



St Joseph's: Year 1 - Autumn 2

TOPIC: Giants and Gruffalos



HOOK: Our topic will start with a game of Guess Who. A character from a Julia Donaldson book has come to visit us for the whole term!

OUTCOME: We will share our favourite Julia Donaldson stories and look forward to our Christmas Play at the end of term.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Children In Need: Friday 17th November

Christmas Fayre: Friday 1st December at 3:30pm

Christmas Play: Tuesday 5th December at 10am & 2pm

Christmas Whole School Mass: Wednesday 13th December

Christmas Lunch: Wednesday 13th December

Christmas Pantomime: Thursday 14th December

HOW YOU CAN HELP AT HOME:

Reading: Please continue to read with your child for a short time everyday. Remember to practise reading key words and keep learning the tricky words. When you have finished a story, talk about the story, who was their favourite character and discuss which part of the story was their favourite and why.

TOPIC:

In this topic we will explore a variety of stories by Julia Donaldson, within our writing sessions. We will study the characters in her books, learning about describing words and rhyming words. We will explore different festivals of light, including Diwali and Advent. We will design and make our very own Diwali pots, which we will decorate and paint.

STAYING SAFE:

We will learn why it is important to be kind and polite.

We will learn to recognise age-appropriate websites.

MATHS:

This term we will continue to learn our number facts: the pairs of numbers that make 10 and doubles of numbers to 10. We will learn to count to 100. We will continue to practise counting in 10's and also learn to count in 5's.

LITERACY:

We will continue to learn how to form all of our letters correctly during handwriting sessions. We will use our phonic knowledge to help us spell words. We will use words and sentences to write our own ideas and stories.

RE: Advent

The children will develop further their knowledge and understanding of the season of Advent. We will look at getting ready for the Birth of Jesus through the eyes of Mary and Joseph.