

# Year Two Newsletter Spring Term 2 2022

## The Wonderful World of Roald Dahl

As **Scientists** we will learn about plants. We will describe how different plants grow from seeds or bulbs and what they need to survive. We will observe and record how our own sunflower plants grow and learn about plant life cycles. We will carry out experiments to test the most suitable conditions for plants to grow. We will make labelled observational drawings of plants.



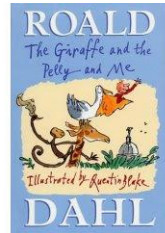
In **RE** we will be thinking about The Bible and reading stories from the Old and New Testament. We will also be learning about the Easter Story.



Our **Jigsaw PSHE** unit this half term is '**Healthy Me**'. We will be discussing healthy living and thinking about how we can make meals healthy and balanced.

In **Music** we will be singing songs about friendships and exploring ways of keeping the beat with body percussion.

Our Focus text this half term will be **The Giraffe and The Pelly and Me**.



As **designers** we will be creating sketches and collages of story characters. We will also be using water colour paints to create observational paintings of plants.

As **geographers** we will be learning about the different parts of the UK. We will explore the flags, capital cities and national flowers of England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

As **Historians** we will be learning about the life of Roald Dahl. We will explore his school life and compare to our school life today. We will also learn about the history of St. John's School and explore how our school has changed over time.

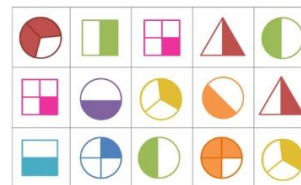


As **Writers** we will continue to use adjectives to describe characters and settings. We will re-tell The Giraffe and The Pelly and Me and also innovate our own stories using the characters. We will learn to use the connectives *if, that, or* to join ideas.

We will also learn to use *time connectives* and *imperative (bossy verbs)* to write instructions. We will continue to focus on learning to join handwriting.

In **Maths** we will be continuing to learn about multiplication and division.

We will also learn about fractions – we will learn to find fractions of shapes (halves, thirds, quarters) and then we will find fractions of numbers, eg, half of 8, one quarter of 12 or two quarters of 8.



We will also learn to name and describe properties of 2D and 3D shapes using mathematical language.

### P.E.



Our year 2 PE days will continue to be **MONDAYS** and **FRIDAYS**. Children need to come into school wearing PE kits on these days. Children need to have hair tied back, no earrings and wear the correct PE uniform with trainers and a warm fleece or hoodie on PE days. Children need a warm coat, their book bag and a named water bottle in school every day.

### Home Learning

(log-ins are stuck into reading records)

#### Reading

Please hear your child read regularly at home and write in the reading record. Daily reading practise really does make a huge difference to fluency and confidence.

#### Thursday Spellings

We will continue to send home spellings every Thursday. Please also continue to play games on **Spelling Shed**.

#### Maths

Please play **TT Rockstars** regularly to practise re-call of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Children could also play '**Hit the Button**' (free online game) to practise times tables – we use this game in school and the children enjoy it. You could also sing along to the **Percy Parker** times tables songs online.

#### Seesaw

We will continue to share and celebrate our weekly year 2 learning with you every Friday on Seesaw.