

## Activities to Support Home Learning Autumn 2021

Whole School Theme: Dreams & Imagination

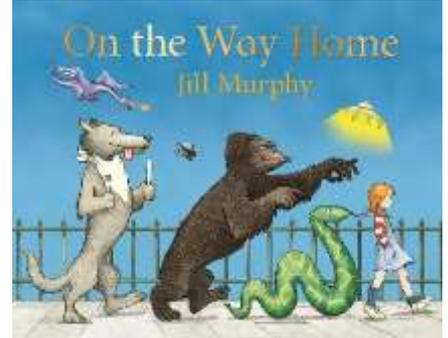
Class: KHa

Topic: Author focus – Jill Murphy

### Explore & Inspire

Curriculum Overview:

This term we are enjoying *On The Way Home* by Jill Murphy. Each page of the story brings a new imaginary world including aliens, dragons, giants, gorillas, snakes, crocodiles, ghosts and many more. We will focus on these different worlds as the term progresses, linking their themes into our environment, our play and our lessons. In maths we will develop our counting skills using dragon eggs, crocodile teeth and natural materials found in the gorilla's forest environment. We will develop our understanding of the world by exploring shiny materials that the aliens left behind and how objects behave in water of the crocodile pool. In phonics we will practice pre-reading skills and continue to learn letters for those that are ready. Communication is a key priority which will be promoted in everything that we do.



### Enrich

Core Book: *On The Way home* by Jill Murphy

*Claire has hurt her knee so she sets off home to tell her mum all about it. On the way she meets her friends and tells them how the fall happened. But just how did it happen . . .? Was she dropped by a wolf, a slithering snake, an enormous dragon or a hairy gorilla?!*

*On the Way Home is a fantastic journey of the imagination that every small child who tells the occasional tall tale will relate to!*

### Activity Ideas:

Make aliens by printing with different objects to create different shapes and add googly eyes. There will be opportunities to talk about colours, shapes, names of objects and to develop creativity and exploration skills.



Make a crocodile face together using an egg box. There will be opportunities to count teeth, discuss shapes and practice using safety scissors with help. When the crocodile is finished, feed him different things by using the opportunity to develop speech and language skills. "Can you feed him the sock?" Can you feed him the yellow teddy bear?

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Freeze water balloons to create magical dragon eggs. Objects can be hidden inside the ice for greater interest. There will be opportunities to explore how ice melts and how it feels so cold and slippery. Pour water onto the egg to reveal the hidden objects! How many eggs can you count?



Use dough to roll out snake shapes to develop hand-eye coordination skills and fine motor development. There will be opportunities to explore 'big & small' when comparing snakes. Sequins or other small objects can be used to decorate the snakes to add discussions on colours, shapes and to develop imagination and creativity.

At Halloween time, carve pumpkins together and explore the pulp and seeds. Child-friendly pumpkin carving tools are

available in the supermarkets which are not sharp. There will be opportunities to develop hand-eye coordination, choice making and a multi-sensory experience. For those that prefer a cleaner experience, the pulp and seeds can be placed in a sandwich bag and explored through the plastic.



Go for a walk and search for things that are big and small – leaves, sticks, pinecones, stones etc. There will be



opportunities to name objects and develop understanding of big and small.