

## A Marvellous Medicine

~ Spring 2 ~

In this topic, the children in Year 2 will explore Roald Dahl's 'George's Marvellous Medicine'. They will read the text as a class and follow George's story as he tries to make Grandma less horrid! Four times a day she takes a large spoonful of thick brown medicine, but it doesn't seem to do her any good. The children will be thinking about how the foods we eat help us to stay healthy. They will use this knowledge in an enterprising way to make a healthy smoothie and recipe book for you to buy at the end of the topic.



### English

We will read 'George's Marvellous Medicine' as a class and explore the vocabulary used. The children will build wordbanks of effective description and imagery to help them with their writing throughout the topic. At the beginning of the term, the children will write instructions for George's medicine and then their own. They will look at the features of persuasive writing, before writing their own persuasive texts to convince others to buy their smoothie.

### Maths

We will continue to complete daily speedy maths. Our maths on measuring and capacity will allow the children to experiment with

'magic' liquids in order to make a marvellous medicine. We will be looking at both 2D and 3D shapes and describing their properties. Before designing our smoothies, the children will collect information about preferred fruits, using bar charts, tally charts and pictograms.

### Science

Our Science this half term will link to the issues that arise in 'George's Marvellous Medicine'. We will look at how to stay healthy by eating a balanced diet, exercising regularly and learning about the importance of hygiene.



### Art/DT

During this half term, we will use Quentin Blake as inspiration to produce our own artwork. We will create our own Quentin Blake style portraits of characters from Roald Dahl books that we will be reading. The children will develop their watercolour skills to bring their characters to life. In addition to this, the children will use blow art to create labels for their smoothies. In DT, we will be creating tasty and healthy smoothies (these will be the marvellous medicines that you will be able to buy at the end of the topic) along with a recipe book.

### Computing

During Computing this half term, we will focus on typing skills. The children will use the 2type software to become more familiar with the layout of the keyboard. They will then use these skills to type up their recipes and Roald Dahl book reviews. We will also continue to

highlight the importance of Internet safety. Linking with data collection in Maths, the children will create bar charts using computer software.

### PSHE

In PSHE, the children will use issues raised in 'George's Marvellous Medicine' to recognise choices they can make, and to recognise the difference between right and wrong. We will explore how medicine can help us, but also look at safety issues that surround it. The children will recognise how their behaviour affects other people and how to protect themselves from being hurt or from name calling.

### Ways to help at home

Please continue to help your child with their weekly spellings, reading and maths challenges.

**Please bring in a jar at the start of our topic that we can use for our smoothies.**

**Dates for your diary** – Please note the below dates for a smoothie tasting session (2:55pm onwards).

2NT - Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

2BR - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March