

Mathematics

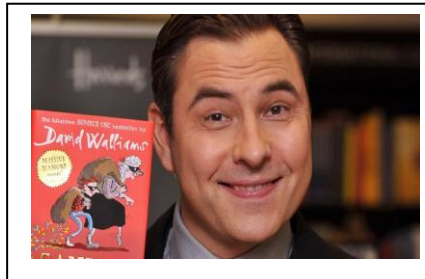
- How many millions are equal to 1 billion?
- Show the place value for each number in 1, 254, 367, 981.
- Create a number code for the alphabet (e.g. a =1 b=2 be a bit more adventurous than this example) write your theme words using this code – can anyone crack your codes?!
- Now ask an adult to write some addition, subtraction, multiplication and division sums in this code. Can you decode these and then solve them?
- Look up the average salary of a doctor. How many years would they have to work to earn as much as Billionaire Boy (one billion pounds)?!
- What would you buy if you had one billion pounds and had to spend all of it in one month?! Make a shopping list and find out how much each item would cost – what is the total?!
- The Ice Monster sold 110 000 copies in the first five days after its release!
 - At £9.88 per book how much money was made in the first 5 days of sales?
 - If the books continued to sell at that rate in a 30 day month, how many books would have been sold?
- For one week, read every day for an hour, record how many pages you read in that hour. Plot this information on a bar graph. Now interpret the data: on which day did you read the most amount of pages? On which day did you read the least amount of pages? What other information can be determined from the data?
- Upper KS2: From the above data can you find the mean, median, range and mode?
- Extension: can you convert and record the total amount of time spent reading from hours to minutes and then possibly even seconds?

Science

- In *Grandpa's Great Escape*, Jack's grandpa flies a Spitfire. Draw and label a Spitfire. Describe in your own words how they operate/fly.
- The Spitfire is the most famous plane of World War Two. 'No war had as profound an effect on the technologies of our current lives than **World War II** (1939-45). And no war was as profoundly affected by **science**, math, and technology than **WWII**'. Source: *The National WW11 Museum*. Research and discuss. (CC: English)

Learning by Topic Framework

David Walliams



English

- **Theme/Spelling words: alliteration, onomatopoeia, billionaire, gruesome, mischievous, sinister, international, thief, author, illustrator.**
- List spellings in alphabetical order; write synonyms and antonyms for words (where appropriate); create a crossword puzzle for your theme words; write your theme words in sentences or use all of them in a short story, include some figurative language e.g. similes, metaphors, alliteration and personification.
- Many of the titles of David Walliams books are examples of alliteration e.g. *Gangsta Granny*, *Billionaire Boy*. Some of his characters have alliterated names too. Why do you think David uses alliteration? Can you give your friends and family members alliterated names?
- David Walliams uses the figurative language device of onomatopoeia regularly in his writing. Can you list some examples of onomatopoeia from one of his books? What is the purpose of this figurative language device?
- Write a description about the North Pole (where Elsie travels to see the woolly mammoth in the book *The Ice Monster*) be sure to use alliteration and onomatopoeia like David Walliams does! (Genre of writing: Description)
- Write a review of the last David Walliams book you read. Will you give it 5 stars?! (Genres of writing: Personal Response and Review) *TT: You could make a vlog and film your review but be sure to draft it first.
- List 10 questions you would ask David Walliams if you got the opportunity to meet him. Try and answer them as best you can from watching/reading past interviews he has done. Now voice/record or film the interview getting a family member to be one of the voices OR changing the tone of your voice between characters! (CC: Drama, Script writing)
- The character Raj pops up in many of David Walliams' books. What do you think his back story is? Write a David Walliams style story (funny with plenty of figurative language including alliteration and onomatopoeia). Keep in mind that he also appears in *The Ice Monster* which is set in 1899 – how can you explain this in your story? (Genre of writing: Narrative)

History

- The Ice Monster is set in London in 1899. Complete some research to show what life in London was like back then. Consider clothing, transport, technology, food etc. Try and find some images to add to your project. You can present your findings however you wish (e.g. PowerPoint, blog/vlog style, through filming a documentary, cardboard poster or written report with sub headings).
- Find out what inspired David Walliams to become an author; write a short biography about his life.
- In Gangsta Granny, Ben's grandma has a grand plan to steal the Crown Jewels from the tower of London.
- What are the Crown Jewels? How did they end up in The Tower of London?



Art / Design and Technology

- What is your favourite scene from your favourite David Walliams book? With David's description and your imagination, sketch this scene.
- Now create a 3D model of this scene. *TT: Use as many recyclable materials as you can.
- What do you think David Walliams next book should be about? What should the title be? Design a book cover for it.
- Quentin Blake is a very well known illustrator, probably best known for illustrating Roald Dahl's books and he has illustrated two of David Walliams' books. Look at some of his illustrations from a Roald Dahl book and compare them to his illustrations from a David Walliams' book. What makes Quentin's style of drawing unique? Try drawing a picture in Quentin Blake's unique style.

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Geography

- David Walliams' grew up in Surrey, England. Complete a fact file on this county; be sure to include a map showing its location.
- Create a travel brochure that will entice people to visit Surrey.
- Where in the UK do David Walliams' books take readers? Plot locations on a map.

Key:

CC: Cross Curricular
*TT: Top Tip
KS2: Key Stage Two

Suggested Reading List:

David Walliams Books

Suggested Educational experience:

Tower of London

PSHE /Music

- PSHE: In the Billionaire Boy, Joe Spud has everything he could ever want – except a friend. Can money buy happiness? Discuss with a friend or family member.
- Music: Create a musical advert for one of David Walliams' books.
- PSHE: Does the book The World's Worst Children help teach children right from wrong? Discuss.
- PSHE: Why do you enjoy reading David Walliams' books?