



# Reception Term 3 Newsletter



This letter tells you which topic your child will be studying this term and the other areas of learning we will be focusing on. If you have any information or objects relating to this please feel free to bring them in.

## Topic – Julia Donaldson

This term we will be basing our learning around stories written by Julia Donaldson, including, ‘Stickman’, ‘The Gruffalo’ and ‘Room on a Broom’. While exploring these stories children will have the opportunities to go on a stick hunt for sticks to make their own Stickman, make a Gruffalo crumble and write their own potions to make a new broom.

### During this term your child will be learning:-

**Mathematics:** In mathematics we will be focusing on subtraction skills, starting with finding one less and then undertaking simple subtraction using objects. We will also be learning to measure the length of superworm and how to use scales to make our own Gruffalo crumble.

**You can support your child at home by:** Use the language of one less in everyday opportunities e.g. when they have eaten a biscuit saying, “There is now one less, how many do you have now?” Encouraging children to help you when using measuring equipment e.g. rulers, tape measures, measuring jugs and scales.

**Literacy:** This term we will continue with Read Write Inc. our phonics program where children will continue to learn new sounds and learn to segment and blend words. Children will continue to bring home their reading book. Please ensure your child’s book is in school on their reading day and let an adult know if you would like it changing on a different day. Literacy sessions based on our topic will continue along with shared reading and a weekly writing session which will focus on letter formation and name writing. This term our focus will be on children segmenting and blending words in their reading and writing and starting to write simple sentences.

**You can support your child at home by:** Reading their school book with them regularly, talking about the pictures in the story and asking children questions to support their understanding of the story. Continuing to support children in practising to write their name including surname and forming the letters as the RWI leaflet given out at parents evening. To give children opportunities to write e.g. writing in cards or writing a shopping list, including starting to write simple sentences.

### Other areas:

- To select different resources, adapt work where necessary and use equipment and resources safely including to make our own stickmen.
- To use what they have learnt about media and materials in original ways including to think of different things to do with a stick.
- To know that other children don’t always enjoy the same things and be sensitive to this. We will focus on this through our circle times.
- To form positive relationships with adults and other children.
- To become confident in trying new activities.
- To develop our skills in balancing and using a variety of PE equipment and apparatus.

**Important information** - This term homework will return to being handed out every Wednesday and returned the following Monday.

**-PE will continue on a Monday morning, children need to have their PE kits in school and earrings should not be worn on PE days.**

**-Please bring in a water bottle for your child to access in the classroom, these will be sent home everyday.**

**-Please ensure your child has a suitable warm, waterproof coat and wellies so that they can access our outdoor area during the winter months. We will also be going into our school’s wooded area this term as part of our topic.**

**-Show and tell will continue this term. Please check the board outside the classroom for whose turn it is.**