

Year 7 Catch Up Literacy Curriculum Enrichment 2015-16

Once again part of the Year 7 Catch Up funding was used to enrich the literacy curriculum for our Year 7 students along with their peers in KS3.

As 2016 was the centenary of the well-loved British author Roald Dahl we decided to base our cross curricular literacy project on his life and work. We introduced the topic by listening to favourite Roald Dahl stories in our classrooms and once the pupils were all familiar with his work we went on a Key Stage 3 trip to The Roald Dahl museum in Great Missenden which included a variety of interactive activities, a writing workshop. Afterwards a village trail took us to view some of the settings for his well-known stories and ended in a visit to the great man's grave in the local churchyard.

At the museum we met up with Stuart Silver from Future Creative who came to meet our pupils and staff in order to plan and lead a series of specially tailored creative workshops here at Addington. The four workshops took place over two weeks in the summer term and the combination of role play, drama, story writing art and craft engaged all of the pupils including those who find it harder to engage. The creative fortnight culminated in a very successful Presentation Assembly where students proudly shared their writing, drama, ICT presentations and art work with parents and peers.

The grand finale of the whole project was a trip to The Theatre Royal Drury Lane to watch a fantastic live theatre production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Everyone was well behaved and coped brilliantly with being in a large crowded West End theatre but more importantly they all enjoyed the show enormously and came home with what we are sure will be a lasting memory of a very enriching experience.

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