

Imaginary Animals

Below are some extension activities for this unit! Although these activities require more planning and materials, they also allow for more creativity and free exploration!

Sensory

- **Unicorn Foam Sensory Bin:** Use dish soap, water, cornstarch, and food coloring to make this fun sensory bin! Add plastic toys to make it even better! See how here: <https://viewsfromastepstool.com/unicorn-soap-foam-sensory-bin/>
- **Rainbow Sensory Writing Tray:** Have your child draw a beautiful rainbow on a sheet of paper. Lay the picture they drew on a cookie baking sheet and cover with salt. Have your child trace letters, shapes, and numbers. They'll love seeing their rainbow peek through as they "write!" <https://theimaginationtree.com/rainbow-sensory-writing-tray/>

Gross Motor

- **The Gruffalo:** Act out the Gruffalo with your child! Practice the movements that the different animals in the story do. This is a great way to get moving while practicing re-telling a story!

ELA

- **Feed the Dragon:** Have your child create their own dragon - either by drawing or creating a 3D dragon with a box or paper bag. Encourage them to be creative! Then make small “tacos” by cutting out half circles from light brown/tan paper. Write letters on the “tacos” and have your child “feed” the dragon while reading the letters on each taco!

Math Concepts

- **Patterns:** Nothing says imagination like rainbows! Use strips of different colored paper to create rainbow patterns! See how many different types of patterns you and your child can come up with!
- **Sorting:** Use those same strips to sort by color or size! This combines important cognitive skills with fine motor skills!

Art

- **Toilet Paper Roll Dragon:** Paint a toilet paper roll to make it into your dragon’s head. Add googly eyes and crepe or tissue paper as fiery breath! See how here:
<http://www.gracegigglesandnaptime.com/fire-breathing-dragon-craft-dragons-love-tacos-book-box/>
- **Rainbow Paper Plate Unicorn:** Use colorful strips of paper and a paper plate to create a beautiful unicorn!
<https://sunshinewhispers.com/rainbow-unicorn-paper-plate-craft-for-kids/>