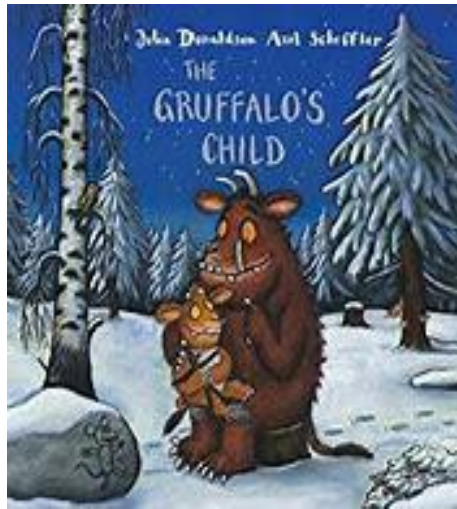




Book of the week.....The Gruffalo's child by Julia Donaldson



Read the book or Watch online at The Gruffalo's Child - Read by Alan Mandel - YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MUQm8Qb64EI>

Age 2+ Age 3+ Age 4+

Stick man

Look at the pictures carefully can you spot stick man? The Gruffalo's child is keeping tight hold of him. Next time you are outside perhaps your child can find a stick of their own. You could help to make it into a stick man/woman or child.

Footprints in the snow

Put a layer of sugar/flour or other powder in a tray or shallow box and make prints with hands or toys or anything else you can find.

Of course you can try this in the snow if the weather allows!

Shadow play

You will need to find/make a dark space and a torch/phone. Can you make shadows on a wall?

Look at the big bad mouse in the book. Can you make your own scary shadow monster shape?

Mark making

Using the tray/box lid as for footprints in the snow, take turns to draw the animal tracks in the snow.

Or you can each draw them on paper. Can you guess what each other have drawn?

Have a go at different animals as well horse/cat/dinosaur?

Listen all the way through the story

Read through (or listen to) the story together.

Join in with the repeated phrases 'The snow fell fast and the wind blew wild.' '

I'm not scared'

Sound effects

Read or listen to the story again. Can you and your child make the sounds of the animals and the wild wind.

Map making

Think of all the important places in the story. Try drawing the different houses and putting them all onto a map. Add the animal tracks between them if you want.

Rhyming words

Find the rhyming words in the story together. e.g. snored/bored cave/brave and lake/snake/cake

Make up your own pairs of rhyming words with other animals

When are you scared?

Gruffalo's child says she isn't scared, do you think she is?

When are you scared and what helps make you feel better?