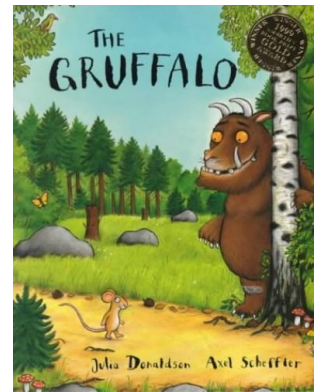


The Gruffalo

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- The Gruffalo and the little mouse walked through the wood looking for snacks. What are your favourite snacks? Draw some pictures of them – you could set up a café and design a menu serving your favourite snacks.
- Make a forest/woodland collage display using junk modelling.
- Make a snake by decorating a paper plate with snake patterns and then cutting it into a spiral.
- Research different habitats for the animals in the story (mouse, snake, owl, fox). Make a little booklet about each animal.
- Create a Gruffalo cave den with cushions and sheets – encourage your child to read in the den!
- Have a selection of junk modelling materials available for the children to create their own houses for the mouse.
- Create a Gruffalo's cave role play area. This could be made out of a large cardboard box or cube shaped tent, covered with crumpled up brown paper. You could also have glow-in-the-dark footprints leading up to the cave.
- Encourage the children to create their own crumble to share with family or create your own menus depending on different animals, eg. monkey mash, tiger tacos, lion lemonade, duck doughnuts!
- Provide brown paper bags and a variety of materials such as buttons, orange and purple paper, art straws, felt-tip pens, crayons and paint for the children to use to create their own Gruffalo hand puppets.
- Explore woodland objects collected on a woodland or park walk.
- Create bark and leaf rubbings outside.
- Have a go at mark making in a shallow sand tray with natural mark makers such as twigs and feathers.

