

# Brambles Weekly News

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## Reminders

The former Children's Centre is now being refurbished until the end of term to transform it to a new area for Brambles Pre-school, complete with separate outdoor area. Builders will be on the school site and at the front of the school.

Please be mindful of where you park if you drive to school. Parking in the lay by both before and after school and in the staff car parks are not permitted.

## Carpet Time

**Stories:** The Gruffalo

**Song:** The Gruffalo

**Rhyme:** Hickory Dickory Dock

## Upcoming Events

**December 6th**

Non Uniform Day (Brambles wear Christmas jumpers) PTA Christmas Fair

**December 13<sup>th</sup>**

(Note amended date from summer handout)

Brambles Assembly 11.00am-12.30pm

Christmas jumpers or outfits  
(no super hero outfits or onesies please)

**December 18th**

Last day of term

## This Week's Learning

We took a stroll in the deep dark wood, we saw a snack and the snack looked good! We had lots of fun with our book of the week, The Gruffalo. We did some snake cutting, discussed the textures in the Gruffalo crumble tray outside, had snack in the school woods and played with the chocolate playdough to create our own Gruffalo creatures.

## Something Special

Squishing, rolling, sculpting, molding . . . young children love to play with playdough. Add some props from around the home and playdough play becomes a powerful way to support your child's learning. This simple preschool staple lets children use their imaginations and strengthen the small muscles in their fingers—the same muscles they will one day use to hold a pencil and write. Using playdough with you, a friend, or siblings supports your child's social skills such as sharing, taking turns, and enjoying being with other people. Playdough also encourages children's language and literacy, science, and math skills—all at the same time!



Playdough is easy to make, perhaps have a try at making your own at home. Your little one can help to measure out the ingredients, mix and choose the colour, texture and smell to make your playdough even more fun and exciting.

1 cup of salt  
2 cups of plain flour  
2 cups of water  
2 tablespoons of cooking oil  
4 teaspoons of cream of tartar

Place the ingredients in a pan and heat gently until it forms a lump and leaves the sides of the pan. Allow to cool thoroughly. Store in an airtight container.