

Apple Class  
Let's Get Learning  
Autumn 2



Weekly Trips to  
Summerhill Care  
home for Little  
Movers Dance

## Bonfire Night

Drawing and painting  
to represent  
movement!

Anti Bullying  
Week  
Being a kind  
friend.

## Core texts

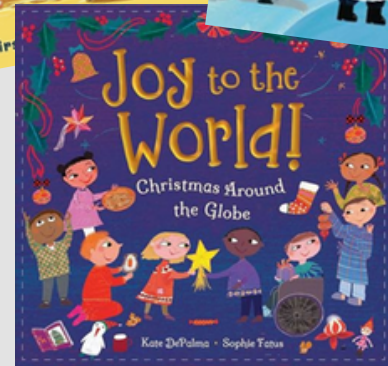
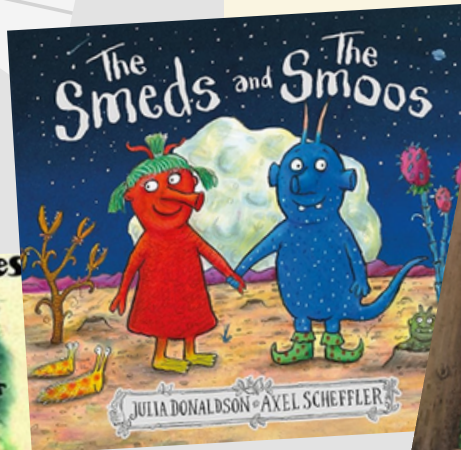
Here are some of the  
stories we'll be enjoying  
this half term.

## Stories we Love by Julia Donaldson - *The Gruffalo*

- Name and describe the characters
- Join in with repeated phrases
- With support, begin to sequence and retell the story
- Begin to understand rhyming words

## Time to Celebrate!

- Share and compare our Christmas celebrations together.
- Begin to name some of the main characters in the Christmas story.
- Begin to retell the key parts of the Christmas Story.



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Return your book whenever you're finished with it!

Weekly trips to our local library for song, story and rhyme time.

Develop early reading skills i.e. how to hold a book, turn the pages, follow the words, look at the pictures, read from left to right.

Develop speech and language skills; steady pace, exaggerated voice, emphasise sounds, good sentence structure.

Help children develop a love for story and reading.

Builds vocabulary

Establishes a bedtime routine

Cultivates imagination

Apple Class Lending Library

The importance of reading stories with your child.

Help children to associate reading with emotional warmth and fun. When children are cosy and comfortable, reading aloud to them can even lower their stress levels.

Promotes attention and concentration skills.

There are numerous benefits of sharing a story with your child. In addition to strengthening the bond between parent / carer and child, story time sessions: