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.

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.
- 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.

