



# FROTHBUNGLING FACTS ABOUT THE WORLD IN 1916



1916 was the year that Roald Dahl was born, but masses of other things – good and bad – happened in that year too. Here are just a few of them. Impress your friends and family with these fascinating facts and see whether you can find out what happened in the year that YOU were born!

- 1 1916 was a leap year
- 2 World War I or The Great War (1914–1918) was at its mid-point
- 3 The Royal Army Medical Corps performed the first successful blood transfusion using blood that had been stored and cooled
- 4 Monet, the Impressionist painter, painted Water Lilies
- 5 J.R.R. Tolkien, author of the Lord of the Rings trilogy, married Edith Bratt 
- 6 Robert Baden-Powell founded the Wolf Scouts in Britain. The name was changed to Cub Scouts in the USA
- 7 Roald Dahl was born on 13th September 1916. He died in November 1990
- 8 Harold Wilson, the British Prime minister from 1964–1970 and 1974–1976 was born on 11th March 1916. He died in 1995. Harold Wilson was Prime Minister for seven years, 279 days!
- 9 Jack London, the American author famous for *White Fang* and *The Call of the Wild* died on November 22nd 1916. He was born in 1876
- 10 The Spanish football club Real Club Deportivo Mallorca was founded on 5th March 1916
- 11 Albert Einstein published his *Theory of Relativity* on 20th March 1916
- 12 On June 24th 1916 Mary Pickford became the first movie star to get a million dollar contract

