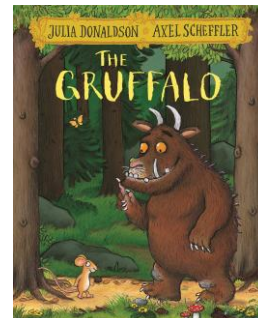


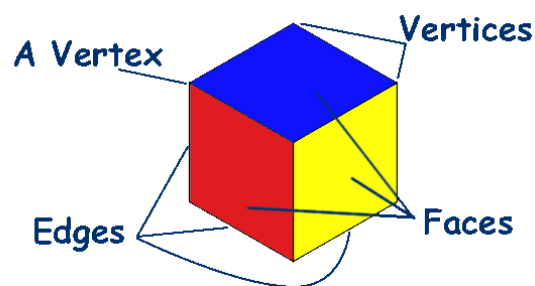
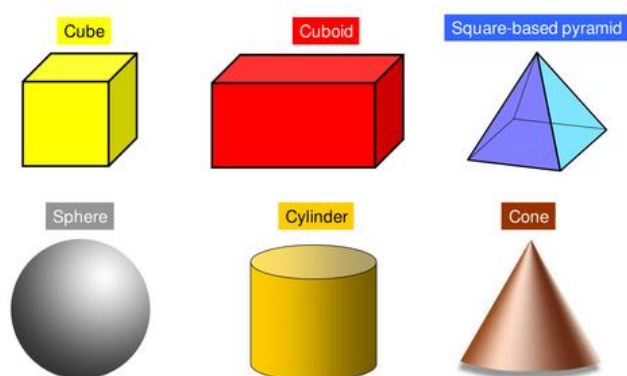
Friday 30th November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

In phonics we have been focusing on writing letters of the alphabet and forming these letters correctly. Using the look, say, cover, write, check method, we have been practising spelling our tricky words. We have also learned to read some new tricky words; he she me we be, knowing that we sound the initial letters, but that the 'e' is tricking us out because it makes an 'ee' sound! We have been practising writing shopping lists!



During maths, we have become shape experts. We have learned to name 3D shapes; **cube**, **cuboid**, **cylinder**, **cone**, **pyramid**, **sphere** and used the words; **faces**, **edges**, **vertices**, **curve** and **straight** to talk about them. Using sweets and sticks, we have constructed our own 3D shapes and even hunted for 3D shapes in our environment.



As part of our *Once upon a time* topic, we have shared the story of *The Gruffalo* and found out that the mouse was really rather clever! Taking on the role of mouse, we retold the story. Throughout the week, we have shared other stories by the author Julia Donaldson and illustrator Axel Scheffler.

Awe and wonder as we joined in our Christingle service. We made our Christingles and found out what the different parts symbolise.

Home Learning challenge

To go on a shape hunt; spotting and naming 3D shapes at home or whilst out and about this weekend. Remember to talk about what they look like; how many faces? How do you know that it is a cube and not a cuboid? Kitchen cupboards are a great place to find these; cylinder tins, cuboid cereal boxes, sphere apples...

The EYFS Ducklings' team 😊