

Summer Fun – Theme Ideas

How many stories?

Make a list of as many Roald Dahl children's stories/rhymes as you can.

If you can get on the internet, research his writing and put in the order he wrote them.

How many have been made into films?

Which would you like to star in and why?

Design a film poster with you playing your favourite character.

Roald Dahl

Roald Dahl Day – September 13th

Get ready to celebrate by trying out some of these activities

Design a Book Cover

Quentin Blake has done a lot of illustrations for Roald Dahl.



Imagine you were asked to illustrate a Roald Dahl story, which would you choose and why?

Design a new book cover for your favourite story.

Willy Wonka Chocolate Cornflake Bars



Create your own Willy Wonka-type chocolate rice or cornflake bars

Start with a basic chocolate cornflake recipe like this one here

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/cooking-kids-chocolate-cornflake-cakes-0>

What else could you add to make it your own creation?

Here are some suggestions, but you might think of others:

- Mini marshmallows or chopped up bigger ones
- Chopped dried apricot
- Cranberries
- Smarties/m&ms
- Turkish Delight
- Bits of Crunchie
- Raisins etc



Roald Dahl Characters – Top Trumps Cards

Make a list of a range of characters from Roald Dahl's stories.

Now make a Top Trumps card for each one, including the following:

- Name
- Short description of the character and the book they are in
- A picture
- Then choose five characteristics. What score out of 100 will you give them for each one?

Here are some examples of characteristics. You might think of some more. Pick 5 to use on your cards eg.

- Kindness
- Intelligence
- Selfishness
- Cheerfulness
- Greed
- Mischief
- Humour

Here's an example from a game about mountains



Draw a character in the style of Quentin Blake

Follow the step by step guide here

<https://www.roalddahl.com/things-to-do-indoors> and have a go at drawing Matilda or Willy Wonka or an Oompa Loompa. Then you could have a go at drawing one of your favourite characters in the same style.

There are lots of other things to do on this website including:

- Listen to a story
- Some fun experiments
- Quicksy Quizzes
- Plexicated puzzles (wordsearch and crossword to download)
- Crackling Crafts



The WOT's Willy Wonka



The First Oompa Loompa

Read a book or share a story

Why not try reading a Roald Dahl's children's story that you have not read before, or have one for a grown up to read as family story time?



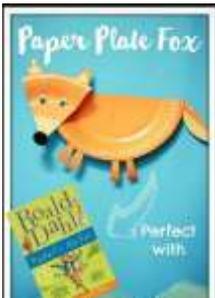
Did you know that Roald Dahl also wrote books for grown-ups too?

Grown-ups – when choosing a book for your children, just check it is aimed at children and not one of the books for adults.

You will find a list of children's stories at the end of this pack.

Fantastic Mr Fox

Make a paper plate model of Fantastic Mr. Fox



More ideas here

<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/artscraftsymom/roald-dahl-day-crafts-activities/>

Design a Shed

Did you know that Roald Dahl did his writing in a shed in the garden?



What might a 'Writing Shed' look like? What would it need in it to help with writing e.g. table, chair, pens and paper, dictionary, book of ideas etc?



Design your own shed that would be a great place to write or read or learn about football or do art in or learn about space or rainforests or under the sea or dinosaurs or Ancient Egypt or trains or whatever interests you might have.

- What will it look like?
- What furniture will it have in it?
- What will be on the walls?
- What other things will be in there?

Draw a picture and label

Learn more about Roald Dahl here

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/36824907>

Make a Model

Make a model of 'The Enormous Crocodile' using left-over card and egg boxes



Make your own wonderful words

Roald Dahl was known for making up words. Look at these examples from his books and then create some of your own:

- **Zozimus** is from *The BFG*, and is a word for the stuff that dreams are made of
- **Gloriumptious** - Like wondercrump and splendiferous, gloriumptious conveys pure marvellousness by blending together parts of words and meaning from other words. In this case, **glorious and scrumptious**
- **Horrigust** - Things aren't always gloriumptious in Dahl's stories. Marvellousness has an opposite and there's no better word for it than horrigust, a blend of horrible and disgusting.
- **Biffsquiggled** - what it feels like when "your brain is reeling from a punch and is as muddled as a squiggly piece of doodling."

Find more here -

<https://www.quentinblake.com/books/oxford-roald-dahl-thesaurus>

Roald Dahl Rhyme/Poetry Challenge

Can you learn off by heart?

| Early Readers (approx. YR-Y1) | Early Readers (approx. YR-Y1) | Early Readers (approx. YR-Y1) |
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| <p>Taken from The Giraffe, the Pelly and Me by Roald Dahl</p> <p>We will polish your glass Till it's shining like brass And it sparkles like sun on the sea. We are quick and polite, We will come day or night, The Giraffe and the Pelly and me!</p> <p>We're a fabulous crew, We know just what to do, And we never stop work to drink tea. All your windows will glow When we give them a go, The Giraffe and the Pelly and me!</p> | <p>Taken from Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes An excerpt from Little Red Riding Hood</p> <p>As soon as Wolf began to feel That he would like a decent meal, He went and knocked on Grandma's door. When Grandma opened it, she saw The sharp white teeth, the horrid grin, And Wolfie said, "May I come in?" Poor Grandmamma was terrified, "He's going to eat me up!" she cried. And she was absolutely right. He ate her up in one big bite. But Grandmamma was small and tough, And Wolfie wailed, "That's not enough! I haven't yet begun to feel That I have had a decent meal!" He ran around the kitchen yelping, "I've got to have a second helping!"</p> | <p>Taken from Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes An excerpt from Goldilocks</p> <p>This famous wicked little tale Should never have been put on sale It is a mystery to me Why loving parents cannot see That this is actually a book About a brazen little crook...</p> <p>...Now just imagine how you'd feel If you had cooked a lovely meal, Delicious porridge, steaming hot, Fresh coffee in the coffee pot, With maybe toast and marmalade, The table beautifully laid, One place for you and one for dad, Another for your little lad. Then dad cries, 'Golly-gosh! Gee whizz! 'Oh cripes! How hot this porridge is! 'Let's take a walk along the street 'Until it's cool enough to eat.' He adds, 'An early morning stroll 'Is good for people on the whole. 'It makes your appetite improve 'It also helps your bowels move.' No proper wife would dare to question Such a sensible suggestion, Above all not at breakfast-time When men are seldom at their prime. No sooner are you down the road Than Goldilocks, that little toad That nose-y thieving little louse, Comes sneaking in your empty house....</p> |

Roald Dahl wrote many books - for children and adults.

These are some of his most famous books for children. Many have been made into films or TV programmes.

For more information on all these stories, including some extracts, visit www.lovereadingsforkids.co.uk

The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me (5+ 7+)

Esio Trot (5+ 7+)

The BFG (5+ 7+)

Danny Champion of the World (5+ 7+)

The Enormous Crocodile (5+ 7+)

Fantastic Mr Fox (5+ 7+)

The Magic Finger (5+ 7+)

Billy and the Minpins (5+ 7+)

The Twits (5+ 7+)

James and the Giant Peach (5+ 7+)

Matilda (5+ 7+ 9+)

George's Marvellous Medicine (5+ 7+ 9+)

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (7+ 9+)

Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator (7+ 9+)

The Witches (7+ 9+)