

A PEACHY ADVENTURE



YEAR 3 LEARNING NEWSLETTER | SPRING 1

Main Focus

This topic will focus upon:

- **English** where the children will write a series of diary entries in role as characters from the rich read.
- **Geography** where the children will explore North America and compare New York City with London.
- **Science** where the children will design and make a healthy sandwich.

The following subjects are not linked to the topic:

- **Computing** where the children will design a basic computer game.
- **PSHE** where the children will learn about the rule of law.
- **RE** where the children will learn about the concept of authority.

Hook

The children start their topic by watching the film of James and the Giant Peach.

They will make collages of each of the characters and enjoy a number of drama activities to allow them to get to know the characters better.

TOPIC WORDS

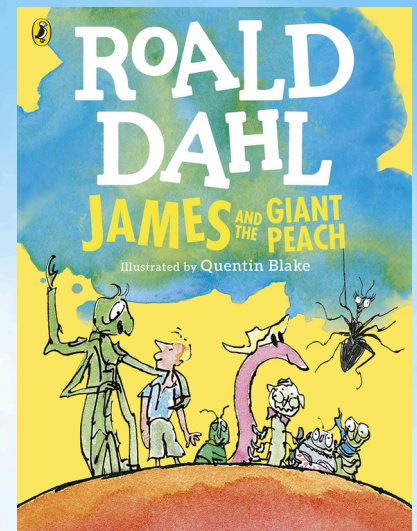
adventure, muscle, Earthworm, skeleton, sandwich, fruit, centipede, city, settlement, nutrients, journey, characters

Thursday 12th February 2026

In this half term's outcome, the children will pair up with other children in Year 3 and go on their own peach journey!

They will share the diaries they have written in English and eat the sandwiches they have designed in Design Technology.

Outcome



RICH READ

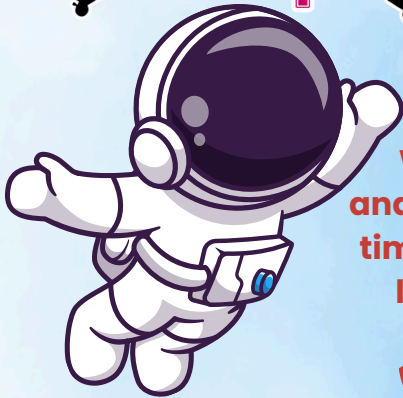


Learning Experiences

- **English:** watching film clips, investigating characters and events, acting and writing in role, reading diaries, hot seating, justifying opinions.
- **Geography:** exploring atlases and maps, using compass directions, comparing settlements.
- **Science:** investigating different food groups, exploring skeletons and muscles.
- **DT:** tasting, slicing, grating and spreading food groups.

The following subjects are not linked to the topic:

- **PSHE:** debating and making links between concepts.
- **Computing:** using coding programs.
- **RE:** working in groups, taking a stand.

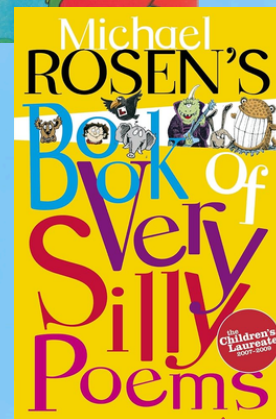
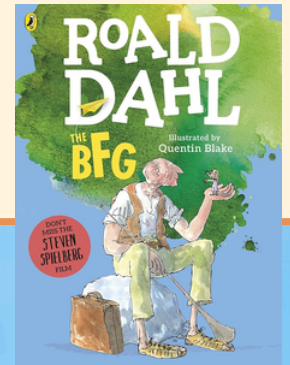
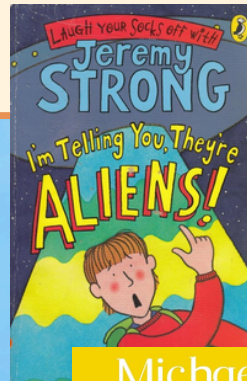


HOME LEARNING

In Lower School, your child has two weekly home learning tasks:

- 1) Reading - due every Thursday
- 2) Times Tables - due every Friday

To complete the Space Race, they will need to read three times a week and record it in their reading diary. For times tables, they will need to play at least five games a week on TTRS.



If your child enjoys 'James and the Giant Peach', they may also like these!

Spellings!

actual, bicycle,
answer circle, earth,
enough, island, fruit,
often, popular,
centre,

disappear, heart,
minute, regular,
decide, early,
learn, notice,
therefore

