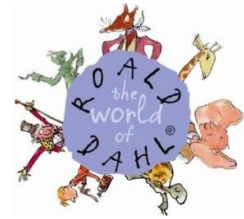


# YEAR TWO TOPIC NEWSLETTER



Autumn Term 2023

Dazzling Dahl



During our new topic, the children will be focussing on a range of books written by Roald Dahl, and will look closely at the illustrations by Quentin Blake that feature throughout. In literacy, the children will begin by studying the story of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and will plan and write character descriptions, a letter, riddles about other characters in the story, and even invent their own sweet! After this, they will move onto the story of 'Matilda'. During our Dazzling Dahl coffee morning, you will have the opportunity to come in and read the wonderful writing that the children have produced. During art lessons, the children will study the work of Quentin Blake before sketching their own Roald Dahl inspired character which will be painted with watercolours. In design and technology lessons, the children will propose a healthier alternative to Willy Wonka's chocolates and sweets by creating their own super smoothies. In science, the children will take part in a number of experiments where they will test the suitability of different materials, making links to the material's properties. In maths, the children will look at measurements including mass, temperature, length, height, volume and capacity. They will then move onto recalling the values of coins and notes before studying the properties of 2D shapes.

## Home Learning Activity

For the children's home learning, we would like them to choose their favourite Roald Dahl story and prepare a short presentation explaining why it is their favourite of his stories. They should use evidence from what they have read in books. We would like the children to present their home learning in their own way, e.g. a poster / paragraphs/ a mind map etc. They will then have the opportunity to share their presentation in class. Please can your child bring their home learning into school by **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023**.

## Focus Author

This half term, we will continue to read books written by **Roald Dahl**.

## Diary Dates

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Flu Clinic taking place in school

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Roald Dahl dress up day

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Sparks in the dark firework night

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Day Assembly

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Non-school uniform day for Children in Need

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Non-school uniform day for Christmas hamper donation

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November/Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November – INSET days

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November – KS1 Maths Parent Workshop

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – PTA Toy Sale after school in the hall

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Year 2 visit the Christmas Shop

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Dazzling Dahl Coffee Morning

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Children visit the Christmas Grotto and PTA Toy Sale and Christmas Raffle draw after school in the hall

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Non-school uniform Christmas party day

*\* Letters will follow nearer to the time \**

## P.E. – Gymnastics and Outdoor Games

The focus for the children's work in gymnastics will be developing body control, balance and working on linking movements together.

In outdoor games, we follow a scheme called 'Get Set 4 PE' which is fully aligned to the National Curriculum and Ofsted requirements. This half-term, we will focus on sending and receiving, as well as teamwork.

PE days for this half term are as follows:

Giraffes: Monday and Thursday

Zebras: Wednesday and Thursday

Meerkats: Monday and Tuesday

Please help us to keep your child safe by removing their earrings on PE and outdoor games days, otherwise they will be unable to take part in these sessions. Please also ensure that if your child has long hair, it is tied back; their PE kit is in school and that their clothes are clearly labelled with their name. Your child's PE bag will stay at school all half term and be sent home for a wash in the holidays.

### PSHE and Religion and World Views

The children's learning will continue to be based on the Jigsaw scheme of work in PSHE lessons and we will be moving onto a new topic called 'Celebrating Difference'. In Religion and Worldviews, the children will continue to learn about Christianity, specifically why most Christians believe God gave Jesus to the world and how different faiths have different celebrations.

As always, if you have any questions about this newsletter, please contact your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Year 2 Team

### Teaching Staff – Year Two

Mr Walters, Mr Baumber, Miss Clark and Miss Davies

### Teaching Assistants and Individual Support Assistants

Mrs Bailey, Mrs Steinwartz, Mrs Luffman, Ms Tarasenko, Miss Lewis  
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