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Dear Parent/Carer

We hope that you are surviving lockdown and enjoying the additional time available to support your child's learning at home through play and every day activities.

To help with this, we wanted to let you know that we will be highlighting relevant Play@home activities from your Play@home book and regular updates from Bookbug on our Early Years Facebook site, **Argyll and Bute – Early Years**, and Twitter account **@EYArgyllBute**.

We know that your child is going to school this year and we also wanted to make you aware that we are having a transition theme for all new primary 1 children. This will be based on the popular children's story **The Gruffalo**, written by Julia Donaldson and illustrated by Axel Scheffler. We have created a private Facebook group, which you are welcome to join, to share information with you about the transition theme and going to school in general:

Facebook group - **Argyll and Bute Early Years – P1 Transition**

From next week, we will be posting a related activity sheet, once a week, for you to take part in a Gruffalo experience at home. We would love it if you wanted to share your experiences with us through photographs or drawings but please don't think you need to be completing every one. We know that many families already have a copy of **The Gruffalo** at home but if you don't have it, please don't worry, we have a number of copies of the book available to distribute. **The Gruffalo** story can also be heard, read by Alan Mandel, on Youtube.

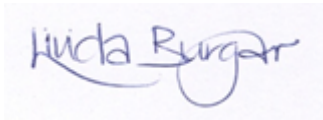
We are also aware that not everyone can easily access the internet, email, Facebook and Twitter. If this is the case for you, and you would like to receive the weekly Gruffalo activity sheets by post, or if you would like a copy of the book, please call the **Early Years helpline 01369 708503** and we will be happy to help.

When the new term starts your school will be building on the Gruffalo related activities undertaken by the children. School staff will also be in touch to share some helpful information about starting school between now and the end of June.



We are very much looking forward to connecting all our new P1 children, their nursery staff and their primary 1 teachers through **The Gruffalo**, learning together and sharing experiences.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda Burgar". The signature is written in a cursive style and is centered on a white rectangular background.

Linda Burgar
Early Years Development Officer

