

Pool Hayes Primary Express

Welcome to the superb spring edition of our fabulous school newspaper. Our young journalists have been working hard to update you with all the exciting developments that have happened in the spring term at our fantastic school. Firstly I'd like to introduce you to our super talented writing team who all contributed articles and features found in this eggcellent Easter edition:

From Upper Key stage Two – Jessica, Callum, Lexi, Jude, Aiva and Brodie.

I hope that you had a safe and happy Easter break with your family and friends. Now enjoy reading the newspaper and have fun completing the activities.

Mr Carter—Deputy Headteacher



Look for these Easter pictures as you're reading the newspaper.
How many can you find of each one?
Once you've counted all of them write the total in the boxes below:

Bunny Egg Chick



The complete team of reporters!



In the news



Inspire. challenge. learn

Current events and developments:

BBC laptops – have been donated to help children at PHP who have needed to use a device over lockdown and who may need one if a bubble closed in the future. To make sure all children who need a device have one, the BBC have kindly donated a number of laptops to the school. Mrs Vaughan even had to do an interview on West Midlands Today to explain how the project works!

E-cadets – have been busy at home and in class making sure that children understand the SMART rules and can keep themselves safe online. The whole school did this for the National 'Safer Internet Day' on the 9th of February this year with all classes enjoying learning activities to keep them safe online.

Congratulations – to Miss Darby on the birth of her new baby, we hope you are enjoying your maternity leave with your precious little one.

School garden – work is underway to restore the school garden at the back of the KSI playground to make a stunning learning and nature area for growing vegetables and some beautiful flowers.

New play area – we were all really happy to come back after half term to a new astro-turfed decking area between the KSI and KS2 playground. It's been great to play and enjoy the sunshine in this new zone.

Safer Streets Road Closure – we have all been really grateful that Bridgnorth Grove has continued to stay closed at the beginning and the end of the day. This has kept us safe and allowed for social distancing to and from school.



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Holi

By Jessica



Holi



Holi is the Hindu festival that welcomes in the Spring and celebrates the new life and energy of the season. Holi is also called 'The Festival of Colours', and people celebrate the festival by smearing each other with paint, and throwing coloured powder and dye around. They also dance and play music in the streets.





Holi in our school

We celebrated Holi by coming into school in colourful clothes. We also brought in a snack for the afternoon Holi party. We also drew colourful Holi drawings on the playground with chalk. In year 6 we also made Holi paintings.



Photo gallery







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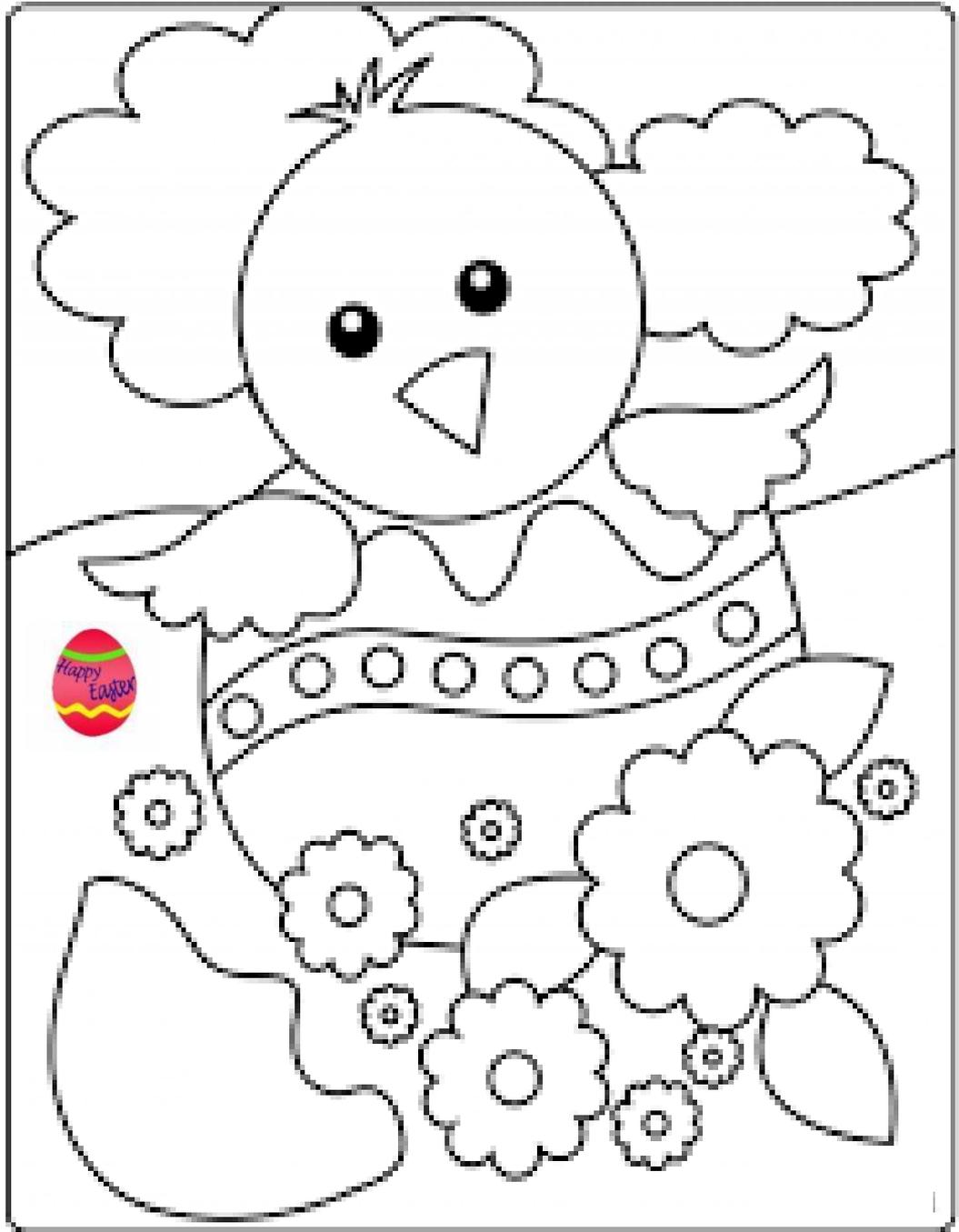
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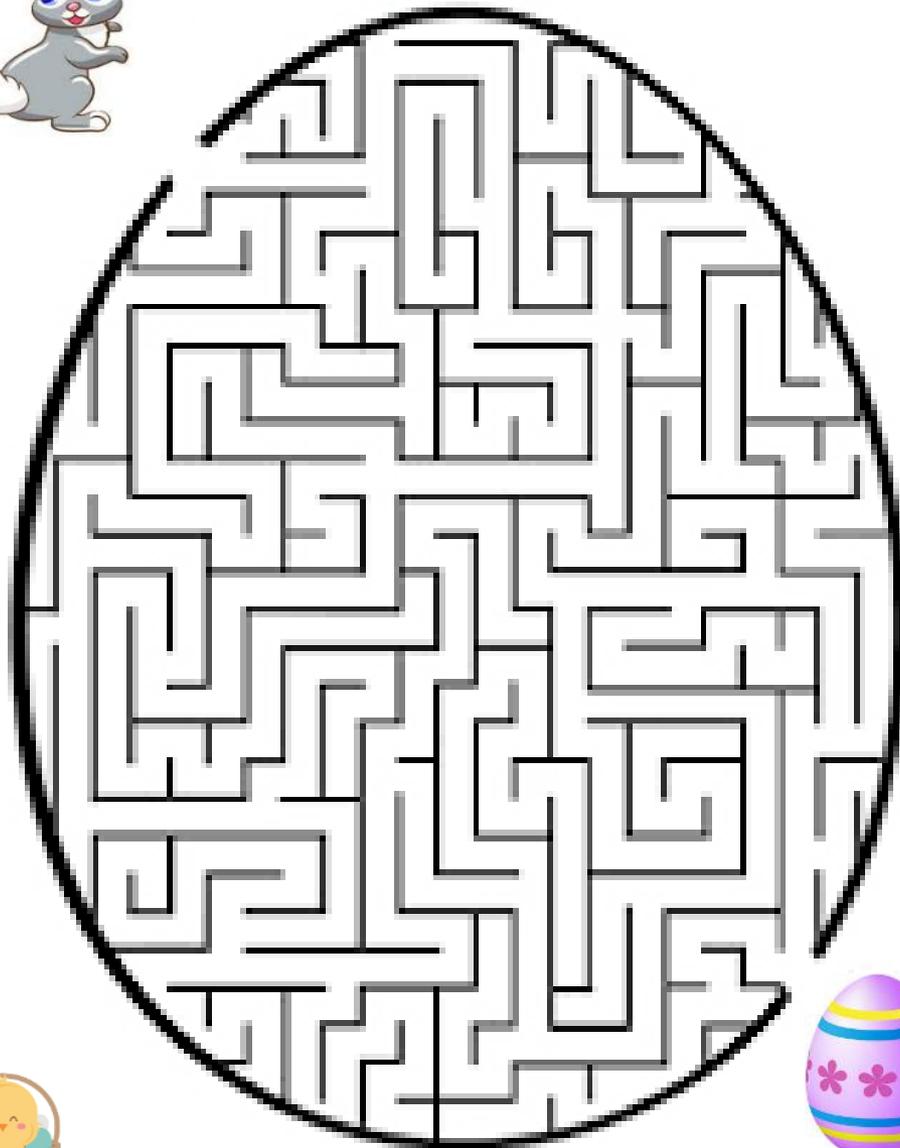
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Help the Easter bunny find his egg!



MASKED READER

At Pool Hayes Primary School, as most of you know, we completed a Masked Reader competition. Teachers used a funny filter (one of them was a fish!) on themselves using an app and read us a part of their favourite story, but there was a twist, they changed their voice a little so it wasn't their usual voice. We then would had to guess which teacher was saying what and send it on a app that we use to get in contact with teachers (it's called Class Dojo). I felt that this was a good activity for all year groups because we have been working very hard for the past two or three months and I felt that this was a nice extra little personal touch and I really enjoyed it. Let's see if other children thought the same...

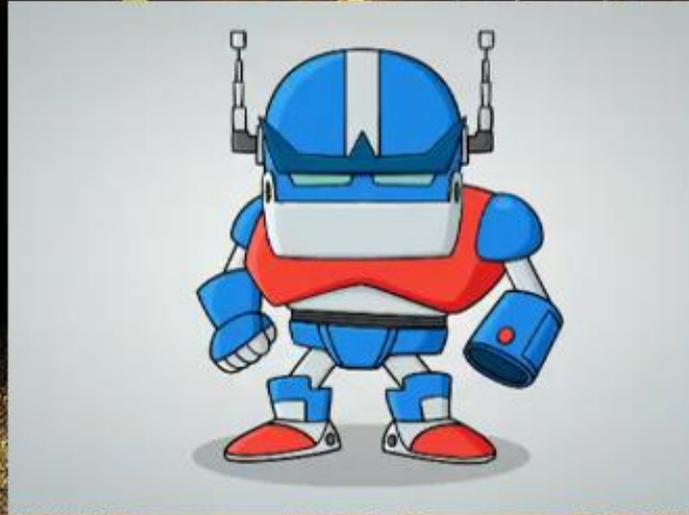
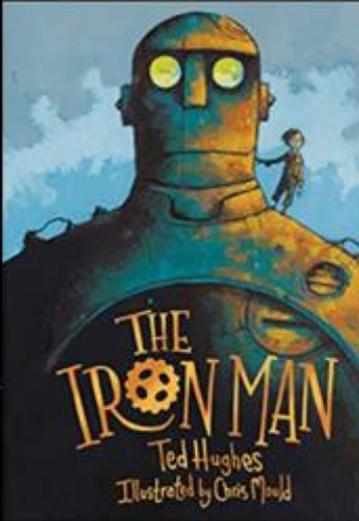


MASKED READER

Pool Hayes Primary School

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MASKED READER

4. Robot



Clues

1. My cupboard is sometimes called an office.
2. You can find me on the playground at lunchtime.
3. I am the gatekeeper.

An example from one of our teachers - a talking robot!



Interviews and thoughts about the activity

- Daisy's thoughts: Q. How do you feel about the game? I felt like it was fun, I think it was fun to play because it was something different to play, it was not hard or like work at all which made me feel happy.
- Q. Would you do it again? I would definitely do it again because it was fun to play with family and it made me laugh a lot.



Interviews and thoughts about the activity

- Lotti: Q. How do you feel about the game? At the beginning I felt excited because I have never done anything like it before. Then after I did it, I felt happy that I had completed the masked reader and guessed right!
- Q. Would you do it again? Yes I would do it again but I would rather them do different characters, maybe characters from films.



Interviews and thoughts about the activity

- Saffron: Q. How do you feel about the game? I thought it was a really fun game and that I liked playing it with my brother who also enjoyed it.
- Q. Would you do it again? Yes I would do it again because I really enjoyed doing it the first time and it would be fun to try different characters and books.



Interviews and thoughts about the game

- Jayden-S: Q. How do you feel about the game? It was okay because it made me laugh but it did get quite confusing to me. I tried really hard to work out who the teachers were. I got some of them!
- Q. Would you do it again? Yes 100% because it made me laugh.



Interviews and thoughts about the activity

- Evie: Q. How do you feel about the game? It was fun and exciting because I got to do it with my family.
- Q. Would you do it again? Yes because it was fun but I would rather have film characters and children do it as well.





Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is a biennial telethon broadcast fundraising event for people to act silly and have fun while raising money for charity. The event is held every two years on the 2nd or 3rd of March as a U.K. fundraising event. It encourages people to wear a red nose and enjoy themselves to help raise money. All together, across the world, we raised £52 million and this year £4.5 million was raised in one night alone. For Red Nose Day at PHP we dressed up in red and each pupil donated a pound. We raised £161 as a school, great job everyone!

Interviews

Niamh: It was great fun, we got to wear our own clothes and we raised money by bringing in a pound each.

Chloe: it was comfortable wearing our own clothes and I found the day made me smile.

Summer: It was fun because we raised money for Comic Relief and got to wear our own clothes.



Red Nose Day Design a Nose

Design a character for this red nose!

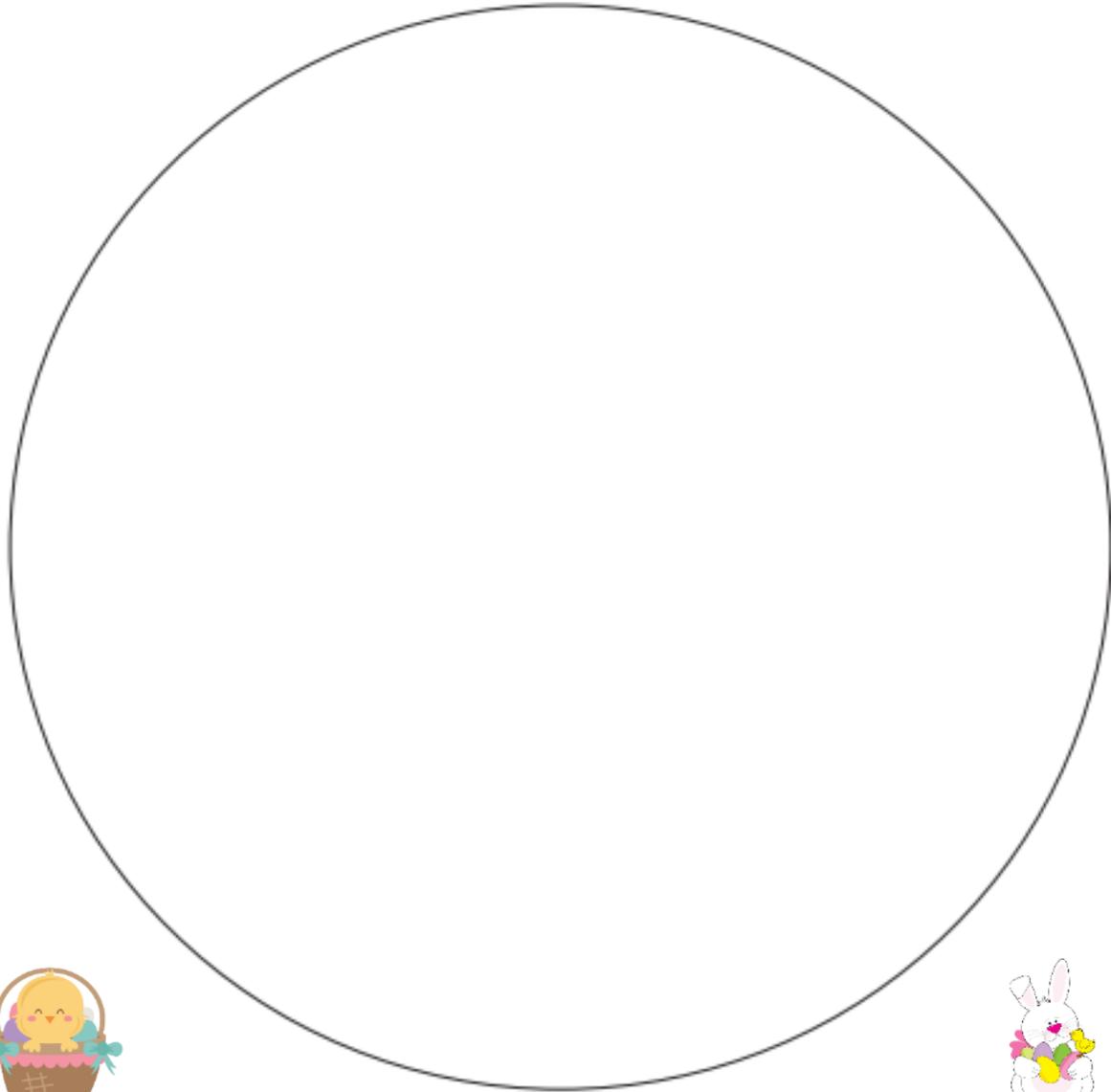




Photo Gallery



Words to find:

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- raising
- money
- poorest
- health
- lasting
- change
- donate
- download
- joke
- share
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RED NOSE DAY WORD SEARCH

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Easter at PHP



Easter is a time Christian people celebrate to remember Jesus's death and resurrection.

This is how Year 5 celebrated Easter:

First of all we have been making lovely cards that have an Easter egg wreath on them. We started off with a green piece of card. Then we coloured nine Easter eggs and stuck them in a shape of a wreath. Then we put a bow on to improve the design. There was also an insert that said a big HAPPY EASTER! I thought this was a great activity. The majority of the class loved this. I think it was enjoyable because we got to colour and design the eggs ourselves.

Interviews

Vinnie - did you enjoy making the cards?

"It was very good fun and I really liked it.

It was good that you could arrange the eggs into a wreath shape and design the front cover

Cade - what was the best part about the cards?

"Colouring the eggs in many different colours.

I liked how we designed the cards using our own ideas."

Tom - did you like creating them?

"Yes because I like being artistic".

If you could describe the project in one word what would it be?

"Creative."



Card Photo Gallery



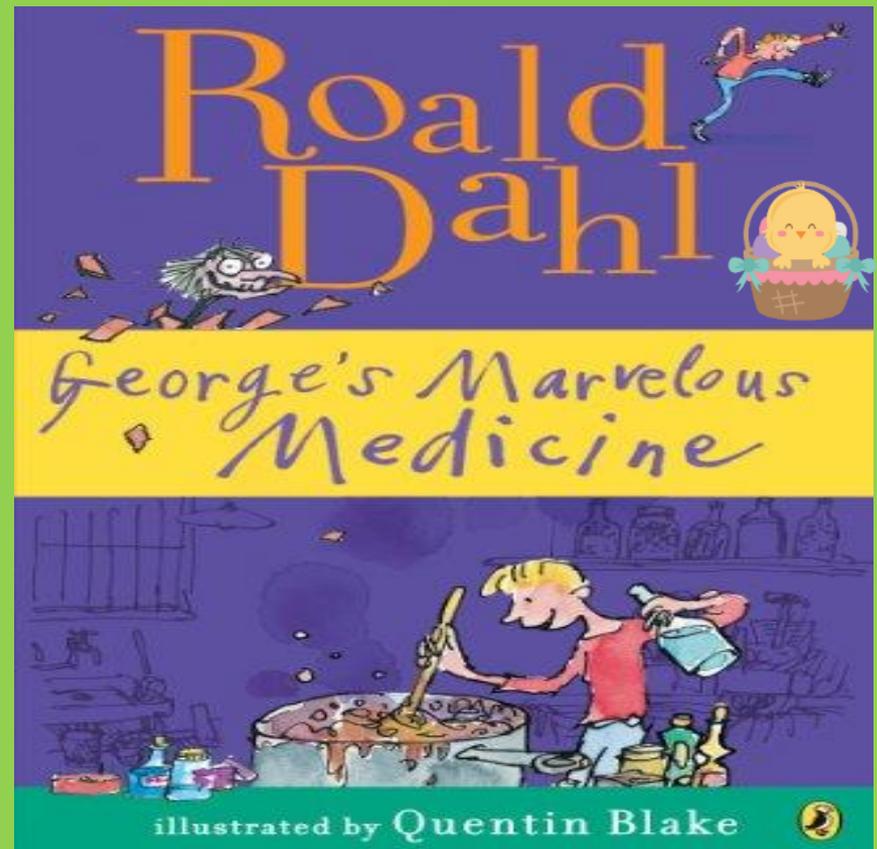
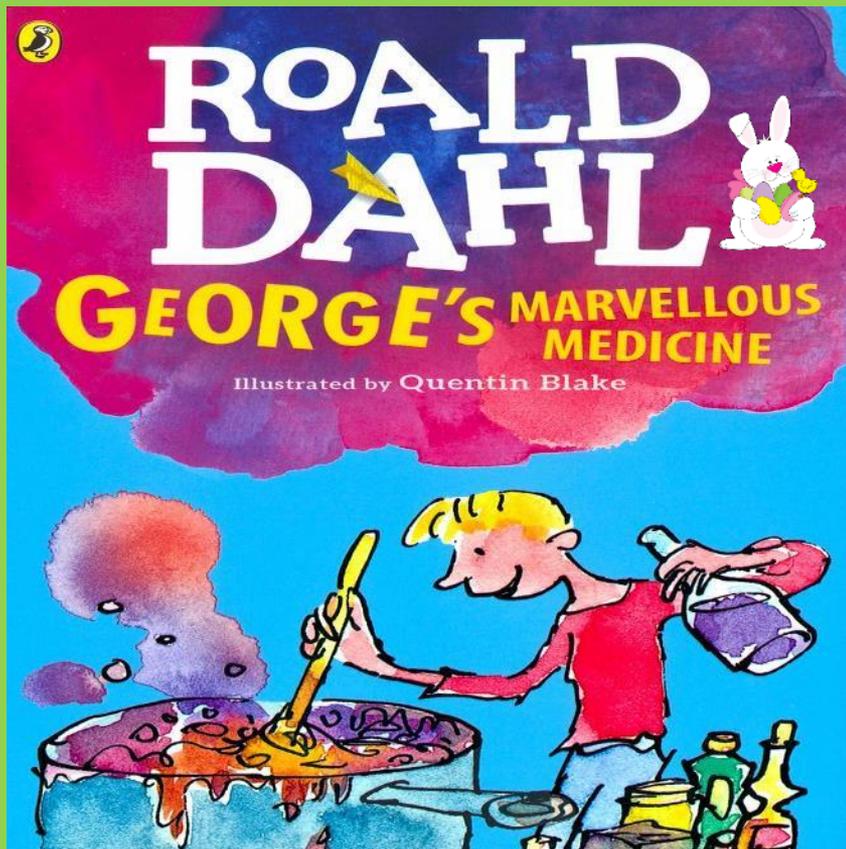
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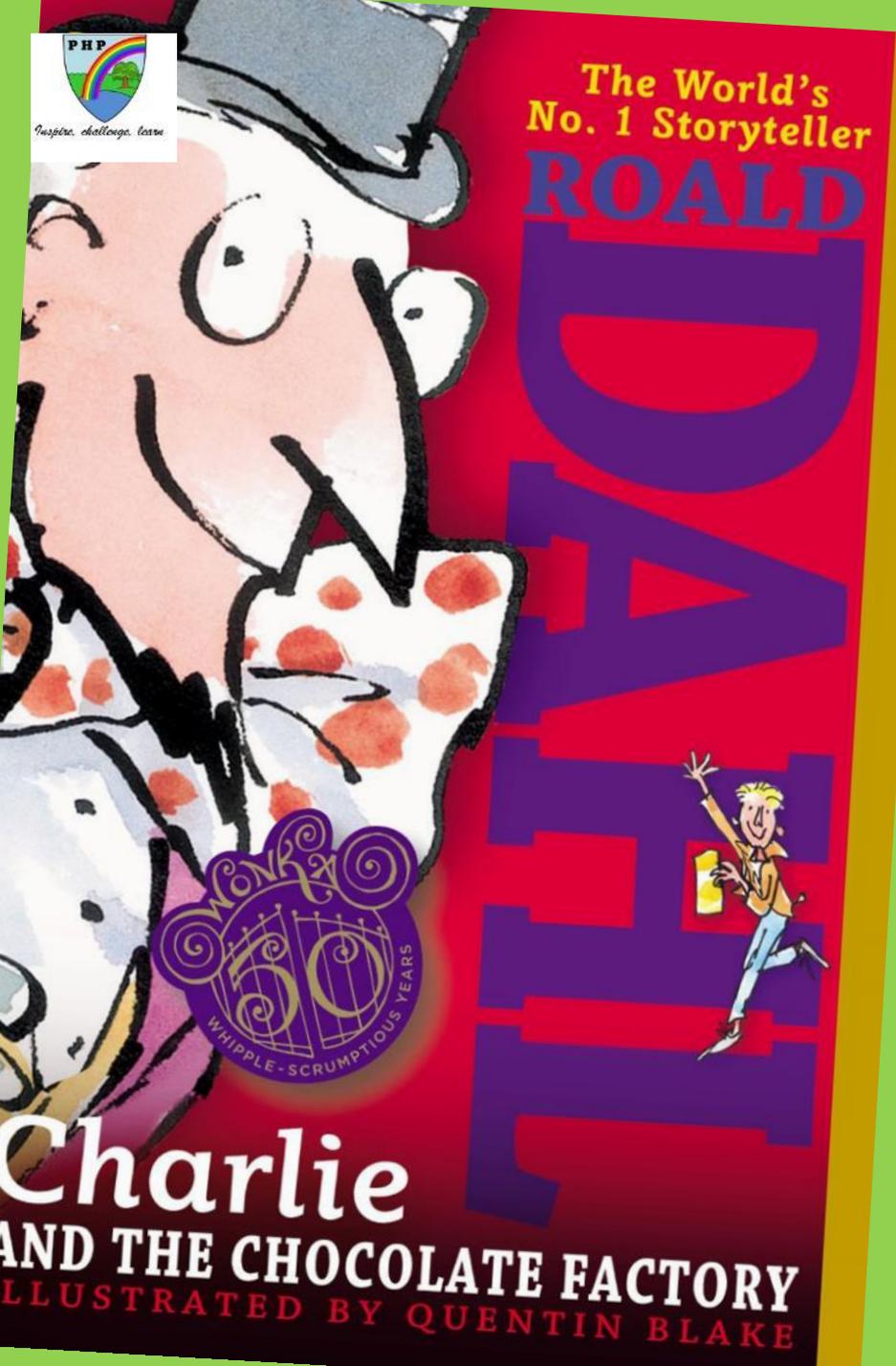
4th March 2021



By Callum

World Book day was created by UNESCO on 23rd April 1995 to celebrate books and authors and encourage young people to discover the pleasure of reading... Now World Book Day continues to encourage children and young people to read for pleasure through its work with authors, illustrators, bookshops and libraries.





World Book Day is where people all over the world celebrate books by dressing up as a character from a book e.g. Charlie from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. At Pool Hayes Primary we had a non-uniform day and focussed on our favourite books and characters in class.

The Literacy Trust also give out £1 off book tickets for World Book Day to buy books! Everyone enjoys this and this year we all went online to see what we would be choosing.



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2021'S
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HAPPY,
A BIG, BOOKY
CELEBRATION
OF READING



My favourite book is:



The author is: _____

My favourite book character is:



Name: _____



Learning in Lockdown



As we all must know by now, Pool Hayes Primary use Class Dojo. Class Dojo is where teachers give children dojos for good things they do e.g. being ready to learn. Our class teacher, Mrs Statham, would upload a PowerPoint each day telling us the equipment we will need for our lessons. We completed our guided lessons from our teacher and lessons on a website called Oak National Academy. We would learn about lots of things such as, in science we learned about space. We would go onto our portfolio and take a photo of our work, upload it and our teacher would mark it and comment positively on it to encourage us.

How I felt when I came into school during lockdown

When I came in on the first day it was very unusual, because there was only three of us from my class in the bubble. We completed the same lessons as the people who weren't in school, on Oak National Academy and with our class teacher using their lessons. We could see that it was difficult for our teacher to teach us and the rest of the class at home at the same time. We thank them very much for helping us learn when it was so different to a normal day in school.



Interview (Evie)

How did you find working in lockdown?
Why? I found it a bit unusual because I've never been in a lockdown before.

If you could describe lockdown in one word what would that one word be?
Unexpected.

Do you think you are behind in work, if you do Why? I think I'm behind because I couldn't work hard at home everyday.



Interview (Ethan G)

How did you find working in lockdown and why? I found it quite unusual because I couldn't see everyone and I couldn't work at the same time as them like we do at school.

If you could describe lockdown in one word what would that one word be?
Unexpected.

Do you think you are behind in work if you do Why? No because I was ahead with work in class anyway.



Interview (Poppy P)

How did you find working in lockdown?
Why? I found it easy because I was in my bedroom and it was peaceful

If you could describe lockdown in one word what would that one word be?
Easy.

Do you think you are behind in work if you do why? Not really because I had to help my mom at school so I didn't have that much time to fit it in when I was there.





Interview (Tom)



How did you find working in lockdown and why? I enjoyed it because we would usually have break time/lunchtime in between our work but when I was at home I could do my work quicker.

If you could describe lockdown in one word what would that one word be?
Weird.

Do you think you are behind in work if you do why? I feel like I'm behind in work because I missed a few days of online working but lessons in class are catching me up quickly.



Interview (Alfie)

How did you find working in lockdown?
Why? It felt okay because it was around the same amount of education but I didn't have that much fun.

If you could describe lockdown in one word what would that one word be?
Hectic

Do you think you are behind in work if you do why? I don't think I'm behind in work because I think I did a good amount at home.



In our next issue - all the news and events from the summer term!