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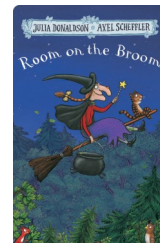
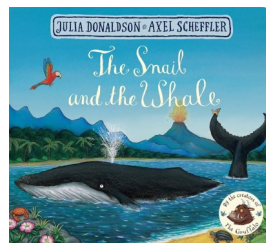
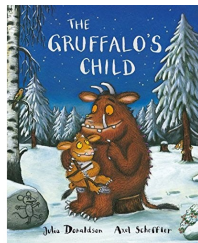
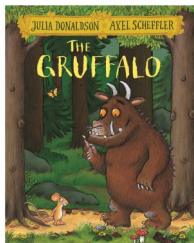


# Foundation Stage Newsletter Spring 1

Our Foundation Stage children have had a fantastic start to 2024! We have been really proud of how they have both embedded their skills and embraced our new learning—keep up the good work!

We have made a great start to our Create enquiry - 'Where can we see art in our lives?', and we hope you enjoy hearing about it through Tapestry.

## Literacy



This half term, we will be linking our literacy learning to our enquiry: Where can we see art in our lives? We have got lots of lovely stories and activities to ignite children's curiosity and imagination. We will be learning about the different forms of art, all around us. We will be developing our artistic skills this term, with a particular focus on colour mixing.

## Phonics



We are really excited to be continuing with our Twinkl Phonics programme. Look out for a weekly email including all the sounds we have learnt during the week.

Research shows that hearing your child read at least three times per week at home and sharing favourite stories regularly has a significant impact on their reading progress in school. We can't wait to work alongside you in this important part of your child's educational journey.

Encouraging your child to draw is a great way for them to explore and build on their experiences of the world. Providing your child with the opportunity to annotate their drawings also enables them to practise forming and writing the phonemes they have learnt.

## Maths

Here at Farnsfield St Michael's, we follow the NCETM Mastering Number programme which uses the very popular Numberblocks series to support the children's engagement and continued interest. One of the key aspects of this approach is to ensure that mathematical fluency is taught as a priority.



You can support your child in this area by using opportunities in your daily routine to count everyday objects and encourage them to notice patterns in their environment.

## Memories from last term

We thought you might like to see some of the wonderful things our children got up to in the Autumn term. There was a historical focus, and the children spent a lot of time learning about how their lives have changed over time and how the lives of their Grandparents have changed over time.

We enjoyed the festivities during Advent and the Nativity was an amazing way to finish the term.

