

# Joyful Journeys

## The Gruffalo, Stickman & The Nativity Story

7th November - 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

This topic will begin by exploring the many well-known and loved books of Julia Donaldson. We will learn about her life as an author and become authors of our very own rhyming poems! Later, we will look at *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen before learning the Christian story of the Nativity and the journey of Mary and Joseph.

We will use Muddy Monday to begin our adventures around the outdoor area, finding out about creatures who live in the woods using non-fiction books, and collaboratively create a woodland collage using natural objects. We will use our senses to imagine the settings of each story, painting pictures in our minds!



### Key Vocabulary:

Gruffalo, Stickman, owl, fox, snake, mouse, journey, food, story, rhyme, dog, author, book, bear, Julia Donaldson, Nativity, Jesus, Christian

### Key Questions:

Who is Julia Donaldson, What does an author do? What do animals eat? What makes a rhyming pair? If you were to go on a journey, where in the world would you go? Why? How do the characters travel in these stories?