

Celebrating Roald Dahl!

The 13th September 2016 marked the 100th anniversary of the birth of legendary children's author, Roald Dahl. Here at TRJS, we marked the occasion by using his stories in our English learning.

Find out which books we enjoyed, how they inspired our writing and why we all love Roald Dahl so much....



Year 3



'Fantastic Mr Fox' proved a popular read in Year 3. We created 'WANTED' posters to catch Mr Fox and became agony aunts/uncles to help solve Farmer Bean's problems! The story really helped with our writing skills too. We learned how to use the past tense, describe characters with two adjectives (expanded noun phrases) and include HOW adverbs in our sentences like 'suddenly', 'angrily' and 'quietly'. Here's each class's 'best bits':

"We enjoyed making fox masks and deciding which character would make a fantastic friend." - 3M

"Fantastic Mr Fox was funny and adventurous. You might have read it once but it never gets boring. We would definitely recommend it!" - 3G

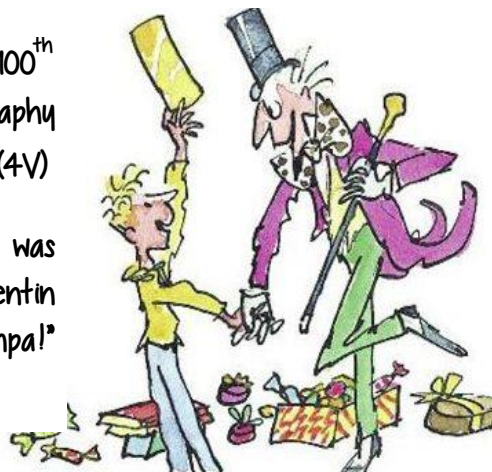
"It was fun learning our favourite parts of the story off by heart using actions and sound effects!" - 3P

Year 4

In Year 4, the children had a lip-smackingly good time reading '**CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY**'. A selection of pupils reflected upon the 'sweetest' moments of their learning....

"We celebrated Roald Dahl's 100th birthday by writing a biography about Willy Wonka."— Harry M (4V)

"We watched Roald Dahl live. It was really interesting and we saw Quentin Blake drawing an Oompa Loompa!"— Hannah M (4J)



*"I liked listening to the story."
— Heather C (4S)*

"We had great fun designing our own chocolate bars."— Holly H (4V)

"I enjoyed creating a new character to fit into the story."— Cameron W (4J)

Year 5

Pupils in 5D, 5E and 5M had a whizz-popping start to their year when they were introduced to 'The BFG'. At the request of Steven Spielberg himself, they worked in groups to create a new scene for the BFG film. Focusing on including realistic 'giant' dialogue, the children had to check their speech punctuation was perfectly placed and invented lots of new BFG words like 'scudbottling', 'fizzwhizz' and 'wimplepimple'. Here's what some of our budding authors thought:

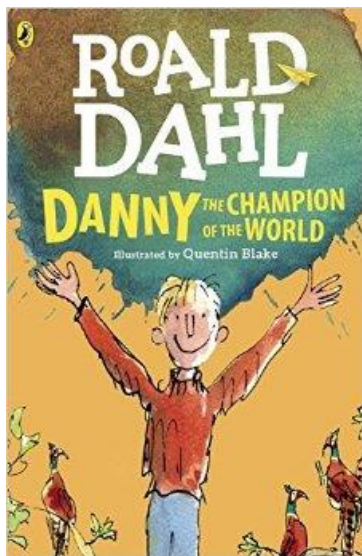
"Writing our own ending was spaffle-whiffingly fun!"
– Oliver (5E)

"It helped bring out the creativity in my writing."
– Tess (5D)

"I loved the role-play and writing a new chapter about the capture of the bloodthirsty giants." – Monty (5M)

Year 6

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During Roald Dahl week, Year 6 studied 'Danny the Champion of the World', which was published in 1975.

The book focused mainly on the theme of poaching so in preparation for the 100th birthday celebrations, we each invented our own way of catching pheasants! Here are some quotes from pupils in each class:

"I really enjoyed writing the diary entry to Danny's Dad." – Maisie R (6M)

"I enjoyed making my own pheasant catcher because I thought it was a great way to celebrate Roald Dahl Day." – Ella C (6P)

"I enjoyed it when we watched the 'Virtually Live' video when everyone was celebrating Roald Dahl Day. It was really fun to do the activities and to see Quentin Blake doing the illustrations." – Ben R (6KD)



Exciting news...

In celebration of Roald Dahl Day and as a special 'thank you' to the parents of TRJS children for their continued support, the **Red Carpet Cinema** have kindly invited the school to a free screening of '*The BFG*'.

Y5 and 6 – Thursday 10th November

Y3 and 4 – Thursday 17th November



Parental Consent

As 'The BFG' has a 'PG' rating (Parental Guidance), we require permission for your child to watch the film. To avoid the need for signed forms, **we will assume that consent is given**. Please inform us if you do not wish your child to participate.

Screenings will commence at approximately **9.30am** and finish at **11.30am**. Classes will register at school as normal then walk to the cinema. If any parents are available to escort us either on the way there, back or both we would be most grateful. Please leave your name at the school office.