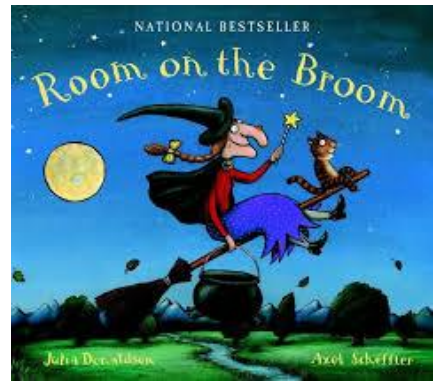




# Topic Overview

Wallisdean Pre-School Autumn 2  
2023/2024



## Personal Social & Emotional Development (PSED)

This half term we are focussing on PSED. Our main topic book will be Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson and there will be lots of conversation about the story and characters. In line with the Colour Monster we will be encouraging the children to name and talk about basic emotions. We will be linking this to the characters in Room the on Broom and asking questions such as, 'How did the witch feel when she lost her wand?'

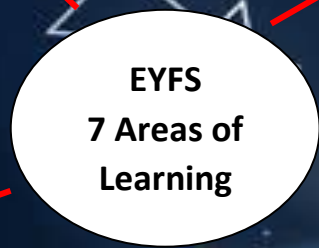
Our new Power Word is **Respectful**. We will be encouraging children to:



- help their friends
- take turns when using resources
- tidy up resources when finished with



We offer opportunities for children to develop in all 7 areas of learning of the Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework (EYFS). Please see below for examples of activities for this half term. We also go with the children's interests and will therefore offer other activities & resources to support this. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for photos of what we have been up to!



### Maths

Finding and Counting Spiders & Bugs.  
Using potion bottles of different shapes & sizes.



### Literacy

Learning the Topic Book  
Listening walks  
Large Mark Making



### Physical Development

Using brooms with water.  
Using tongs to find bugs in the cauldron.



### Communication & Language

Using language to describe how autumn objects look & feel  
Recalling parts of a story



### Understanding the World

Using natural resources, such as herbs, to make potions.  
Exploring pumpkins and seeds.  
Exploring celebrations such as Diwali, Fireworks & Christmas.



### Expressive Arts & Design

Role play with dragon costumes.  
Making Broomsticks.



# Important Dates!

Date	Event
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Open Morning at Wallisdean Infant School</b> – 9.30am – 11.00am drop in and tour the Infant School with staff and the children’s School Councillors
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Open Afternoon at Wallisdean Infant School</b> – phone 01329 280827 to book a tour with staff at either 3.30pm or 4.00pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Pudsey Children in Need</b> Fundraising
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	<b>Welcome Winter Jumper Day</b> – children invited to donate £1 for WFA and wear a winter jumper instead of their uniform sweatshirt
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>WFA Christmas Raffle Draw</b>
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 1.45-2.45pm	<b>Christmas party – All children (no parents)</b>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>School Christmas Lunch / Golden Ticket</b> – again, children invited to wear winter/Christmas jumper (no donation required)
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December – Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	<b>Christmas holidays</b> – Pre-School CLOSED Re-open Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Half term holidays</b> Pre-School CLOSED Re-open Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Parents’ Evening</b> Appointments to be released nearer the time
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Stay &amp; Play 9-10am</b> (Parents invited to come in & play with their child)
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Inset day</b> – Pre-School CLOSED
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Inset day</b> – Pre-School CLOSED
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March - Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Easter holidays</b> – Pre-School CLOSED Re-open Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Bank holiday</b> – Pre-School CLOSED
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>Half term holidays</b> Pre-School CLOSED Re-open Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>Pre-School Class Photo</b> – All Children
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>Inset day</b> – Pre-School CLOSED
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Inset day</b> – Pre-School CLOSED
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Parents’ Evening</b> Appointments to be released nearer the time
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>Summer Event (Last day of term)</b>
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>CLOSED for Summer Holidays</b>

5 INSET days – School is CLOSED for staff training on : ~~Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September~~,  
 Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June