



## Website activities

Suggested activities for your class using the Discover Dahl section of [www.roalddahlmuseum.org](http://www.roalddahlmuseum.org).

**1.** On the 'Discover Dahl' page, download the information on the early drafts of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

- search for the verse on Miranda Mary Piker using the 'Quick Search' page in the Archive section (type in RD/2/7/15)
- ask the children to write a description of how one of the other characters that didn't make it into the final version of the book met their sticky end
- discuss why Roald Dahl chose to reduce the number of characters and the process of editing which can be tracked through the various drafts.

**2.** On the 'Fantastic Facts' page find out some things you didn't know about Roald Dahl and ask the children to:

- research their own fantastic facts about another author
- write a set of fantastic facts about themselves or someone they know.

**3.** On the 'Explore the writing hut' page click on the 'Enter the hut' link. As you move your mouse around the page different sections of the hut are highlighted. Click on the wooden table. You can click on certain objects on the table to find out more about them. Having looked at the table:

- discuss where the children would like to write and what objects they would surround themselves with
- create a 'favourite things' table in the classroom with interesting objects that might help to provide inspiration.

Click on the filing cabinet and then on the drawer. Explore the archive material for each featured story by clicking on it. After the children have explored the materials:

- discuss what might have happened next in Charlie in the White House (which was never actually published)
- compare some of the more disgusting characters that Roald Dahl wrote about – Mr Twit, Miss Trunchbull, the Grand High Witch
- look closely at the BFG's dictionary, encourage the children to make up some new words using a selection of syllables and create an animal or object to go with their new word
- use the collection of archive material for each featured story to discuss the editing process. Roald Dahl even tried Charlie's Chocolate Boy out on his nephew before making many changes that resulted in the final story, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. The children could carry out some peer review, identifying things they liked about a friend's story and suggesting areas for improvement.

Click on the 'Ideas Book' link at the bottom right hand corner of the 'Explore the Writing hut' page. Ask the children to:

- try to work out which story each of these ideas turned into
- create their own story ideas books collecting good ideas and interesting words and phrases.

**4.** Explore some of the links to other websites on our 'Links' page – fans of Roald Dahl should enjoy these sites.