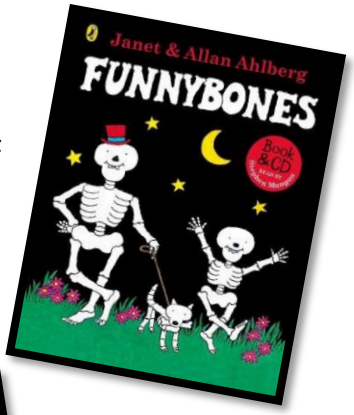
Woodgate Primary School

Gruffalo Room Newsletter

October 2026

What a fantastic half term we have had, so many learning experiences. The children have really engaged well with each story we have explored, in particular they have loved the story of Funny Bones. Each child has created a skeleton, either by building up pre-cut parts or by drawing one themselves. Sharing spooky action songs has been lots of fun. You can find the songs by Singing Hands on YouTube, the songs are 'Dem Bones' and 'Horns, Fangs, Knees and Claws.'











Thank you for sending your children in with their PE kits on each Wednesday. We do physical education every day in different formats. Using the hall each Wednesday enables us to continue to enhance a range of skills developing core muscles which in turn support sitting, balance and even handwriting.

Every Friday you will have a book bag with a book to share with your child. Sharing a book with your pre-verbal child is a wonderful way to build communication, attention and enjoyment together. When reading, focus on talking about the pictures rather than reading every word. Follow your child's interests, point to and name key objects, use simple words and phrases, and give them time to look, point, touch or respond in their own way. Use gestures, facial expressions and sounds to bring the story to life, and don't worry if you read the same book many times. Repetition helps children learn new words, understand routines and develop a love of books. Most importantly, keep book sharing fun, relaxed and interactive, celebrating all attempts your child makes to communicate.

We have had positive experiences playing with the spooky sensory trays which have been different each day. One of the days we were painting pumpkins green and then washing them clean again. I'm not sure who had more fun, the children or the adults.







We now have a page on the school website which will be another way to celebrate the wonderful pupils in the Gruffalo Class. You will find information to help explain more around the types of learning your child experiences and examples of work completed. Head to the website and navigate to the Pupil Area, there you will find an option for Gruffalo Class, click and explore. This is just the start, we will add more content as the year progresses.

Thank you to all of the Parents that attended the Parent Inclusion Day on Tuesday 20th October. The feedback was so positive and you all engaged really well with the whole day.

Thank you all for your continued support we really enjoy teaching your children and each day is a new adventure that we look forward to. Remember if you have any concerns or just fancy a chat you are always welcome to come and talk with us.

Best wishes

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