

## **Year 5 Home Learning**

This week the written piece of work is for English and will be completed in the English Home Learning book. There is also a Math Task to be completed online (no need to hand anything in).

**Due Date: Thursday 31/10/19**

### **English Comprehension:**

Walt: answer literal, inferential and response questions about a persuasive text

Answer in full sentences.

#### **Do It: Literal**

- 1) How many books has Roald Dahl written?
- 2) Write down two facts that you have learnt about Roald Dahl.

#### **Use It: Inferential**

- 3) What does the author want to persuade you to think?
- 4) What factual evidence does the author use to show that Roald Dahl is the best children's author in the world?
- 5) Find a quote from the text that shows the author loves reading Roald Dahl books.

#### **Own It: Response**

- 6) Do you agree with the author's opinion of Roald Dahl? Why?

**Word study** - use a dictionary to find the meaning of the following words and use them in a sentence:

- 1) Prestigious
- 2) Renowned
- 3) Original

## The Greatest Children's Author

Roald Dahl is the greatest children's author in the world. We know this because he has written so many children's books during his lifetime. In total, he has written 20 books for children. It doesn't stop there **either**; he has written **countless** short stories and books for adults too. This shows he was brilliant at what he did – writing books!

Roald Dahl is known to be the best children's author because he has won so many awards. In 2013, Dahl came top of a **survey** by a book selling **company**. He beat authors such as *J.K.Rowling*, *Enid Blyton* and *Beatrix Potter*. In the poll, Dahl was voted as the top author chosen by children (he gained 51% of their votes). He also secured 47% of the adult votes and won top author voted by adults too. This could possibly be because the adults had read Dahl's books when they were children too!

Everyone knows that Dahl has won countless awards throughout his lifetime, and beyond, for his writing. He won four awards across the world in 1983 alone, mainly for his **novel** *The Witches*. Some of the most **prestigious** awards he has achieved include the New York Times Outstanding Books Award and the Whitbread Award. I bet you didn't know that!

Dahl is **renowned** as the best children's author because his novels are so popular. The most well-liked books include *Matilda*, *Fantastic Mr Fox* and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. We all know his books are popular because many of them have been made into films and plays, which are all still loved today. Have you seen *The BFG* at the cinema? Many of his books have been **translated** into different languages too; now children across the world can enjoy his stories. He is not only popular in the UK, but across the world also. **Surely** you would agree that that would take some beating to be the best children's author!

The fact that there is a museum all about Roald Dahl and his books in Buckinghamshire where he lived as an adult, also **proves** that he is a much-loved author. There you can see his **original** ideas and sketches based around the novels he wrote. Furthermore, you can even see where he wrote his books by visiting the reading room inside his house. It is well worth a visit!