



NEWS DETECTIVES

TODAY'S NEWS STORY

Dahl-fans' delight as BFG and Mr Fox return

KEYWORDS

- Sequels:** Later stories in the same series
- Spiteful:** Hating other people
- Tasked:** Given the job of
- Iconic:** Famous



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Roald Dahl, who died in 1990, was one of the world's best loved children's authors. His books have been translated into 63 languages and have sold more than 300 million copies. But before he wrote most of his famous stories he was a fighter pilot and a spy!

Two new books will bring some of Roald Dahl's most beloved characters back to life.

To be continued

Roald Dahl created characters that will live forever.

Then, in 1990, the stories came to an end. Until now.

Penguin, Dahl's publisher, has announced a series of **sequels** this year.

James will get another bite at the giant peach. The hunt for Mr Fox will start again. Charlie's chocolate factory will reopen its doors.

Big shoes to fill

Of course, Roald Dahl isn't around anymore to write the stories himself. So some of the best loved children's authors of today have stepped up.

The first new story, *The Twits Next Door*, will see the **spiteful** couple face off with their too-nice neighbours, the Lovelies.

Twits 2.0

Greg James and Chris Smith, authors of *Kid Normal*, have been **tasked** with taking *The Twits* into

the 21st Century.

In a joint statement, James and Smith called the chance to write the new story "exciting, a little bit frightening and certainly too good to resist".

Neverending story

After *The Twits Next Door* will come *Charlie and The Christmas Factory*. It's a set of short stories. Thirteen writers will pick up where Roald Dahl left off, dropping his **iconic** characters into brand new adventures.



INVESTIGATION OF THE DAY

COULD YOU WRITE A NEW ROALD DAHL STORY?

WHAT
will the first
new Dahl
story be?

WHO
will be
writing it?

WHERE
do the stories
pick up?

WHEN
will the new
books be
published?

WHY
will it be hard to
follow in Dahl's
footsteps?

HOW
did the new
authors feel about
the opportunity?

1 CHECK YOUR FACTS

Make sure you have all the facts before you start your investigation. Can you answer these questions?

2 KNOW YOUR KEYWORDS

Can you remember what these keywords mean? Match the word to the correct meaning.

- 1=D
- 2=
- 3=
- 4=

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- 2. Spiteful
- 3. Tasked
- 4. Iconic
- A. Famous
- B. Given the job of
- C. Hating other people
- D. Later stories in the same series

3 LOOK AT ALL SIDES

There's always more than one side to every story. How might the people involved feel about the story?

- Roald Dahl fans
- Roald Dahl's family
- Fans of the Kid Normal series
- People who don't like Roald Dahl's books

- Happy
- Sad
- Calm
- Excited
- Surprised
- Angry
- Scared
- Bored
- Disgusted
- Confused

4 DISCUSS THE QUESTION

Could you write a new Roald Dahl story? What do you think? Use the speaking prompts here to help you get started.

I disagree with...
 I agree with...
 I'm not sure about...
 I'd like to know more about...
 I think that...
 I don't think that...



5 REPORT BACK

Write, present or record a report that communicates your view. Share this with your class, family and friends. What's their opinion?