

## English and Topic for the week beginning 29th June

Hello Year 4, we hope you are all well and we are looking forward to seeing you again when we meet with you in a few weeks time.

This week for English and Topic we would like you to complete the following tasks:

- Common Exception words; look, cover, read, write. There are two sets this week plus a word jumble of some of the words you will have practised spelling previously. We're asking you to practise spelling these so that you are confident with them by the time you finish year 4.
- There is a reading comprehension again. These involve you finding the key words from the questions in the piece of text that you are reading.
- There is a picture with questions asking you to infer the meanings in the pictures. These are really useful to help you to think about how characters might be feeling or thinking when the words aren't there to tell you or to suggest something to you about it.
- This week we would like you to look at African Art. We hoped you really enjoyed learning about Aboriginal Art. There is information about the artist and website links on the relevant page when you come to it.

Don't forget that Mrs Stacey and I love seeing your work so please try and send us some of your work to the school email address [office@catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk)

Take care and see you soon,  
Mrs Jones and Mrs Stacey

Look and say	Look, say and write	Cover and write	Check and write again
heard			
heart			
height			
history			

Fill in the missing word.

1. In \_\_\_\_\_, we learn about the past.
2. Jamil measured his \_\_\_\_\_ in centimetres.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ pumps blood around the body.
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ a rumour about you yesterday.

Write your own sentence containing 'heard' and 'heart'.

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Look and say	Look, say and write	Cover and write	Check and write again
material			
medicine			
mention			
minute			
natural			

Fill in the missing word.

1. "Please can I have one more \_\_\_\_\_ in bed?"
2. The doctor gave me some \_\_\_\_\_ when I was poorly.
3. Amber found some \_\_\_\_\_ to make a dress with.
4. The Grand Canyon is a \_\_\_\_\_ tourist attraction.
5. "Don't \_\_\_\_\_ anything to Uncle Neil!" said mum.

Write your own sentence containing 'medicine' and 'minute'.

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## Wow, Look at You!

You have learned 44 of the Y3 and Y4 statutory spellings,  
but do you recognise them even when they're  
scrambled up?

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# Inference



*What can you infer from this picture?  
What makes you think that?*

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Here are some additional questions for you to consider about the picture

- 1) What time of year is this? How do you know?
- 2) Who might the ice cream have belonged to?
- 3) Why might they have dropped it?
- 4) How do they feel about it? Why?

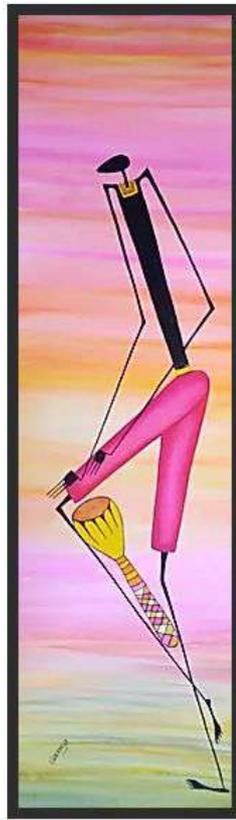
## African Art

African Art is a really good way for you to practise your skills with shape and colour. There is an African artist called Gakonga who is well known for using colour to represent song and dance which is very important in his culture in Kenya.

Have a read about him and use the tabs to explore some of his work in the Original Paintings section.

<https://www.gakongaaffricanart.com/about-gakonga>

We would like you to use some of Gakonga's art and try and copy his style in your own drawings, then add colour. Some examples are shown below.



# ROALD DAHL

Roald Dahl was born on 13th September 1916 in Llandaff, Wales. His parents were from Norway. He had an older sister called Astri, but she sadly died in 1920 when she was only 7 years old. Roald's father was so sad that he fell ill from pneumonia and a few weeks later he also died. His mother was a great story teller and had a fabulous memory. Roald remembered many tales she told about trolls and other mythical Norwegian characters.



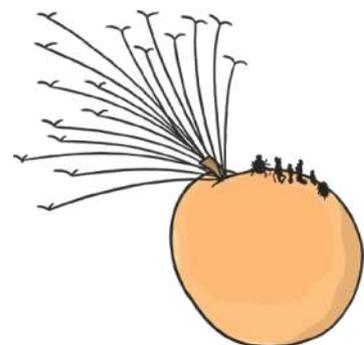
Although Roald had a happy home life, he had an unhappy time at his school in Wales, and was often 'caned' for bad behaviour. His mother sent him to boarding school in Weston-Super-Mare. He was just nine years old when he arrived at St. Peters School and met the 'twitching' Latin teacher Captain Hardcastle, the all-powerful Matron who "disliked small boys very much indeed" and the cane-wielding Headmaster.



At the age of 13, Roald attended Repton Public School in Derbyshire. He was happier here. He was brilliant at sports and was very good at boxing. The boys at the school were sometimes asked to be chocolate testers for a famous chocolate company, and this experience later inspired the book 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'.

After he left school, he wanted adventure so he worked for Shell Oil Company. He was sent to Africa for 3 years, but after only one year, the Second World War broke out, so he enlisted with the Royal Air Force (RAF) and became a pilot.

In 1940, Roald Dahl was posted to Libya where he flew a Gloster Gladiator plane. He crashed in the Western Desert in North Africa and suffered such severe injuries to his head and back that he had to stay in hospital in Egypt for six months. He returned to the RAF but after a while he began suffering such terrible headaches from his accident, he had to return to the UK and could not fly planes anymore.





In 1942, Roald was posted to Washington in the USA to work as an assistant air attaché. He met the author C.S. Forester, who suggested Roald should write about his experiences in the desert, flying planes. This led to Roald being paid for the first time for writing, which was in the Sunday Evening Post newspaper.

During this time, he met and married actress Patricia Neal. They lived in Great Missenden in Buckinghamshire, England. He wrote many of his famous stories there. Roald Dahl and Patricia Neal had five children: Olivia, Tessa, Theo, Ophelia and Lucy. Olivia tragically died at the age of 7 from measles encephalitis. Roald Dahl started telling his fantastical stories to his children at bedtime. He realised how much his own children enjoyed his stories and decided to write them down for all children to enjoy. 'James and the Giant Peach' was the first children's book that he had published.

Roald Dahl had a great talent for seeing the world through children's eyes. He said, "If you want to remember what it's like to live in a child's world, you've got to get down on your hands and knees and live like that for a week. You'll find you have to look up at all these giants around you who are always telling you what to do and what not to do."

He had a passion for encouraging children to read. He believed that children should be "comfortable with a book, not daunted. Books shouldn't be daunting, they should be funny, exciting and wonderful; and learning to be a reader gives a terrific advantage."



# Questions About Roald Dahl

1. Who started Roald's love of stories?

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2. What tragedies did Roald have in his early life?

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3. Describe what you think the Matron might have been like.

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4. Why was he happier at Repton School?

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5. How do you think the chocolate testing experience inspired 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'?

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6. Explain why he had to leave the RAF.

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7. How did Roald start writing children's stories?

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8. Why did Dahl say that to live in a child's world you had to "get down on your hands and knees and live that for a week"?

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**9. What did Dahl have a passion for?**

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**10. Why did Roald Dahl think learning to read was a good thing?**

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