**Year 1 Knowledge Organiser – Julia Donaldson**

Topic overview

Embark on a journey through the enchanting tales of beloved author Julia Donaldson as Year 1 students explore the magic, adventure, and imagination found within the pages of her captivating stories, from the deep, dark wood to the whimsical worlds beyond.

A person holding a stuffed animal

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**Key vocabulary**

1. Author - A person who writes books.
2. Illustrator - A person who draws pictures for books.
3. Rhyme - Words that have the same ending sounds, like "cat" and "hat".
4. Characters - The people or animals in a story.
5. Plot - The main events in a story.
6. Fronted Adverbial – From the start of a sentence, it tells us when, where, why or how something happens.
7. Setting – The place in which the story takes place (A deep, dark wood.)

**Fronted Adverbials**

“In the deep, dark wood…”

“Once upon a time…”

“Down by the old, old tree….”

“Out in the wild and windy night…”

“Underneath the great, grey, grumpy sky…”

“On a farm, down a sunny dirt road…”

**Fab Facts**

* Julia is a celebrated British author, renowned for captivating stories and poems.
* Before becoming a writer Julia was a teacher.
* Julia is also a talented songwriter and performed in a group called “The Gruffalo’s Child”
* Julia has written over 200 hundred books that have been translated into over 100 different languages.
* Julia has collaborated with illustrators such as Axel Sheffler and Lydia Monks.

<https://www.juliadonaldson.co.uk/> - Official website of the author with information on her books, events, and more.

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