Year R Topic (2): Julia Donaldson

Hook: Measuring and ordering magic potions by capacity

Learning Opportunities:

Retelling the story of Room on the Broom with the story sack

Writing a list of ingredients for magic potions

Measuring the time of broomstick races using stopwatches

Basic addition with Room on the Broom characters on the broomstick

Measuring George the Giant's clothes and ordering them by length

Monkey Puzzle Foundation Friday with pre-school

Discussing the characteristics of jungle animals and sorting into groups

Retelling the story using musical instruments and expressive dance

Ten monkey's jumping on the bed with the parachute

Black Friday Gruffalo picnic with money context

Superworm Olympics with hula-hoops, skipping ropes and stopwatches

Recording mini-beasts in the YR garden in a tally chart

Representation of Superworm using playdough (malleable)

Designing a map for the mouse of the characters in the Gruffalo

Drawing maps for Stickman to help him find his way back to the family tree

Writing Christmas lists for Father Christmas

Writing postcards to Stickman's family

Representation of a stick character from welly walk

Collage representation of Gruffalo characters/Superworm using natural materials

Discovering George the Giant's items on our welly walk and writing letters to him

Circle time: importance of sharing and conforming to rules

Designing a Julia Donaldson recipe book for end goal

Creating stick families for the Christmas tree

Discovering footprints in the snow and writing letters to pre-school

Writing Christmas cards to parents

Creating magic reindeer food and Christmas tree decorations

Christmas nativity to parents

Topic Songs:

Monkey Puzzle with Makaton actions

The Gruffalo and The Gruffalo's Child

Superworm

Room on the Broom

Stickman

Visitor: Mr Ord (Nativity story)

Role Play areas/displays:

Stickman creative

Topic board with children's questions

Gruffalo Reading Corner/Room on the Broom potion lab

Goal: Julia Donaldson film to parents'/story sack book share