

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021  
I can research facts



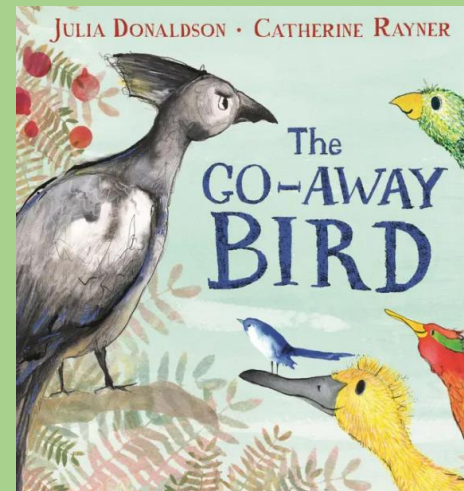
Success Criteria:

I will have collected facts about Julia Donaldson to use in a fact file.

In your book, write the date and learning outcome for this lesson, and underline it.

As you heard in our assembly, for book week we are celebrating the work of Julia Donaldson. Your first task will be to research facts about her to write in a fact file. Watch this interview with the lady herself to get started....she is being interviewed by a group of school children.

[At Home with Julia Donaldson - YouTube](#)



*So what facts do we know so far about Julia Donaldson before you start researching her yourself or with your learning partner.*

- ✓ *She is an author and a poet.*
- ✓ *She has written over 150 books for children.*
- ✓ *Many of her books are illustrated by Axel Scheffler.*
- ✓ *Her most famous book, The Gruffalo was published in 1999 and has sold more than 10 million copies.*
- ✓ *She used to be a teacher.*
- ✓ *Most of her books rhyme or have rhyming elements.*
- ✓ *She has written reading books for children in school called Songbirds.*
- ✓ *Her first book was 'A Squash and a Squeeze' - originally a song for a BBC children's programme.*

*One thing I hadn't particularly considered is the messages that her stories contain, for example Self-esteem- The Gruffalo; Deafness – Freddie and the Fairy; Sharing – Sharing a Shell; Counting – Spinderella Reading – The Detective Dog ...and there are probably many more messages.*



Your task is to create a Julia Donaldson fact file.

If you are in KS2, perhaps you could imagine you are going to interview Julia Donaldson, and think of some questions you would like to ask her, then research the answers to these questions.

Your fact sheet should include:

Title, sub-headings, introductory sentence, final 'Did you know....?' sentence.

Some possible sub-headings might be....

- Before Becoming an Author
- Julia The Author
- First book/latest book
- Charity work
- Quotes
- Funny facts
- Awards

...depending on what you would like to know about her.

You should include a picture of her, and a bit about her family life.



# Possible layouts for your fact sheet.

## KS2

### JULIA DONALDSON

Introductory sentence:

picture

Early Life

Born: ???

Education: ???

Interesting Fact:

Family

Before Becoming an Author

Julia The Author

First book/latest book

Awards and Achievements

Charity work

Quotes:

Did you know....?

### JULIA DONALDSON

Introductory sentence:

picture

Early Life

Born: ???

Education: ???

Interesting Fact:  
Julia's favourite  
book is ...

Family

How Julia became an author

Who does her illustrations?

First book/latest book

Did you know....?

## KS1

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Share some Julia Donaldson stories.

Which is your favourite?  
Why?

Draw a picture of the book and write the title.  
You could collage your picture or paint it in bright colours.

Write a sentence or two on your own using your phonics about the book.



Here are a few links to get you started.

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[Julia Donaldson's official website](#)

[Information on Julia Donaldson, children's author and creator of The Gruffalo](#)

[Interview with Julia Donaldson - The British Library \(bl.uk\)](#)

[Julia Donaldson: Facts and Information - Primary Facts](#)

[15 Things You Didn't Know about Julia Donaldson \(mykidstime.com\)](#)

[10 Interesting Julia Donaldson Facts – Gruffalo \(gruffaloshop.com\)](#)

[Julia Donaldson Fact Cards \(teachingideas.co.uk\)](#)

