

# Creative Home Learning Ideas



## Into the Deep Dark Woods



Below are some creative home learning ideas based around our next topic. Please read the ideas to your child and let them choose which activities they would like to complete at home. Children are expected to complete and bring into school at least 2 activities by the end of the half-term. We would love to display your amazing home learning, so please make sure you bring it in, so that it can be celebrated with your class and then displayed in the Year 1 area to inspire others in school.

- Plant some seeds (if available to you). Draw and write a plant diary about the changes you see each week.
- Make patterns and sculptures using natural materials in your garden; take photographs of your artwork. For inspiration, look at examples created by Andy Goldsworthy.
- Make miniature homes and gardens, for minibeasts from natural materials: bark, pebbles, twigs, leaves and pine cones.
- Search the internet/ look in books to find out what animals live in woodlands or forests in the UK. Choose your favourite animal and write some interesting facts about it.
- Write a letter to the Gruffalo (or a character from the story) telling him what you have been doing at school and at home. They would love to hear about your adventures!
- Create your own Stickman family, using outdoor resources.
- Create sock puppets and re-tell your favourite Julia Donaldson story
- Write a recipe for Gruffalo crumble. Don't forget to test out the recipe!
- Create a garden gnome.
- Paint story spoons for each character in The Gruffalo (or your favourite fairy-tale).
- Write your own story, set in the Woods.
- Visit your local woods and explore the surroundings. Can you spot any animal footprints or clues? What animals might live in these woods?

This is not an exhaustive list and we would love to see any extra ideas related to our topic, Enchanted Woodland! We know the children have lots of their own ideas.

Don't worry if your creative home learning doesn't fit inside your home learning book, the more creative and exciting, the better.

Have fun and send a Class Dojo to any of the Year 1 Team if you have any queries regarding home learning activities.

Please ensure that all home learning you would like to share is brought into school by **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024**, ready for the topic showcase and so that we have plenty of time to show off your masterpieces.

Thank you for your continued support, it makes such a difference to your child to work together as a 3-way partnership – parent, child and teacher.