Book review: *James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl*

**Did you enjoy the book?**

It was fantastic! I loved the plot and all the interesting and peculiar magic that happened, such as the peach growing to the size of a house and James being able to talk to the insects. Even though Aunt Sponge and Spiker made me feel a little uneasy at the start, the insect characters were really entertaining and fun, especially the Centipede. I felt a great deal of suspense all the way through the book and I felt like I was joining in on James’s adventure inside the peach.

**What was your favourite part?**

My favourite part was when James crawled through the giant peach and met the insects for the first time. It was fascinating meeting all the different characters and conjuring up what they would look like in my head. I also loved the idea of being inside a huge peach and my imagination started to wonder what it would be like to be inside. Would it be sticky and sweet? Would I be tempted to eat the walls? Was the furniture made from peach flesh too?

**Who was your favourite character?**

Even though I really liked all the insects, I found the Centipede to be an absolute rascal and hugely entertaining. He made me laugh out loud several times and he was definitely the most fun out of the bunch. I also really liked the mysterious Miss Spider as she was incredibly good-natured and looked after James.

**How did you feel about the book?**

At the start of the book, it made me feel a bit sad as I felt so sorry for James and all the bad luck that had happened to him. His Aunts made me feel angry and I hated the way they treated him because all he wanted was to play with the other children and feel a sense of freedom and happiness. However, I stuck with it and soon James’s luck started to change and he eventually had a rip-roaring adventure! This made me feel elated and joyful!

**Who would you recommend this to?**

I would recommend this book to my little niece Esme, as she is a fantastic reader already and loves Roald Dahl books. She has mentioned before that she likes the funny words that Dahl uses in his stories and she finds the chapters the perfect length. I think she would find the first part of the book a bit scary, but I would encourage her to carry on reading and stick with it as it gets much better.