

My Communication Communication and Comprehension We will enjoy shared and sensory stories based around Roald Dahl, with key texts including George's Marvellous Medicine and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Using motivating props, objects, pictures, symbols and sounds, we will build attention and recognition of key characters, objects and settings. We will explore important "who", "what" and "where" vocabulary and practise making choices, requests and communicating "like" and "don't like". Pre-phonics will focus on environmental and instrumental sounds, including sounds linked to potion making, mixing chocolate and familiar classroom experiences. Ways you can help your child: <i>Share favourite stories together and use pictures or objects to make them interactive. Practise making choices between two favourite objects, foods or activities. Talk about familiar characters and use simple "who", "what" and "where" questions.</i>	My Body Physical Education Our PE focus will be throwing: towards a target, into a container and to another person, alongside sensory circuits that develop balance, coordination and gross motor skills. We will use Roald Dahl characters to inspire music and movement, such as taking giant BFG steps and moving like a crocodile. Fine motor activities will include painting, mark making, playdough, tweezers, cutting and practising clothing fastenings. Outdoor learning and Forest School will include nature hunts, seasonal exploration, bark rubbing and leaf printing. We will also continue swimming. Ways you can help your child: <i>Practise throwing and catching using balls, beanbags or rolled-up socks. Encourage your child to help with coats, shoes, zips and buttons. Go for an autumn walk and explore the different sights, sounds and textures.</i>	My Independence Skills for Life Our cooking focus will be Marvellous Fruit Drinks. Pupils will explore ingredients and practise peeling, chopping, slicing and pouring at their individual level. We will practise preparing simple drinks and snacks, laying a table and handing out food and drinks. Through Identiplay tea-party activities we will practise cutting play food, mixing pretend tea, laying the table, sharing and turn-taking. Sensory experiences will include potion making, playdough chocolates and exploring different colours, smells, tastes and textures. Community Experiences We will practise communication, interaction and everyday independence skills within meaningful activities and familiar school environments. Ways you can help your child: <i>Encourage your child to help prepare a simple drink or snack. Explore different foods together using smell, colour, taste and texture.</i>
My Community PSHE – New Friendships We will take part in activities alongside new classmates and practise learning together in paired, small-group and whole-class activities. Shared activities will support pupils to develop tolerance, sharing, turn-taking and working towards a common goal. Cultural Development We will take part in Make Your Mark activities, including International Dot Day, and recognise National Poetry Day through accessible creative experiences. Ways you can help your child: <i>Play simple turn-taking games together at home. Encourage your child to take part in shared activities alongside other people. Celebrate your child's creations and encourage them to share their achievements with others.</i>	My Cognition Maths We will explore number and counting through practical Roald Dahl-themed games, songs and activities, working on individual targets such as counting, numeral recognition and matching numbers to groups. Our measures focus is length and height. We will explore, match, sort and compare objects using words such as long, short, tall, taller and shorter, with some pupils beginning to measure using blocks or cubes. Understanding Our World We will discover where chocolate comes from, how cocoa beans grow and how chocolate is made, alongside exploring healthy eating, exercise and ways to care for our bodies. Digital learning will give pupils opportunities to explore and use computer technology through games. Ways you can help your child: <i>Count everyday objects such as toys, fruit or steps. Compare objects using words such as long, short, tall and small. Talk about foods your child enjoys and explore different healthy choices together.</i>	My Creativity Art and Design Our key art focus will be Quentin Blake. We will explore his distinctive illustrations and recreate our own pieces, including illustrations inspired by Roald Dahl stories. We will experiment with colour and a range of mark-making, painting, collage and sensory art materials. Design activities will include creating chocolate bar wrappers, potion labels, Golden Tickets and BFG-inspired dream catchers. Music We will listen to music from Roald Dahl-inspired productions, explore musical instruments and communicate our preferences. Music and movement activities will encourage pupils to anticipate familiar music and participate at their individual level, alongside calmer relaxation music. Ways you can help your child: <i>Experiment with different art materials and messy play activities. Listen to favourite music and encourage your child to communicate "like" or "don't like".</i>