

## The Turtles and Ladybirds

### Roald Dahl

WOW!

*Roald Dahl wrote all of his children's stories in a small hut at the bottom of his garden.*

#### English

This term we will be writing character descriptions, looking closely at appearance and personality of some of Roald Dahl's most famous characters including Mr and Mrs Twit, The BFG and Grandma from George's Marvellous Medicine. We will also be looking at nonsense poetry, focussing on Roald Dahl's revolting rhymes and using his ideas to create rhyming poetry. As this is our SATs term we will be doing lots of practice reading papers including fiction and non-fiction and developing our comprehension skills.

#### History/Geography

We will be looking at the life of Roald Dahl and learning about his time in WWII and what it was like to live during those times. We will also be looking at what inspired him to write his stories.

#### Art/DT

We will be creating Quentin Blake's illustrations using water paints. We will also be designing and creating our own revolting medicines just like the ones George makes in George's Marvellous Medicine.

#### Mathematics

Daily maths lessons will focus on SAT style questions developing our arithmetic and reasoning skills. We will be reinforcing basic skills e.g. 2, 5, 10 times tables and problems involving the 4 operations (+, -, X, /).

#### Music

This half term year 2 will be exploring pulse through reggae music and a song called 'Zoo Time.' We will be listening to famous tracks from Bob Marley and exploring the instruments used to create reggae songs.

#### RE/PSHCE

This half term we will be looking at the Islamic festival of Ramadan. We will look at traditions and celebrations that take place during this time.

#### Computing

ICT will be used to develop our mental maths skills using the programme Mathletics as well as Purple Mash.

#### Science

In science we will be observing and describing how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. We will also be finding out about what plants need to grow and stay healthy and carrying out our own investigation to find the best habitat. We will also be exploring our own woodland area, drawing detailed pictures of plants and learning the names of some of the more commonly known plant species.

#### PE

This term we will be doing athletics – with particular focus on track activities such as hurdles. We will be practicing our striking and fielding skills and applying these to games such as rounders and will also be using GoNoodle to stay active everyday and learn simple dance routines.

