

IF YOU ONLY DO ONE THING...

Julia Donaldson is an author children love. Julia is probably best known for *The Gruffalo*, but Gordon Brown has named *The Snail and the Whale* as one of his favourite books! Julia lives in Glasgow and spends much of her time on stage performing her wonderful sing-along shows. The rhyme and rhythms in her picture books make them so accessible to young readers and they are simultaneously amusing and packed with good messages. They allow for endless discussion and lots of fun. She has also written longer novels for older children as well as plays and countless songs.

ACTIVITIES FOR ANY LEVEL

WALL DISPLAY (EXPRESSIVE ARTS – ART AND DESIGN – EXA 0-02 / EXA 1-02A)

Make a farmyard scene on the wall – use the book to make it an accurate representation of the farm. Use different collage materials to make the animals hairy, woolly etc. Use the illustrations in the book as inspiration, different materials or wall paper trimmings could be used.

- Design wanted posters for the Lanky Len and Hefty Hugh
- Write a police report of the events (functional and imaginative writing – see additional resources)



LEVEL 1 ACTIVITIES

NEWS READER (EXPRESSIVE ARTS – DRAMA – EXA 0-12A / EXA 1-14A)

Write a news report of the events then film the child reading it behind a news desk ... spectacles, a glass of water and some paper to shuffle would make good props! (Functional writing and drama)

CRIMINAL MASTERMIND! (MATHEMATICS – MTH 1-17A)

Map your own farm – using coordinates and square paper draw a map of the farm using the robber's plan. Can you give better directions to the robbers that would have outsmarted the animals! (Maths, People, Place and Environment)