

Whinless Down Academy
EYFS Planning

TOPIC:	What am I?	TERM:	3	
FOCUS TEXT:	The Gruffalo	HOOK:	<p>Have some flour footprints on the floor for when the children come in. Ask the children to think about where they have come from and how they got there. Leave a trail of clues for them to investigate e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have some purple pricks scattered. - Black paint marks on the table, from his tongue. - Gruffalo fur. - Black background slide with orange eyes looking at the screen. <p>Leave clipboards out for the children to investigate who has been into the classroom- can they discover what it is?</p>	
THE BIG PICTURE:	<p>Children are going to be provided with real life opportunities to explore changes and life cycles, making observations by being involved and concentrating. They are going to develop their creative and critical thinking skills by making comparisons when exploring similarities and differences within the environment. A wide range of reading experiences, with a focus on Julia Donaldson, will help the children to foster a love of reading.</p> <p><i>As we continue to make links between our ideas, we respond to new experiences and begin to predict sequences e.g. what might happen next in a story.</i></p>			
COMMUNICATION & LANGUAGE		PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT		
Listen to and talk about stories, focussing on character and setting descriptions	Making story maps for the Gruffalo	Develop the overall body strength, co-ordination, balance and agility needed to engage successfully with PE	PE lessons in Gym – balancing, jumping, travelling in different ways	
Articulate their ideas and thoughts	Describing settings in Julia Donaldson stories			

Engage in non-fiction books. Listen to and talk about selected non-fiction to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary.	Describing Julia Donaldson characters Find out information about eggs and chicks	Combine different movements with ease and fluency Confidently and safely use a range of large and small apparatus indoors Develop overall body-strength, balance, co-ordination and agility	
PSED:		LITERACY:	
Express their feelings and think of others	Continue to self-register using the colour monster Yoga and calming activities linked to woodland and Chinese new year Learning how to care for baby chicks	Spell words by identifying the sounds and then writing the sound with letter/s. Form lower case letters Notice rhyme in stories Reading and writing simple CVC words and captions	Labelling settings and characters with describing words Listening to Julia Donaldson stories Writing captions about chicks Writing invitations for people to come and see our chicks
MATHS:		UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD	
Subitise Link numeral to value More than and less than Exploring the composition of numbers 5 and 6 Compare capacity and weight	Learning dice patterns 1-6 Using Numicon to explore more than and less/fewer than Using Numicon to explore values and different amounts Making Gruffalo crumble by measuring with cups	Observe changes in living things Lifecycles Explore the change in seasons RE – what places are special and why?	Observing our eggs hatch into chicks and discussing changes Lifecycle of a hen Exploring the changes in winter – frost, ice, cold, wearing scarves etc. Woodland walk for a Gruffalo hunt Visit to St Martin’s Church

	Weighing our baby chicks		
EXPRESSIVE ARTS & DESIGN		VOCABULARY	
Learn rhymes and songs Choose resources independently Watch and talk about dance and performances	Learn the Gruffalo song Learn songs and dances about eggs and chicks Junk modelling Julia Donaldson settings (castles, caves, rockets etc) Making Stickman Making Gruffalo masks Watch dances/songs from other early years classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - And - Gruffalo - Wood - So - Unfortunately - Creatures - Lifecycle - Chick - What 	
OTHER TEXTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Smed and the Smoos - The Gruffalo's Child - A Squash and a Squeeze - The Snail and the Whale - Zog - Zog and the Flying Doctors - The Highway Rat - Chicken Licken - Dora's Eggs - Stickman 	CELEBRATIONS:	Valentine's day Chinese New Year