



# Waddesdon Village Primary School

## Pathway to Excellence

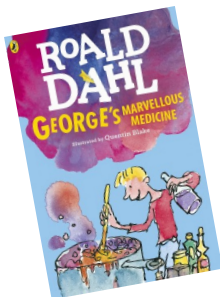
### Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

#### Summer 1 2024

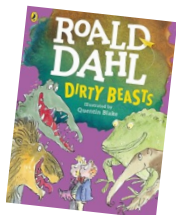


### English

As part of our topic, we will look at many different books written by Roald Dahl but our core text in English will be 'George's Marvellous Medicine'.

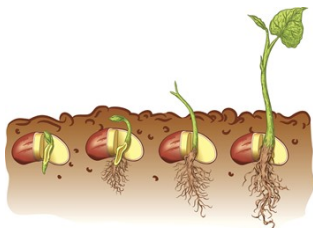


Roald Dahl uses great vocabulary in his books so we will be looking at the kind of language he used and how imagination is such an important tool when writing his stories for children. Our writing will include a character description and instructions. We will also look at his poetry. In addition to this the children will have regular reading sessions and handwriting sessions where we will begin to join some letters in words.



### Science

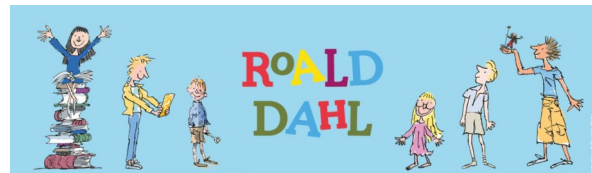
We will identify what plants need to grow well and look at how plants grow in certain environments. We will be conducting experiments as to what conditions seeds need in order to thrive and grow.



Class 2 will be learning about Roald Dahl this term. We look forward to visiting the Roald Dahl Museum and Story Centre in Great Missenden on 1st May. We will see his writing hut and we will learn about places in Great Missenden that inspired things in his books.



### Summer 1:



#### Weekly schedules:

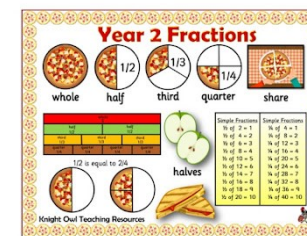
**Swimming is on a Tuesday. PE is on a Friday.**  
**Golden Time is on a Friday.**  
**Library is on a Wednesday.**  
**Reading books will be collected in on a Friday and new books given on a Monday.**

#### Show and Tell Timetable

19/4/24 – Claydon  
 26/4/24 – Hartwell  
 3/5/24 – Mentmore  
 10/5/24 – Ascott  
 17/5/24 – Claydon  
 24/5/24 – Hartwell

### Mathematics

In Mathematics this half term, we will be recapping on adding and subtracting two digit numbers and finding fractions of shapes and amounts:  $1/2$ ,  $1/4$ ,  $1/3$ ,  $2/4$  and  $3/4$ .



We will be learning how to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes. Any practise of telling the time at home would be very beneficial to your child's progress. Telling the

time is something we should be practising and referring to daily. We will also continue to work on measuring using a ruler and look at weight and capacity.



### PE

This term Class 2 will have their swimming lessons on a Tuesday morning. **Please can all clothes be clearly labelled.** On a Friday, the children will be doing Athletics focussing on agility and speed and control and accuracy when throwing.

### RE

This term, the theme is 'Community and Belonging'. We will learn more about why Muslims visit the mosque.



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### History

This half term we will be looking at the life of one of Britain's most famous children's authors, Roald Dahl. We will look at how a young Roald lived his life, and compare it to our lives as children today.



### Spelling

We will continue to learn about spelling rules when adding the suffixes: -ment, -ly, -ful, -less and -ness. We will also continue to practise spelling the year 1 and 2 common exception words.

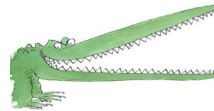


### Art

In art this term our focus will be on drawing. We will look at the work of Sir Quentin Blake who illustrated many of Roald Dahl's children's books.



## Summer 1: Roald Dahl



### Important Dates:

**Wednesday 1st May** - Trip to the Roald Dahl Museum.

**Friday 10th May** - Class Photos

### PSHE - Economic Wellbeing

We will be learning about where money comes from, how to look after money and why we use banks and building societies.



### Music

The children will learn to sing the song 'Once a Man Fell in a Well' and play it using tuned percussion.

### How you can support your child at home

#### Reading:

**Please encourage your child to take part in the reading rocket challenge!**

Children are encouraged to read as often as possible at home, preferably ten minutes every day. It's great that they are reading for pleasure at home but please also read the book that gets sent home from the reading scheme as it is particularly chosen to focus on a specific skill your child needs to practise or is a good book to develop their comprehension skills.

Listening to an adult read is also a valuable experience. Here they will hear a rich and varied vocabulary which will help develop their writing.

Please don't forget to sign and write a comment in their reading record letting us know what you have read. We will not swap a book if it has not been read at home.

#### Spelling:

It would be beneficial to practise spelling year 1 and 2 common exception words at home. **An updated list from a recent year 2 spelling test is in your child's reading folder.**

#### Maths:

It's great to see so many of you going on **Times Tables Rockstars** at home. Your child will be practising the 10, 2 and 5 times tables as well as corresponding divisions. You can still also use **Numbots** at home.

