



**2-year-old - Julia Donaldson**  
**Information letters**  
**Autumn Term 2**  
**Welcome Everyone!!!**

This is our 2nd termly letter for the new school year. This letter lets you know what Topics we will be covering, what stories and rhymes we will be learning and a reminder of what we have been learning. This is also for you, if you want any support or guidance about a topic like toilet training, parent groups etc please let us know so we can put it in our letter.

Last term was a very busy and long term. We have another long term, it's a 7 weeks term.

The children have settled really well and its lovely to get to know your children and you. I would like to say well done to all parents as the first term back or a new setting, can be very difficult and sometimes very hard to adjust. You all done amazingly.

Last term we were looking at Settling in and this term we will be looking at reading.

### **Reading**

We want all our children to enjoy reading. It would be great if you could encourage your child to sing songs and read stories together at home as this supports our young people with many things like... speech, listening skills, their imagination, have a love of stories and much more.

Here is some information on why it's so importance to read stories and sing songs with our young children.

Repetition of rhymes and stories is good for the brain, teaching how language works and building memory capabilities. Nursery rhymes help develop inferencing skills, both with encountering new words and in reading comprehension. Because these verses are made up of patterns, they are easy first memorisation pieces.

Toddlers can develop their oral skills as they say rhymes. Rhyming books help children begin to predict what is coming or predict what word will end the sentence. These predictive skills are also important pre-reading skills. Plus, **rhymes are fun!**

We have started our Going home Library book box. So please ensure you bring in your child's book bag.

### **Going up to big nursery -**

Some children will be moving up next term. This is the term for us to support them to be ready for their next chapter.

Before they go up, we need to ensure...

- They are fully toilet trained and are able to wipe themselves.
- We need to encourage them to be more independence.
- Starting to feed themselves - Using a fork or spoon.
- Starting to dress themselves.
- Encourage your child to communicate their needs like "going to the toilet" "I want" "help".

The big nursery is a bigger room with more children and few adults. This can be overwhelming for the child and yourselves but if we support these key things above this will go a long way in supporting them and getting them ready. We will be going in and out throughout the term to support this too.

There is lots of tips online to help you at home but please if you have any questions or concerns, please come and see us.



This half term Topics...

## Festivals: Let's celebrate and Winter

Our Stories and Rhymes this term are:

Room on the broom



Incy wincy spider



The 3 little pigs



Twinkle twinkle little star



Festivals Books



5 little Rockets



You will get a letter every fortnightly with the story, song (lyrics), shape, colour and Makaton. This is for you to help at home.

### Things to remember...

- **Toothbrushing** -We have started and its going well. Please encourage brushing at home if you need more support please let us know.
- **Snack money** -50P a week or you can pay half termly £3.50
- **Tapestry** - If you do have any issues please come and see us. Please remember to log on to Tapestry and have a look at your child's journal. Don't forget you can add photos or videos of things you do or that you are proud of to your child's account and comment on any photos, observations that we have done too.

- **Toilet Training** - let us know if you have started training at home.

If you have a question or concern please come and see us. We are happy to support and help in any way we can.

## Important Dates:

- 20th Nov - Library trip - 1:15 - 3:30 - all parents will need to go with their child.
- 24th - 27th Nov - 2YO - Parents meeting. - More information near the time.
- 11th Dec - Christmas Jumper day - whole school
- 18<sup>th</sup> Dec - Last day for PM children
- 19th Dec - Last day for AM children

From The 2-year-old team.

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