



Donaldson's Animal Adventures



This half term we will be enjoying five stories by Julia Donaldson.

Week 1: Monkey Puzzle

Week 2: What the Ladybird Heard

Week 3: A Squash and a Squeeze

Week 4 and 5: The Gruffalo

Week 6: Superworm

We will be learning all about rhyming as well as describing words using these books. We will continue to make predictions and talk about what is happening in the stories. As well as this, we will share our opinions and talk about our favourite books, favourite parts and favourite characters.

During this topic, we will be talking about the different animals in the stories, particularly about their features and characteristics, as well as their habitats.

The religious festival that we will be learning about this half term is the Muslim festival Eid al-Fitr.



Literacy focus:

We will be continuing to focus on writing simple sentences, focusing on using finger spaces and our phonic knowledge to segment words. Some of us will start to look at capital letters and full stops. For our reading focus, we will be continuing our learning with Little Wandle and will be starting Phase 4 phonics.

Maths focus:

In maths, we will revisit counting and its purpose. We will look at missing numbers when counting and continue to practise counting above 20 to consolidate the word pattern (difference between 'teens' and '-ty' numbers). Next, we will look at subitising in increasingly complex arrangements and when to use subitising and when to count. We will consolidate our understanding of the composition of 5 and practise recalling the parts of 5 when 1 part is not visible. We will also build on our learning about 5 and a bit when working with numbers to 9 before then looking at the composition of 10. Finally, we will consider where numbers to 10 are in relation to each other.

Top tips to support your child at home:

- Hear them read as often as possible.
- Read lots of stories to them to support their story telling language, including other Julia Donaldson stories.
- Ask your child questions about stories they have read.
- Talk about the animals in the stories and their habitats.
- Go on walks with your child and talk about the world around them.

A Few Reminders:

- Please make sure all school uniform is labelled.
- Ensure your child has a tracksuit for PE - if it is dry they will be going outside.
- Bring a water bottle and bookbag to school everyday.