

Activity ideas for 'The Gruffalo'

- Read the story of the Gruffalo and ask questions about the text
- Pretend to be the Gruffalo and go for a walk around the garden – find insects/bugs that you can meet on the way and imagine a made up meal they could eat for example – bug burgers or ant pie
- Draw the Gruffalo and write a simple sentence about where in the world they would take the Gruffalo and what they would see
- Your child could write a simple version of this story describing what monster they would meet (for example a spidalo, a dogalo, a catalo), where they would meet him (a jungle, a forest, a cave) and what he likes to eat
- Collect a variety of leaves/stones/twigs and sort them. Count how many of each they've collected and then how many all together
- Make rubbings of the different leaves, cut them out and then size order them and stick them on paper
- Use stones/pebbles for counting, addition and subtraction

- Craft ideas
paper plate Gruffalo face



- Scrambled snake



- Owl ice-cream



- Paint stones/pebbles of what you might see in the forest
- Make a snake using beads/pasta and string/thread and count the beads in 2's and 5's
- Make roasted fox using cheese, ham and bread



- Watch the film of the Gruffalo and cook popcorn together and make cinema tickets for the film
- There are some free resources on 'twinkl' website and on 'Youtube' there is a Gruffalo song to learn which is great

- Make Gruffalo paw biscuits



Materials

225g margarine/butter

115g caster sugar

225g self raising flour

2 tbsp cocoa powder

1 tsp vanilla extract

50g flaked almonds

A few mixing bowls so the children can get involved or 1 if you want to mix and let them shape

Wooden spoon

A couple of baking trays

Instructions

- Pre-heat your oven to 180c and grease a baking tray or 2
- If the children are helping to make the mixture spread the bowls and spoons out and ask them to work in groups
- Cream the margarine and sugar together until well mixed
- Add vanilla extract and mix
- Stir in the flour and cocoa powder.
- The mixture now should be quite sticky and thick
- Get your children to roll the dough into small balls (you should be able to make 16-20) and pat the dough down a bit. They can shape it to make a claw if they like
- Place the dough on the baking tray making sure they aren't too close together so the dough has room to rise
- Finally get the children to add the claws but pushing a few flaked almonds into the toes of the paw
- Bake in the oven for 13-15 minutes and leave to cool for 5.
- Leave the claws to harden and then they're ready to eat!

Extension Activity

Get the children talking about and discussing the story. Ask questions such as:

Which was your favourite character? Why?

Tell me something about the gruffalo.

How did the story make you feel?



- Enjoy 😊