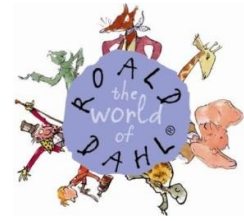


# YEAR TWO TOPIC NEWSLETTER



Autumn Term 2022

## 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 statistics, before studying the properties of 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 story. 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 during the **week of 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022**.

### Focus author

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

### Diary dates

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Roald Dahl dress up day

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November/Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November – INSET days

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Dazzling Dahl Coffee Morning

**\* 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 are as follows:

Lions: Tuesday and Thursday

Leopards: Wednesday and Thursday

Tigers: Monday and Tuesday

Panthers: Wednesday and Thursday

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 RE

The children will continue to follow the Jigsaw scheme of work by moving onto a new topic called 'Celebrating Difference'. In RE, the children will continue to learn about Christianity, specifically why and how Christians celebrate the festival of Christmas.

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**

Miss Taylor, Miss Woodman, Mrs Robertshaw, Mrs West  
and Mrs Thorne

### **Teaching Assistants and Individual Support Assistants**

Mrs Bradley, Mrs Finney, Miss Guppy, Mrs Guite,

Mrs Young, Mrs Brimson and Mrs Churchill