

# The Ark Nursery Newsletter

## This week

In Maths this week, we have learnt all about the number 'one' and represented it in different ways. We were eventually introduced to our new focus story of 'The Gruffalo' after finding clues that he had been in our classroom! We discussed the characters, read the story, sang the song and re-told the story with puppets / toys.

We talked about celebrations in the form Bonfire Night. With Bonfire Night approaching this weekend, we discussed the importance of keeping safe and how we can do so. The children noticed that it was getting darker in the evenings and has felt much cooler these past few days. We used a torch to look at Miss Bell-Tye's high visibility jacket and we talked about how we can wear them to be seen in the dark. This means we definitely need warm clothes and coats now! We created firework art with paint and paint water in pipettes. As well as this, we have done lots of creative mark making too!



## Next Week

We will continue exploring instrumental sounds and body percussion. We will continue our learning surrounding the story book of 'The Gruffalo', creating a class story map and retelling the story with actions! In Maths, we will concentrate on developing fast recognition of up to 3 objects, without having to count them individually ('subitising'). Our rhyme of the week will be: 1, 2 buckle my shoe.

### Learning links at home

- Paint or draw a firework picture. You could use crayons, pens, paint or even glitter and glue!
- Talk about fire and firework safety rules and why they are important.
- Practise getting dressed for a Bonfire Night event. Can you practise zipping up your coat and putting on your hats and gloves?
- Make a model rocket using cardboard tubes and boxes. Talk about the colours you used.