

KS1 Summer 1

The Wonderful World of Julia Donaldson

Our topic

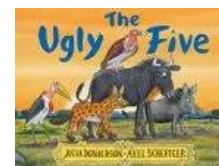
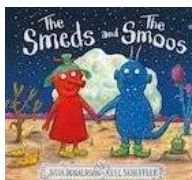
For our Story Festival half term, we will be studying some wonderful books written by Julia Donaldson! Over the half term we will be reading *The Smeds and the Smoos*, *The Ugly Five* and *The Baddies*. We will also be studying the following in each of our foundation subjects...

Objectives we will cover this half term are...

Science	As we move into the summer months we will be looking at plants and how they grow. We will be using a range of scientific skills to plan and carry out investigations, make predictions and compare results.
Geography	This half term, we will be studying our local environment and finding out about where we live and the area around us. We will take a walk around the village of Thorpe Hesley and find out about local landmarks. We will also be looking at the seasons and how weather changes throughout the year.
Art	In Art, we will be focusing on 'sculpture and form.' We will be using clay to re-create animals from the Julia Donaldson texts we have read and use tools to create texture and patterns. We will also work on joining pieces of clay together by using slip.
Computing	We will look at how to create media and digital music using our Teach computing curriculum.
RE	This half term, we will be reading bible stories about Moses.
PE	In PE, we will be focusing on athletics and preparing for sports day. We will be learning about relay racing and how to run at speed, using certain techniques to help us. We will focus on working on as a team and how to help and encourage each other in sporting situations.
PSHE	This half term we will be learning how to keep ourselves safe. This includes learning about who 'safe' people and places are, online safety and stranger danger. We will also learn about medicines which keep us healthy and items which may be deemed 'unsafe' if misused
Music	We will be looking at Patterns in Pitch this half term using our SparkYard Music curriculum.

Reading

Reading This half term, we will be reading a range of fiction texts written by Julia Donaldson as part of our 'The Wonderful World of Julia Donaldson' topic. We will read and study *The Smeds and the Smoos* which is based on *Romeo and Juliet* and how everybody can be friends no matter their differences. *The Ugly Five* teaches us to believe in ourselves and how to love ourselves and celebrate all of our qualities. 'The Baddies' uses humour and fun to teach us how to use manners and how to be kind to one another. We are continuing with our whole class reading rewards each half term for children who read at least 3 times per week. We will be sending reading books and home-school diaries home daily in your child's book bag to encourage regular reading at home. Your child will have the opportunity to change their reading books regularly in class. Don't forget that we now offer our library service on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school down in the Infant building.



Times Tables Rockstars

Your child will be getting a login for Times Tables Rockstars. Remember to encourage them to practise their times tables with a focus on their 2s, 5s and 10s. We will be setting plenty of challenges on TT Rockstars and might even go head to head against other year groups for the chance to win special prizes in school! Also, look out for our top rockstars on our school newsletter each week. Your child might be mentioned on there! In Year 1 we also use NumBots as a support for our maths curriculum.

If you have any issues with your child's TT Rockstar login, please let your class teacher know as soon as possible. **This is applicable for Year 2 from September 24 and Year Ones from April 26.**

Homework

Children will receive maths homework on a fortnightly basis on our new home learning platform **Doodle Learning**. Each piece of homework will directly link to the learning they have done in class and will be tailored to meet the needs of your child. Please encourage them to work on this independently at home with minimal support, if needed.

Optional Creative Homework

To add to your child's learning experiences, we would like them to create something at home linked to our new topic, 'Little Explorers'. This could be in the form of a written task, a piece of art work, a 3D model or an IT based creation such as a PowerPoint, Word document or video.

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- Make a 3D model of an animal/creature from one of our stories
- Write your own story using poetry
- Write a character description on one of the characters from our stories
- Read a range of Julia Donaldson books with your family
- Research and create a fact file on Julia Donaldson
- Have a cosy night in and watch the stories on BBC I Player
- Draw a piece of artwork in the style of the illustrator Axel Scheffler
- Design and make character puppets/masks and create your own show

