

# *Juniper Hill School*

## *Information for Reception Parents*

**Term:** Autumn 2    **Topic:** Room on the Broom  
2-week topic starting 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025



### *Literacy*

We will be reading the story of 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson. We will be talking about and describing the different characters in the story and using our phonic knowledge to write labels for some of the characters, using our 'Fred Fingers' to help us. The children will also be thinking about the order of the story and sequencing pictures to help them retell it. In the second week, we will be writing CVC words to write a potion as a list. We will also focus on the rhyming in the story and will use some of the characters and props in the story to think of things that rhyme with them.

### *Maths*

We will be looking at 4 and 5. We will be exploring different ways to represent these numbers as well as the composition of numbers to 5. We will also be exploring circles and triangles. We will learn that these are 2D shapes and we will be looking at their properties as well as using them to construct patterns and pictures. We will also be looking at capacity in 'potions class', reinforcing the vocabulary of full, nearly full, half full, nearly empty and empty.

### *Topic work*

We will be using different sensory textures such as gloop, jelly and glitter to mark make and explore writing letters and numbers. In the role-play corner, children will be getting busy testing their magical skills and using all sorts of crazy ingredients to make potions! Outside, we will be developing our essential gross motor skills by manoeuvring through obstacle courses riding our broomsticks!

### *Ways you can help*

We would welcome any resources you may have related to the story, including any stories you have about witches etc which we can share at story time. Please name the books so that we can return them back to you at the end of the topic. Keep practising reading, writing and blending the sounds on the sound sheets we have sent home.

### *Reminders*

- **Clothing:** Now that the weather is colder lots of the children are wearing hats, gloves etc. Please make sure that these are named where possible so it is easier to repatriate them when they are lost.
- **Toys:** we would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that children should not be bringing to school any toys from home unless otherwise agreed with your child's teacher beforehand.
- **Library:** we will now be issuing/changing library books this week. **Wrens Library day is Friday and Robins is Wednesday.** Please take the time to read your child's chosen book through the week and return it on your class's library day to exchange for a new one.
- **Phonics:** Following our recent phonics assessments and in line with RWI progress recommendations, the children will be in homogenous groups; meaning they will be grouped with others who are working at the same standard. This is subject to change every half term and is standard practice for us at Juniper Hill.