



Reading
30 minutes

ROALD DAHL

Roald Dahl was born on 13th September 1916 in Llandaff, Wales. His parents were from Norway. He had an older sister called Astri, but she sadly died in 1920 when she was only 7 years old. Roald's father was so sad that he fell ill from pneumonia and a few weeks later he also died. His mother was a great story teller and had a fabulous memory. Roald remembered many tales she told about trolls and other mythical Norwegian characters.



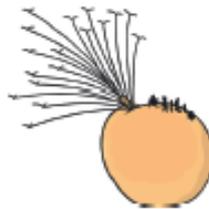
Although Roald had a happy home life, he had an unhappy time at his school in Wales, and was often 'canned' for bad behaviour. His mother sent him to boarding school in Weston-Super-Mare. He was just nine years old when he arrived at St. Peter's School and met the 'twitching' Latin teacher Captain Hardcastle, the all-powerful Matron who "disliked small boys very much indeed" and the cane-wielding Headmaster.



At the age of 13, Roald attended Repton Public School in Derbyshire. He was happier here. He was brilliant at sports and was very good at boxing. The boys at the school were sometimes asked to be chocolate testers for a famous chocolate company, and this experience later inspired the book 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'.

After he left school, he wanted adventure so he worked for Shell Oil Company. He was sent to Africa for 3 years, but after only one year, the Second World War broke out, so he enlisted with the Royal Air Force (RAF) and became a pilot.

In 1940, Roald Dahl was posted to Libya where he flew a Gloster Gladiator plane. He crashed in the Western desert in North Africa and suffered such severe injuries to his head and back that he had to stay in hospital in Egypt for six months. He returned to the RAF but after a while he began suffering such terrible headaches from his accident, he had to return to the UK and could not fly planes anymore.



In 1942, Roald was posted to Washington in the USA to work as an assistant air attaché. He met the author C.S. Forester, who suggested Roald should write about his experiences in the desert, flying planes. This led to Roald being paid for the first time for writing, which was in the Sunday Evening Post newspaper.

During this time, he met and married actress Patricia Neal. They lived in Great Missenden in Buckinghamshire, England. He wrote many of his famous stories there. Roald Dahl and Patricia Neal had five children: Olivia, Tessa, Theo, Ophelia and Lucy. Olivia tragically died at the age of 7 from measles encephalitis. Roald Dahl started telling his fantastical stories to his children at bedtime. He realised how much his own children enjoyed his stories and decided to write them down for all children to enjoy. 'James and the Giant Peach' was the first children's book that he had published.

Roald Dahl had a great talent for seeing the world through children's eyes. He said, "If you want to remember what it's like to live in a child's world, you've got to get down on your hands and knees and live like that for a week. You'll find you have to look up at all these giants around you who are always telling you what to do and what not to do."



He had a passion for encouraging children to read. He believed that children should be "comfortable with a book, not daunted. Books shouldn't be daunting, they should be funny, exciting and wonderful; and learning to be a reader gives a terrific advantage."

Think about all of the different Roald Dahl books you have read over the years. Were there any that you didn't enjoy?
Which was your favourite?
Why was it your favourite? Was it the character? Was it the plot?
I want you to imagine you are telling a friend about the story to persuade them to read it. You can only use 150 words to do this. You will need to summarise the story, cutting out the bits that you don't need to describe but keeping in the important bits.
Once you have written the summary you can draw an illustration to help tell the story.
Have fun.

GPS warm-up
10 minutes

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yDcMT2b_80s&feature=youtu.be

Click on the link here, or type it accurately into an address bar.
Carry out the activities, going over previous words and being introduced to some new ones.
Don't forget to write sentences using the synonyms as well as sentences using the word pairs.
Have fun!

Writing
30 minutes



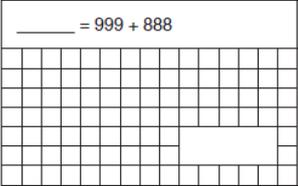
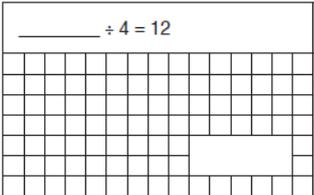
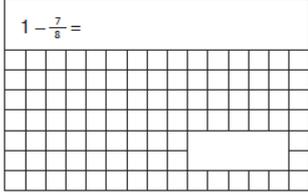
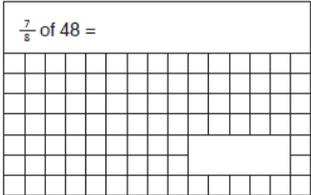
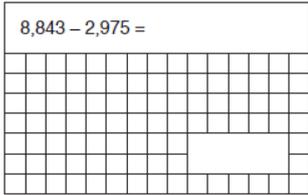
This was their favourite time of day to fly.

As the glowing, crimson sun dipped down below the vast horizon, retreating to allow night to take its place, the dragons took flight.

The sky looked beautiful: wisps of pillow-like clouds seemed to part in front of them as they flexed their powerful wings. Like sails from ancient ships, the wings beat in the dying embers of the sun's fire, embracing what little warmth remained. Thousands of tiny scales that covered the beasts' bodies glistened like rubies in the dazzling light.

As they reached full speed, leaving the world far beneath them, they almost grinned as they thought about where they were going. There would be others like them there. It would be paradise...

Continue this story...

<p>Arithmetic 10 minutes</p>	<div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 50%; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>6</p> <p>_____ = 999 + 888</p>  </div> <div style="width: 50%; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>9</p> <p>_____ ÷ 4 = 12</p>  </div> <div style="width: 50%; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>7</p> <p>$1 - \frac{7}{8} =$</p>  </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <p>10</p> <p>$\frac{7}{8}$ of 48 =</p>  </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <p>8</p> <p>8,843 - 2,975 =</p>  </div> </div>
<p>Maths 30 minutes</p>	<p><i>Have a go at the Friday Challenge.</i> <i>You will find it with the rest of the week's activities. Friday 15th in week 4 of the home learning.</i> <i>Go to w/c 11th May</i> <i>There is a link to the questions and the answer sheets.</i> <i>Good Luck!!</i></p> <p>https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/year-4/</p>
<p>Enquiry/Project work 30 minutes</p>	<p>Please continue with this project</p> <p>An important subject these days is online safety. Many of us use social media or on line gaming to communicate with people but we must do this safely.</p> <p>Think back to sessions we have done in school, including the Unique Voice drama activities. There are important lessons to be learned so that we are safe when communicating for example, not giving out personal details about ourselves, not having photos on our profile that show our school uniform or logo etc.</p> <p>If you are able to access power point or something that allows you to make a presentation, then please use it to create one about staying safe on line. If this is not available to you, don't worry. I would like you to create a poster delivering the same message.</p> <p>Perhaps you could make a separate page for each point you want to make.</p> <p>I will show your work to Sinead so she can choose some to put up around the school.</p>
	<p>Arithmetic: 1887 1/8 5868 48 42</p>