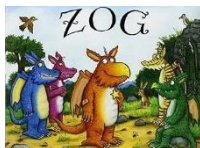


Juniper Hill School

Information for Reception Parents

Term: Autumn 2 Topic: Zog and Castles
1 week topic starting 24th November 2025



Literacy

We will be reading the stories of 'Zog' and 'Zog and the Flying Doctors' by Julia Donaldson. We will be talking about and describing the different characters in the story and then looking in depth at the setting of the castle where Princess Pearl lives. We will be continuing to practise segmenting CVC words orally and then trying to make the words with magnetic letters. We will also focus on the rhyming in the story and will be matching objects that rhyme.

Maths

We will be continuing to practise subitising numbers to 5. We will be looking at one more and one less for amounts up to 5 and working towards 10. The children will be using objects to calculate them first and then attempt to do this in their heads once they are confident with the concept.

Topic work

We will be thinking about castles from the past and comparing them to castles today which are inhabited. We will be looking at Windsor Castle and thinking about who lives there now compared to long ago.

Ways you can help

We would welcome any resources you may have related to castles, including any stories or non-fiction texts. Please name the books so that we can return them back to you at the end of the topic.

The children are working so hard with their phonics - we are so impressed! Keep up the practice at home, it really helps. The last set of the single sounds we will be learning were sent home on Friday. We are now moving onto the consonant digraphs e.g. ff, ll, ss, zz. We will send home some words with these sounds for the children to practise reading at the end of the week.

Reminders

- It is the school **Christmas fair** on Friday 28th. In Reception we will be running a 'decorate a gingerbread man' room -we would love to see you!
- We have been very impressed with how many children can now put on and do up their coats by themselves. This is a skill they need to keep practising so keep encouraging them to do this themselves at home.
- Save the date: **Reception's Christmas nativity** will take place Tuesday 9th December at 9:30am 😊