This term in the Thrive Base our topic will be looking at Julia Donaldson books. We will be looking at a different Julia Donaldson's book each week which our Thrive activities will centre around.

We will be looking at the following books: Superworm Room on the Broom Stickman What the Ladybird Heard Tyrannosaurus Drip Sharing a Shell

The Thrive activities range from art and crafts, cooking, sensory play and designing. A couple of activities we will be doing this term are creating our own stick people, obstacles courses, scavenger hunts, making our own dinosaur fossils, creating potions, and making 'superworms' out of playdough.

The Thrive base has been holding weekly friendship groups on a Friday - Friendship Friday as the children now call it! These sessions are 45 minutes with a friend from the child's class. The session helps to promote positive social skills of sharing, communication and turn taking, while helping the child to form a new or continued friendship with a classmate.

The Thrive Approach supports the notion that the outdoors is an ideal location for carrying out Thrive work, as it provides a wealth of opportunities for both open-ended and structured learning. With this in mind we have been utilising our outdoor areas; the playground, trim trail and weekly Nature Area trips.

As well as structured Thrive activities and play opportunities, the children also complete their class English, Maths, Phonics and afternoon Topic classroom learning in the Thrive Base daily.

From Mrs Chapman, Miss Griffin and Ms Bridge