



## News Story – World Roald Dahl Day

### Toddlers

To celebrate World Roald Dahl Day, the Toddlers enjoyed a wonderful day filled with magical stories, sensory exploration, creativity, and imagination!



The children explored a range of activities inspired by *Matilda*. Outdoors, they discovered a Matilda-themed sensory tuff tray, where each element represented a different part of the story. The grass became the school playground, foam bricks represented the school building, and sand reflected the outdoor school environment. Mini books linked to Matilda's love of reading and visiting the library, while play dough encouraged the children to use their imagination and create their own ideas. Magnifying glasses also supported their natural curiosity as they investigated the different elements of the tray.



The children also explored a chocolate cake inspired by Bruce Bogtrotter's famous cake scene. They used their senses to look closely at and smell the cake, with one child excitedly sharing, *"I love eating chocolate cake!"*



Indoors, the children ventured into the world of *James and the Giant Peach*, decorating a giant peach using colourful collage materials. They also explored real peaches by touching, smelling, and examining them, developing their sensory awareness and descriptive language. One child happily shared, *"I love peaches!"* The children also designed and decorated their own book covers, encouraging creativity and supporting their growing interest in books and storytelling.



The magical journey continued with *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*! The children excitedly explored pouring and mixing different ingredients as they discovered how individual ingredients come together to create delicious crispy rice chocolate treats. This hands-on baking experience encouraged the children to explore textures, develop their fine motor skills, and follow a simple process. One child proudly exclaimed, *"I love chocolate!"*, showing their enthusiasm and understanding of the experience.



Through these exciting activities, the Toddlers brought Roald Dahl's stories to life while developing their early literacy, communication, sensory awareness, creativity, imagination, curiosity, and fine motor skills. It was a truly magical day of storytelling, exploration, and discovery!



## Pre-School

On Monday, Pre-School stepped into the magical world of Roald Dahl!

The children took part in a range of exciting book-based activities inspired by some of his much-loved stories, supporting their early literacy, comprehension, vocabulary, imagination, and creative thinking.



The children explored *James and the Giant Peach*, using a variety of materials and creative techniques to make a giant peach. As they created, they used descriptive language to talk about characters and settings and explored story sequencing. The children also discussed the themes of friendship, empathy, courage, and resilience, thinking about how James developed positive relationships and learned to appreciate differences.

Their learning continued as they explored the science and geography hidden within the story. The children investigated fruit decomposition and minibeasts, while also thinking about the peach's journey across the ocean and different continents.



Outdoors, the children entered Giant Country and became potion makers! They created their own magical "Gobblefunk" potions by mixing safe ingredients such as water, soil, compost, food colouring, and green powder. They enjoyed watching fizzy and tactile reactions and explored how different materials interact. This hands-on activity encouraged curiosity, fine motor development, and imaginative storytelling, with children creating their own ideas about what their potions could do.

On the maths area, the children enjoyed tortoise counting, helping Mr Happy count the tortoises individually and counting sequentially from 1–20. They then created their own tortoise families, choosing family members

such as Mum, Dad, sister, brother, and baby.

It was a fantastic day filled with storytelling, creativity, science, geography, maths, and imaginative play, bringing Roald Dahl's magical stories to life!

