

## The Hive with Mr Bulmer September-October 2023

Welcome back! It's been lovely to see you all.

In The Hive this half term we have two learning themes. Firstly, lots of our writing and reading will focus around 'The Gruffalo' and 'The Gruffalo's Child' by Julia Donaldson. These are both great stories and I'm sure your children will engage with the animal themes running through them. Secondly, each half term, we will learn about a quality we want for all our children. We will be starting with 'I am brave'. We will look at what being brave means to your children and who we might think is brave. Your children all loved the visits from the fire brigade in the past, so I'm excited to build on this.

You will have noticed that all your children have been given a reading pack. This will have: your child's reading book, their reading record and phonics activities, such as, flash cards and matching games. Please open these packs with your children as much as possible and read with your children. Often, we will put a pleasure book in your pack for you to just enjoy reading with your child at home.

*Please could you bring wellies into school for your children. We will play outside as often as possible and all your children love playing in the water trays. Wellies will really help us to keep all your child's school shoes dry.*

If you have any questions, then always feel free to find me on the door or message me on ClassDojo

Thank you!

Mr Bulmer and the rest of The Hive Team

### Important Dates:

- Friday 20th October 2023 - Teacher Training Day- School closed to all pupils.
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023- School closes to pupils for the holidays
- Monday 6th November 2023 - School opens to pupils for the start of the new half term



### You can help by:

- Reading with your child **everyday!**  
Listening to your child read and sharing stories with them is so important. Please ask questions about the book to check your child's understanding. The books taken home by the children are of a high quality so it's important to make the best use of them as they have been carefully matched to the reading level.
- Practising new phonics sounds (Access to home videos to follow).
- Practising counting to 100 in steps of 2, 5 and 10.
- Forming numbers and letters correctly.