

### Music

We will be learning a new harvest song and how to recognise rhythm and beat. We will also be making sounds using instruments and natural objects.

### Forest School

We will be taking our learning out into our beautiful forest where we will be listening to the sounds in the forest and investigating what animals might live there.

### Home Challenge/ This Week in Darter/ Cubtail

Home challenges will be set for children on a Friday and given out as part of their "This week in Darter/ Cubtail" class updates.

### Topic- Are Gruffalo's Real?

The children will be exploring and investigating if Gruffalo's are real. We will be sharing the Gruffalo stories and talking about the characters. We are hoping to make Gruffalo Crumble and have a visit from the Gruffalo himself .

### General

We are trying to enable the children to become independent learners, you can help them by ensuring they carry their own belongings into school in the mornings.

Children will need a PE kit for when we do physical activities in the hall or playground.

Wellies are needed in school for our outdoor learning. Spare wellies and clothes are always appreciated!

We operate an open door policy in Cubtail and Darter Class. Please come in and speak to us if you have any queries.

# Townley School and Pre-School



## Autumn Term 2017

Cubtail and Darter Class —Miss Lavender

## Communication and Language

It is the start of a new school year therefore the children will want to get to know each other or rekindle their friendships. Therefore they will have lots of opportunities to talk in extended periods of play. We will also be supporting the children in retelling their favourite stories and rhymes, along with encouraging them to start to ask questions using why and how. We will also give the children opportunities to talk about themselves and their lives out of school. This will particularly be encouraged during our snack times.

## Physical Development

This term the children will be developing and experimenting with big gross-motor movements particularly when outside and when mark making. The children will also get the chance to explore the forest and go on a Gruffalo hunt. In addition the children will also develop fine motor skills which they will be doing through mark making and sensory play. We will also be encouraging the children to be independent when going to the toilet and getting themselves a drink.

## Personal, Social and Emotional

We will be focusing on encouraging the children to share and turn take when playing with and using toys and equipment. Through our PSHE programme we will also be discussing how the children are special and what it is like to start school. During this term the children will also be forming positive relationships with their teachers and staff members so that they feel safe and happy to learn.

## Literacy

This term the children will be exploring the Gruffalo stories through talk for writing where we will be retelling the story as a class. The children will also be sequencing the stories and talking about the structure of stories. They will have opportunities to role play and mark make throughout the setting. These opportunities will also be tailored around the children's individual interests.

## Phonics

All of the children will be participating in phonics activities. Cubtail Class will be focusing on tuning into sounds and developing their listening skills. They will also have any opportunities to experiment with sounds. Darter Class will be starting the term focusing on hearing initial sounds in words and spotting rhyming words as part of phase 1 phonics. The children will then move on to phase 2 where they will be learning phonemes which are letter sounds.

## Maths

In maths this term we will be singing many number songs and will be challenging the children to count to and recognise numerals to 20. We will also be exploring shapes and numbers in our environment. The children will be counting natural materials and will have many opportunities to develop their written numbers.

## Understanding the World

The children will be observing how the weather and their natural environment is changing in the season of Autumn. We will be exploring our forest to see if we can spot signs of Autumn and any woodland creatures. We will also be celebrating and talking about Harvest Festivals and Halloween.

## Expressive Art and Design

The children will be using natural and real building materials to create outdoor constructions. They will also have opportunities to role play and dress up as fictional characters and use puppets. We will also be encouraging the children to mix and experiment with colour using different media and materials.