

### Key Writing Focus

- Narrative: Fantasy/Adventure
- Non-Fiction: Biography
- Narrative: Adventure
- Non-Fiction: Persuasive Letter
- Poetry: Metaphor

### Reading Focus

- Nurturing a love of reading
- Reading aloud/Expression
  - Retrieval

### Science Focus

- Biology: Animals Including Humans
  - Physics: Electricity

### DT Focus

- Food Technology: Design and Make Chocolate Cake

### PE Focus

- Invasion Games: Netball
  - Running
- Striking & Fielding: tennis
  - Real PE– Unit 1

### Maths Focus

- Number: Place Value
- Number: Addition & Subtraction
- Number: Multiplication & Division
- Measurement: Length & Perimeter (Yr4 only)
- Measurement: Area & Perimeter (Y5 only)
- Statistics (Y5 only)

### Art Focus

- Painting: Watercolour
- Printing: Symmetry

### Geography Focus

- Europe

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### History Focus

- Ancient Egyptians (Key Stage 2 History Focus)

### PSHE / RSHE Focus

- Communication and Healthy Minds
- Healthy Diet

### RE Focus

- Creation: What do Christians learn from the creation story?
- Kingdom of God: When Jesus left what was the impact of the Pentecost?

### Computing Focus

- E– Safety: Online Safety
- Programming: We Are Software Developers

### Spanish

- Numbers 0-10
- Greetings
- Instructions
- Christmas

### Music Focus

- NMPAT – Whole Class Instrument introduction

The Rockingham Autumn

Term Topic is:

## Roald Dahl

We will be exploring the life and world of one of the world's best-loved and most influential story-writers.

### PE Days

Our PE days will be Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The children will need black shorts, white t-shirt and either plimsolls or trainers in school each day. Please remove or cover any earrings and have long hair tied up.

### Important Dates for Rockingham

- **Monday 6th September: Egyptian Day (dress up)**
- **Wednesday 22nd September: School Trip to the Roald Dahl Museum & Story Centre—Great Missenden**
  - **Chocolate Tea Party—TBA**
  - **Christmas Carol Concert—TBA**

## How Can You Help at Home

**Reading:** Every child has a reading record. Every time you read with your child, please can you sign it. It is important that your child reads to you and that you read to your child, as well as your child reading independently — all of these activities can be recorded in the reading record and I love reading your comments in these each day.

**Spelling:** In order for children to store spelling learning in their long term memory, it is important that they over-learn their spellings. So even if your child seems to have grasped their spelling for the week, please continue to spend a few minutes each day on these to ensure that they are not forgotten a few weeks later.

**Maths:** Times Tables Rockstars is an online website that allows your child to practise their times tables in a fun way, whilst preparing your child for the National Year 4 times table test. Your child has been given a password and username so that they can access the site. Please encourage your child to use the site at least ten minutes every day to secure this learning as it is absolutely crucial for their mathematical development. If your child has forgotten their password, please speak to their class teacher.

**Maths facts:** Each week we will focus on a different times table fact. Spend the week learning this really well (instant recall).

**Homework** will go out on a Wednesday and sent in on a Tuesday. Please support your child in finding a quiet area for them to work and please just ask if we can help with anything.

**Most of our homework is designed to be carried out in short, sharp chunks daily, rather than in one large chunk. This is more effective for supporting learning and can be done whilst other tasks are taking place, for example, on the walk to school, over breakfast, in the car etc.**

### **Extra Home Learning Task**

Write a letter to Roald Dahl, telling him about yourself and about any books/characters of his you enjoy and why. We can leave these in a jar by his grave on our school trip visit (due Wednesday 22nd September)