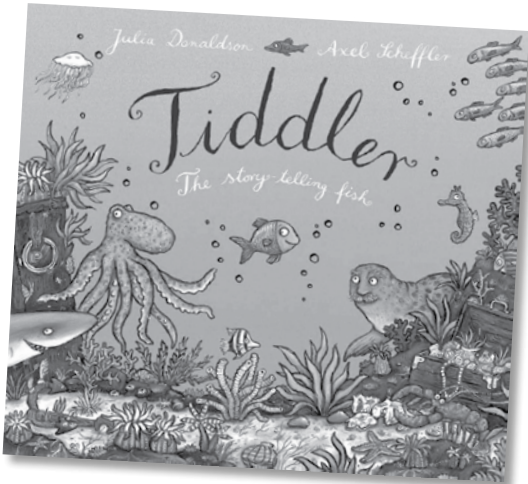


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A brand new adventure from Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler!



Julia Donaldson
Tiddler



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Case	Welcome to Reading Age 2+
Author	Julia Donaldson
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Using this book in your classroom

Quick summary

Tiddler looks like an ordinary little fish, but he has a wild imagination! Every day he has a new story to explain why he's late for school. His stories are so good that they spread, as one fish tells them to another. Then one day, Tiddler gets caught in a fishing net. Because he's just a tiddler, the fishermen dump him back in the sea – but now he's lost. How will he get home? Just in time, he hears a story he recognises – a story about him! By asking each fish where he or she heard the story, Tiddler manages to track his way back home.

Story themes

This story is about the power of storytelling and the imagination.

The story session

1. Introducing the story

Show the front cover to the children. What kind of story do they think this is going to be? Who do they think Tiddler is, judging from the cover?

2. Reading the story

Read the whole story to the children. Pause after Tiddler gets caught in the fishing net. What do the children think will happen next? Will Tiddler manage to get out? Pause again when Tiddler is tracing the story back by asking all the sea creatures where they heard the story, and check that children understand what Tiddler is doing and why.

3. Follow-up

- Say: "Do you think Tiddler's teacher and the rest of his class believed his story in the end? Would you have believed it?"
- Ask the children to make up their own 'excuse' story to explain why they might have got to school late. Encourage them to make the story as wild and imaginative as they can! They could draw a picture to illustrate their story and you could use the stories to make a class book of 'tall tales'.

Did You Know?

- Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler are the author and illustrator of *The Gruffalo*, a modern classic which has sold over 1 million copies and has been translated into 30 languages.
- Julia Donaldson started her writing career by writing songs. It was only when one of her songs (*A Squash and a Squeeze*) was turned into a picture book that she started writing stories.



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