



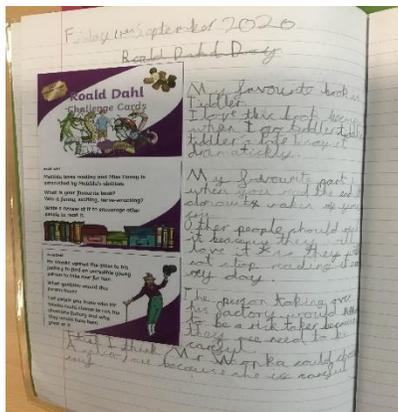
Molehill English newsletter

Term 1

Road Dahl Day

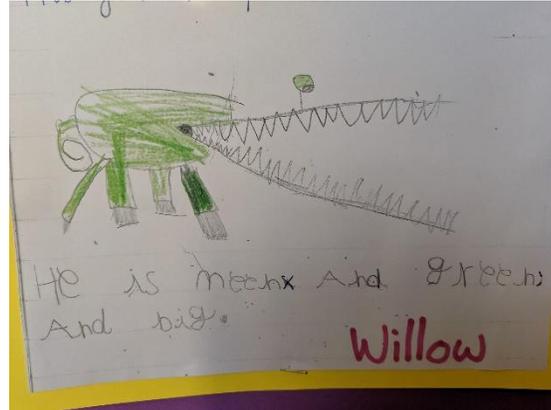
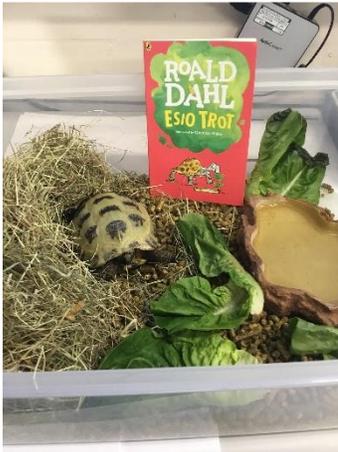
Welcome to the first termly Molehill English newsletter, where we celebrate all the wonderful activities the children have been doing linked to reading, writing, drama, and speech and language. This month was Roald Dahl Day so lots of Dahl fun has been had across all year groups, as well as our usual inspiring lessons linked to English.

Hedgehog class (Year 3) focused on the book *Matilda* for Roald Dahl Day this year, with some beautiful writing and a story time outside.



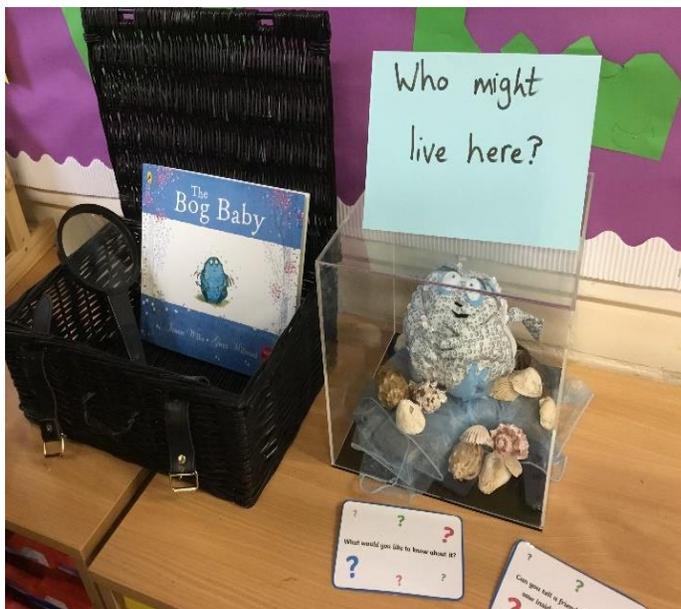
In year 5, Kestrel class looked at the book *Esio Trot* (which is tortoise backwards!). As part of this, the class had a visit from Tallulah the tortoise and used her as an inspiration to create their own version. And, in Year 1, Leopard children listened to *The Enormous Crocodile* and learned about

colour mixing by mixing food dyes together to create 'croc juice'. They also used adjectives to describe the animals in the story.



The Bog Baby in Year 1

Leopard class has a big surprise this term when *The Bog Baby* from Jeanne Willis's book popped in to visit. After listening to the story, the children labelled and described the Bog Baby and its habitat before heading off outside to create a new habitat for the creature. We hope he will be much happier than he was sitting inside the classroom! They also did an Art lesson linked to the book, creating gorgeous clay models of Bog Baby.



Food for thought



Chips and popcorn are helping Hedgehog class to improve their writing, with these fun displays reminding children of the features of a sentence and suggesting interesting vocabulary. They brighten the classroom and are practical too!

Reading Rainbow

In KS1, reading comprehension is taught through a scheme called Reading Rainbow. Each lens (aspect) of the comprehension curriculum is on a coloured card and we focus on 1 to 3 lenses when sharing a book together. In Year 1 this is all done verbally, but in Year 2 the children write down their responses. Here are some lovely examples of Reading Rainbow comprehension from Tiger class.

