

Room on the Broom

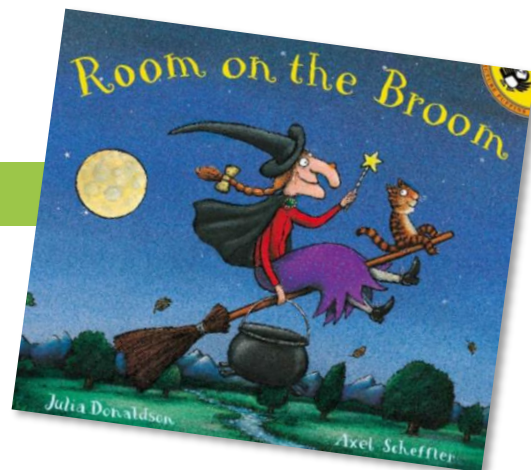
READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Halloween, Friendship

Book Brief: A witch and her cat are joyfully flying on a broomstick when the wind blows away her hat, bow, and wand. Three helpful animals retrieve the items in exchange for a ride, but when disaster strikes with a hungry dragon, they must work together to save the witch.

Author:
Julia Donaldson

Illustrator:
Axel Scheffler



BEFORE READING

The Cover: Have students make predictions about the story based on the cover.

The Pictures: Take a brief picture walk and ask students what they notice about the witch.

Prior Knowledge: Ask students, "think about a time when you had to share something that was yours with others. Explain how you felt."

Vocabulary: Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying [Vocabulary Guide](#).

Purpose for Reading: "As we read today, look for all the animals the witch meets on her adventure."

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- What do you think the witch and the cat will encounter on their adventure?
- Describe the witch. What character traits would you use?
- Why do you think the animals helped the witch?
- How did the witch improve her broom. Why?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: The witch meets many animals that help her find her lost items. Why do you think they helped her fight off the dragon?

Extending Our Thinking: The witch and friends make a new broom with objects they found and a spell. Use RIF's [Recipe Card](#) to make your own recipe for an object and its ingredients.

If your students enjoyed this book...

- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
- Let them explore more about the topic by reading other books with similar themes, structure, characters, or content.