception Team

