



The Roald Dahl writing challenge

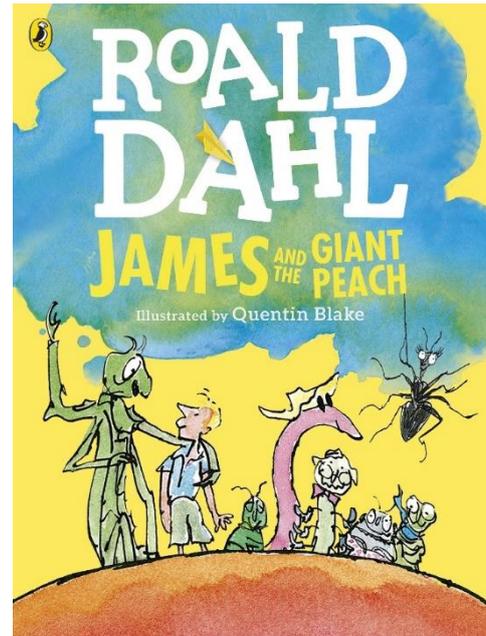
James and the Giant Peach

For this challenge, you've got to go outside! Keep your eyes peeled for creepy crawlies because they'll come in handy.

James was an ordinary boy who went on an extraordinary journey... in a GIANT PEACH! He was joined by some giant insects who became his friends, and some seagulls who helped the peach to fly across the ocean. The giant peach finally lands on top of the Empire State building in New York and it becomes a worldwide news story!

For this activity we're asking children to venture into the outdoors for their daily walk (or this could be done in your garden if you have one).

Once you're outside, look for three different insects that are all different in shape and size. Imagine that these critters can grow to the same size as you and will become your travel buddies for your very own giant peach.



We want you to write a newspaper report about the journey you made with your new friends. Where your peach will travel – does it land near your house or somewhere far away? Think about any challenges or obstacles you might come across. You could even include interviews from the insects (maybe they have names!) and describe their special skills – in the book, the glow worm uses his tail as a light.

Bonus activity

Take photos of your chosen insects and write character profiles about them. As well as special powers, imagine they have likes and dislikes too. You might also want to include details such as their size, their biggest fears, and their personality traits.

Top tips

- BBC Bitesize has some [handy tips](#) on how to write a newspaper article
- This James and the Giant Peach [resource from Puffin](#) includes extracts from the book, minibeast fact files, and bonus activities!
- [Listen](#) to the opening of James and the Giant Peach on Soundcloud for free