

# Curriculum Letter

## Class 1

Our topic this half term is based around the author, Julia Donaldson, and her wonderful stories. The children will be introduced to a wide range of her books, but we will focus on a select few. Obviously Zog will be one of these, along with The Gruffalo, Superworm and Stick Man. They will retell the stories using props and small word toys. They will learn to use adjectives to describe the characters and use them to inspire their own ideas for characters.

The children will continue to learn about the features of spring. They have planted wildflower seeds in the area outside Class 3 which will hopefully be in full bloom before the summer holidays. It is always a delight to see so do look out for them flowering in a few weeks. We will try and grow a variety of gourds in our planter on the field and annual bedding plants in pots in our Class 1 play area. The children will learn about the important role that these plants play in supporting wildlife. They will learn about the lifecycle of plants and a variety of creatures. We will keep caterpillars and we expect chicken eggs to arrive soon, and the children will hopefully observe them hatching and enjoy learning about the needs of the chicks. If they wish, they will have the opportunity to hold them. If you have any concerns about this, please let me know.

The king's coronation will take place soon and the children will learn about the royal family and the significance of the coronation. They will participate in celebratory activities with the rest of the school, including a coronation dance workshop.

The children will continue to be introduced to new digraphs and trigraphs in their phonics lessons. I will send home flashcards which your child should practise regularly. If they are secure with these then it will have a positive impact on their reading development. Every other week, the children will write in their scrap books. I would be grateful if you could continue to send in items for your child to stick in their books. The idea is that they can write about something that is interesting and meaningful to them and so having something to stick into their books allows for a far more motivational experience.

In maths, the children will learn about graphs, addition and subtraction, capacity, pattern and weight.

It is Class 1's turn to do multiskills after school each Thursday. Please could you ensure that your child brings in clothes to wear. Thank you.

We will start our forest school sessions next week (Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April). Squares and Rectangles will have their session first.