

Dear Families,

Welcome back to a sunny first week back to school! You will have probably noticed that we have a new outside area, which we are now using every day to enhance the children's learning. The children have been fantastic at using their new space this week!

Our topic this term is "Julia Donaldson" the famous children's author. We will focus on a new story each week. In our learning this week, we have been concentrating on the story of "The snail and the Whale". Activities have included making collage snails, playdough creatures, writing the story, weighing whales and playing out the story.

In phonics, we have revisited our sounds and have taken time to hear exactly where the children are at in their reading. If your child has a different colour reading book band and they are finding it too easy/too difficult, please do speak to your teacher.

In maths sessions, we have looked at ordering numbers. The children are doing very well at this now and are benefiting from practicing their number formation in the mornings.

For home learning this week, please have a go at thinking about words that rhyme with SNAIL. If your child is able, please let them write their words using their sounds, or if they find this too much, please feel free to scribe their rhyming words for them.

Next week we will focus on the story of Tiddler! As always, keep going with the tricky words, the children are benefitting so much in their reading!

Many thanks,

The Reception Team