

Activity Name
Gruffalo Scat

suggested age group: 5-6, 7-8

type of activity:

art

world cultures

reading/writing

science

mathematics

practical life

P.E. & health

social skills

play

materials needed:

self-hardening clay

copies of “The Gruffalo Evidence Challenge” activity sheet

clipboards & pencils

setting the stage / picture book:

read The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson (or do the Story Walk)

activity plan:

give each team a clipboard, a pencil, and a copy of the activity sheet

have the children work together to find as many types of animal evidence as they can (feather, fur, web, nest, scat, track)

let the children decide what kind of evidence the Gruffalo would leave behind and work together to build a nest, create a set of tracks, or make “Gruffalo scat” out of self-hardening clay

choose a location to leave the scat for someone to find!

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follow up / notes:

this could be followed by the Who Pooped? Memory Game or Puzzle on a rainy day

“The Gruffalo Evidence Challenge” is page 12 of <https://www.forestryengland.uk/sites/default/files/documents/1.%20Gruffalo%2020th%20Anniversary%20Party%20Pack.pdf>