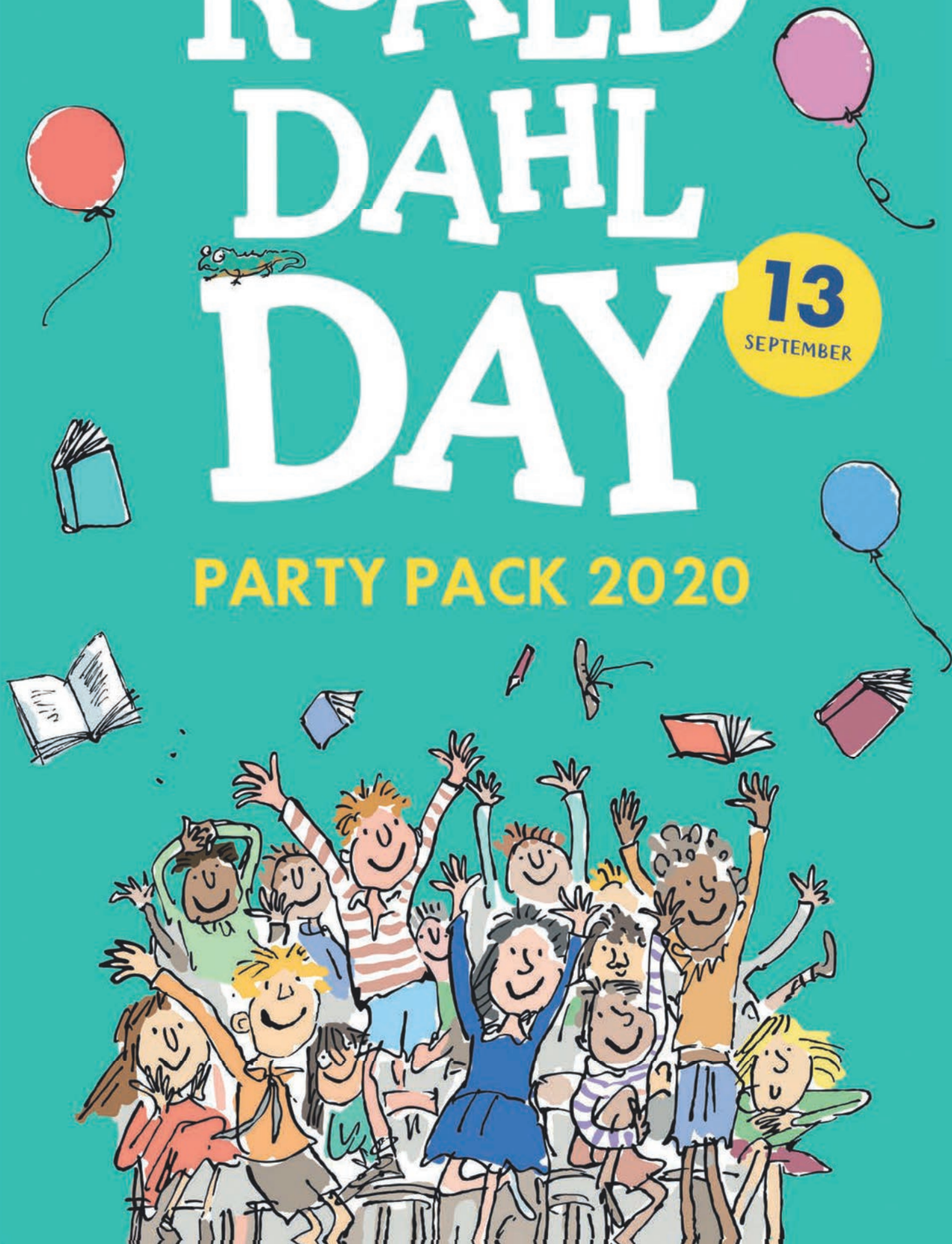




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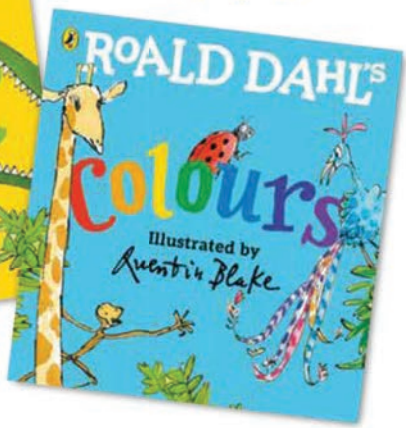
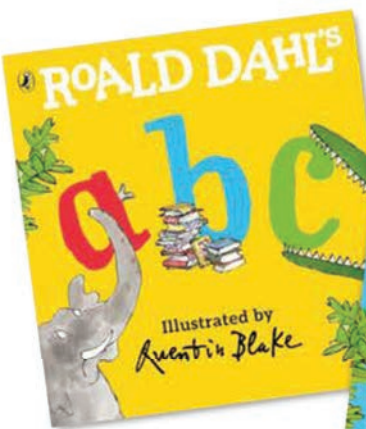
Roly-Poly Bird CRAFT ACTIVITY

Use lots of lovely craft supplies to create 'A beautiful blue Roly-Poly Bird flying across a big blue sky'. Make a collage of his extraordinarily colourful tail! You can use feathers, paper, pipe cleaners and more!





Celebrate **Roald Dahl Day** with your titchy toddler! Introduce them to colours and the alphabet with these two new board books!



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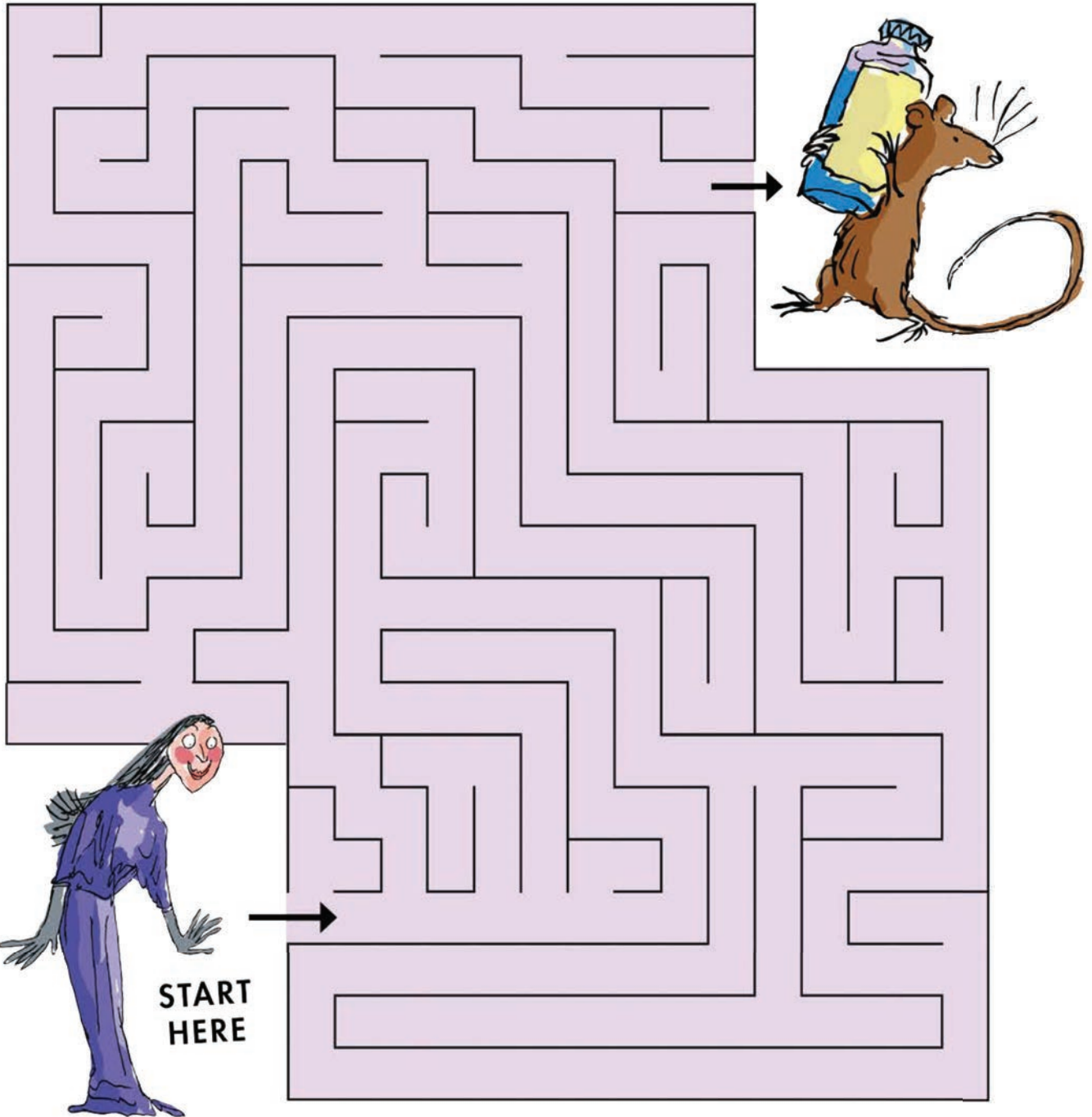


Watch out for *The Witches* in 2020!

Watch out for THE WITCHES

WATCH OUT - THERE MAY BE WITCHES ABOUT!

You've just stolen a bottle of Formula 86 from the Grand High Witch! Make your way through the maze with the bottle to escape. Be careful not to get caught!



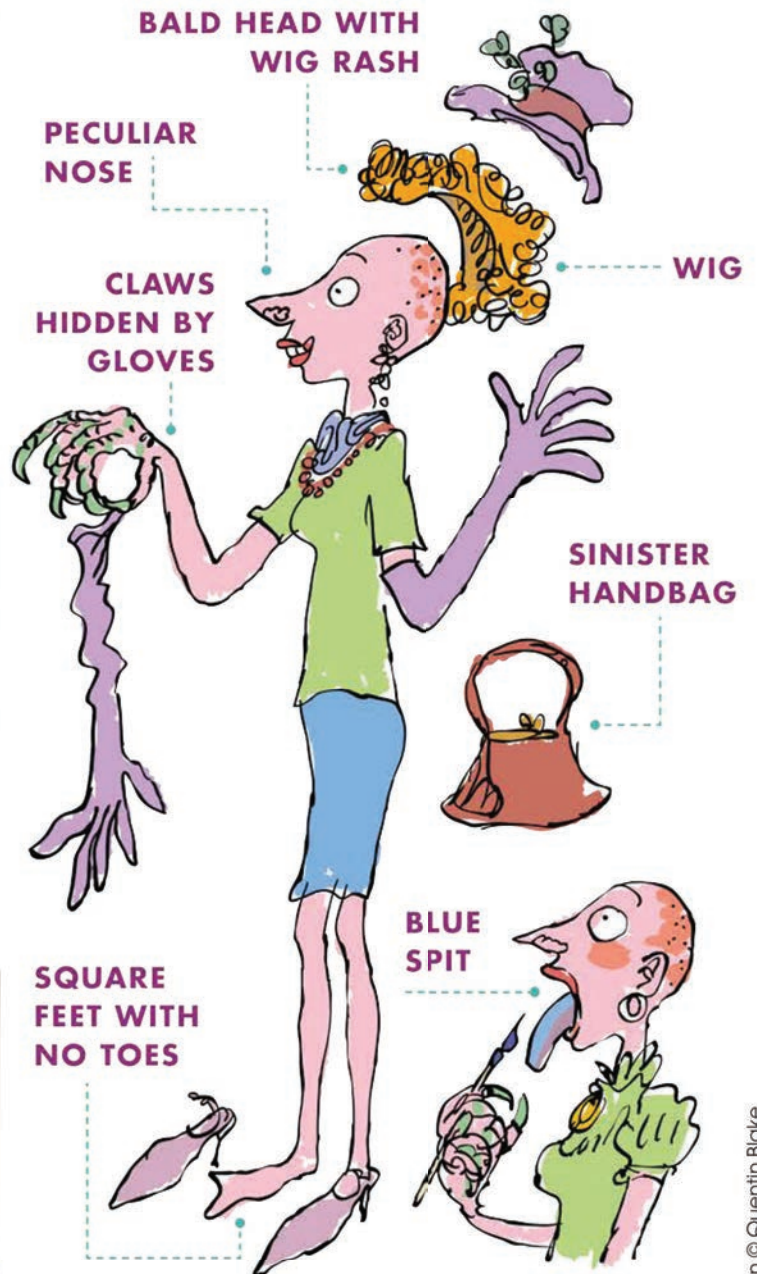
How to spot A WITCH

Witches dress in ordinary clothes and look like ordinary women but there are some subtle signs you can look out for that may save your life if you encounter one! Read the extract from *The Witches* and look at the picture below to learn how to spot a witch.

As far as children are concerned, a REAL WITCH is easily the most dangerous of all the living creatures on earth. What makes her doubly dangerous is the fact that she doesn't look dangerous. Even when you know all the secrets (you will hear about those in a minute), you can still never be quite sure whether it is a witch you are gazing at or just a kind lady. If a tiger were able to make himself look like a large dog with a waggy tail, you would probably go up and pat him on the head. And that would be the end of you. It is the same with witches. They all look like nice ladies.

For all you know, a witch might be living next door to you right now.

Oh, if only there were a way of telling for sure whether a woman was a witch or not, then we could round them all up and put them in the meat-grinder. Unhappily, there is no such way. But there are a number of little signals you can look out for, little quirky habits that all witches have in common, and if you know about these, if you remember them always, then you might just possibly manage to escape from being squelched before you are very much older.



**WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW TO AVOID A WITCH? READ THE REST
IN ROALD DAHL'S *THE WITCHES*.**



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GREETINGS, BRAINBOXES!

This year we're celebrating Matilda! Inside this pack you'll find ideas fit for our very own magical genius, along with a sneak peek at the wicked witches who have some devious plans for 2020. No matter where you're celebrating, you're going to have a marvellous day.

LET THE PARTY BEGIN!



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PLANNING YOUR DAY



Miss Honey has some ideas for teachers on how to structure your celebrations in the classroom:

1 Breakfast Club:

- Eat some toast together! (Just like Miss Honey and Matilda!)
- Make your own Roald Dahl Day party hats, page 5.

2 Morning:

- Decorate your classroom door to look like a magical library – Matilda's favourite place to be!
- Time to dress up! Use the Dahlicious dress-up page for ideas!

3 Break time:

- 'What's the time, Miss Trunchbull?' A Matilda spin on the classic, 'What's the time, Mister Wolf?'

4 Mid-morning:

- Story time! Read your favourite Roald Dahl story.
- Use the Write with Matilda activity from this pack to get your class's brains fizzing with ideas!

5 Lunch:

- Play hide-and-seek in the playground – with the seekers playing Miss Trunchbull.
- If it's a wet lunch, spend the time making Matilda's brilliant bookmarks, page 17.

6 Afternoon:

- **Competition time!** Use the entry sheet in this pack to enter the Roald Dahl Day competition and win some exciting prizes!
- Tune into a very special Roald Dahl Day show – look out for details coming soon on the Puffin Schools website


7 Home time!

- Give each chiddler a copy of the Roald Dahl Day certificate to take home with them!

INVITATIONS

Don't forget to send these out at least a week before your party! Include a **letter home** to parents or grown-up human beans to let them know the details of your party and any preparation that they might need to do.

Dear ,
as an ABSOLUTELY
MARVELLOUS KID,
you are invited to a party
with world-renowned genius
Matilda to celebrate
ROALD DAHL DAY




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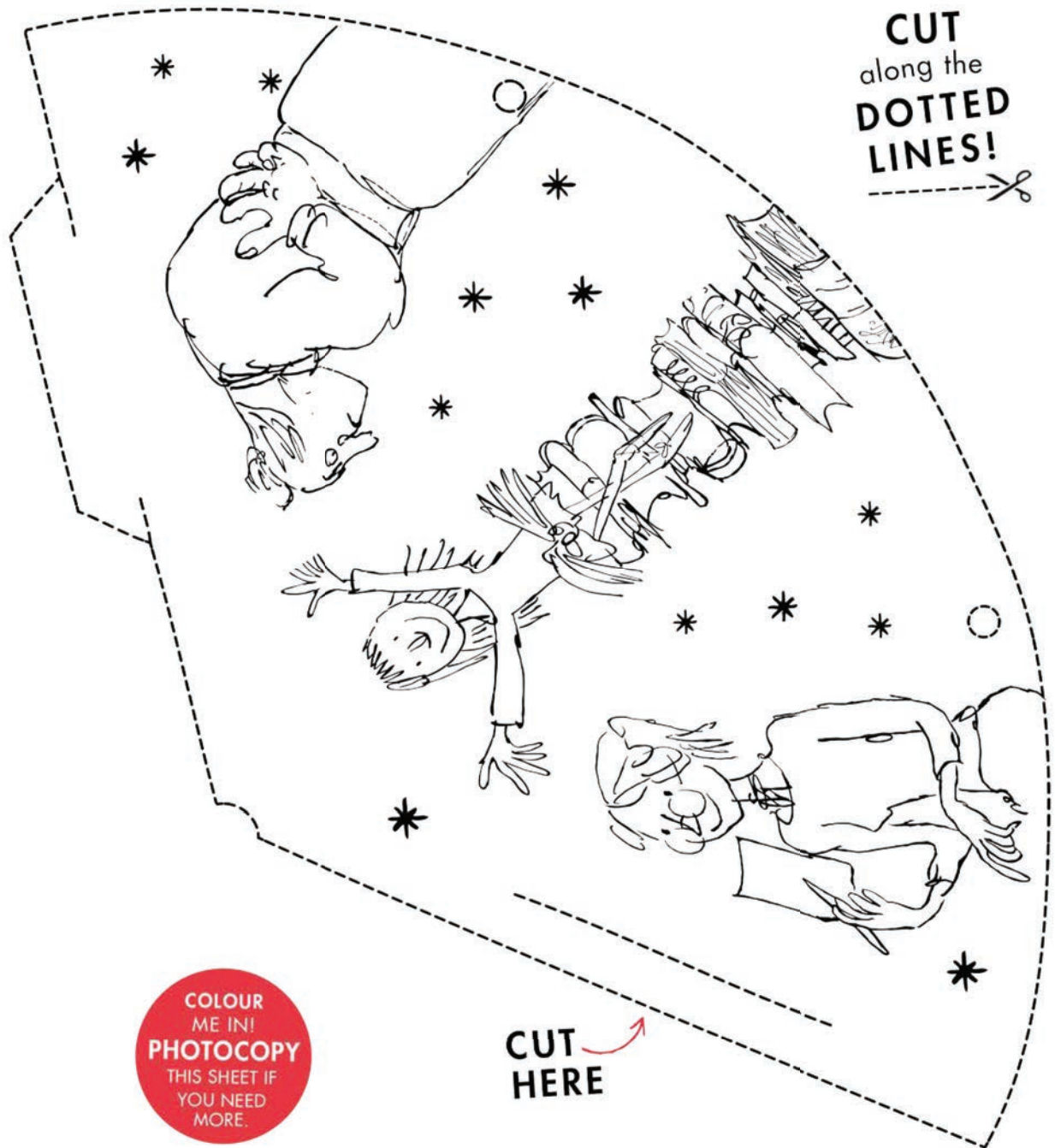


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Roald Dahl PARTY HATS

If required, **ask a grown-up to help**. Cut along the dotted lines and fold over the edges, and slot the fold in. Glue down the folded part and pop the hat on to your guest's head. Add some elastic or string if they've got a wiggly noggin.



COLOUR
ME IN!
PHOTOCOPY
THIS SHEET IF
YOU NEED
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Write with MATILDA

“You witless weed!” A character’s **personality** can be revealed in what they say. Miss Trunchbull is an angry and cruel head teacher who uses lots of creative insults!

“You ignorant little slug!”
“You witless weed!”
“You empty-headed hamster!”
“You stupid glob of glue!”
“You bursting blister!”
“You moth-eaten maggots!”



Can you make up your own creative insults?

Use the ideas box for extra help.

Look at Miss Trunchbull’s speech below.

“It makes me vomit,” she went on, “to think that I am going to have to put up with a load of garbage like you in my school for the next six years.”

Imagine one of the children is brave enough to reply to Miss Trunchbull. **What would they say?**

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IDEAS BOX

MOULDY INSECT grimy creeping
stinking roach LEAKING RAT pit of mud
HORRIBLE PIECE OF ROT TRAIL OF SLIME

This activity has been taken from the book *Roald Dahl’s Creative Writing with Matilda: How to Write Spellbinding Speech* (pages 18–19).



Four different characters are speaking below. What do you think each character's personality is like? **Write your ideas underneath each quote.**

*"Oh my gawd! What's happened to me!
I look terrible! I look just like you gone wrong!"*

*"What piffle is this you are talking, madam?
You must be out of your mind!"*

*"And don't worry about the bits you can't
understand. Sit back and allow the words
to wash around you, like music."*

*"I . . . I . . . I simply put the fourteen down
in my head and multiply it by nineteen.
I'm afraid I don't know how else to explain it."*

Characters can say the same thing in lots of different ways. **Write a sentence of speech for each character below. Remember to use correct punctuation.**

A child in the playground asks a friend what is wrong.

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A zookeeper asks an elephant what is wrong.

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A burglar asks a policeman what is wrong.

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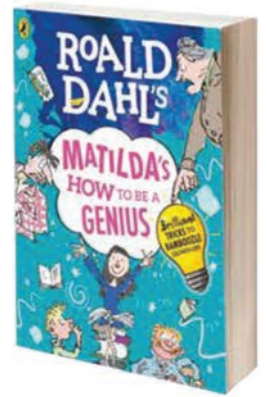
*His speech was never
very delicate but Matilda
was used to it.*



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FLOATING FEAT



When **Miss Trunchbull** wrongly accuses her of putting a newt in the water jug, **Matilda** feels a strange sense of power. She uses that power to tip over a water glass without touching it, spilling it on her horrible head teacher!

YOU WILL NEED:

- TISSUE PAPER
- A PEN
- SCISSORS
- A BALLOON
- A WOOLLEN JUMPER OR SOME FAKE FUR
- OPTIONAL: FEATHERS AND SMALL POLYSTYRENE BALLS



TOP TIP

Use the **same process** to lift up feathers and polystyrene balls.

What to do:

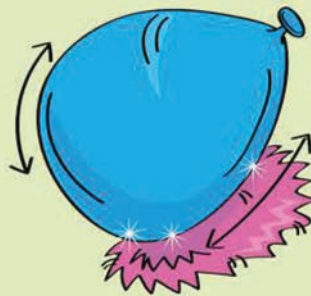
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Use tissue paper and a pen to **trace over the newt shown above twice**, then cut them out.



2

Blow up the balloon and **rub it with the jumper or fake fur for at least 20 seconds.**



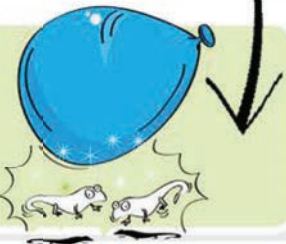
3

Hold the balloon **near your hair**. If you **feel your hair moving towards it**, then the balloon is ready!



4

Hold the balloon **above the newts**. Command, **'Lift up! Lift up!'** and amaze your audience as the newts float up without you touching them!



Matilda's

PHENOMENAL FACT

While performing this trick, you discovered **static electricity** – a stationary electric charge produced by friction (when two objects rub together). When you rubbed the balloon, **electrons jumped from the material onto it**. These electrons produced the force that pulled on the paper newts, lifting them up!

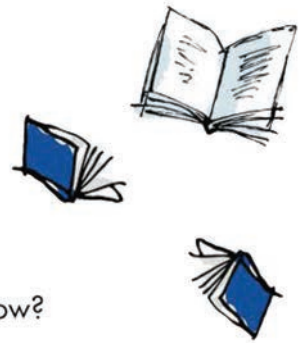


This activity has been taken from the book *Matilda's How to be a Genius* (pages 36–37).



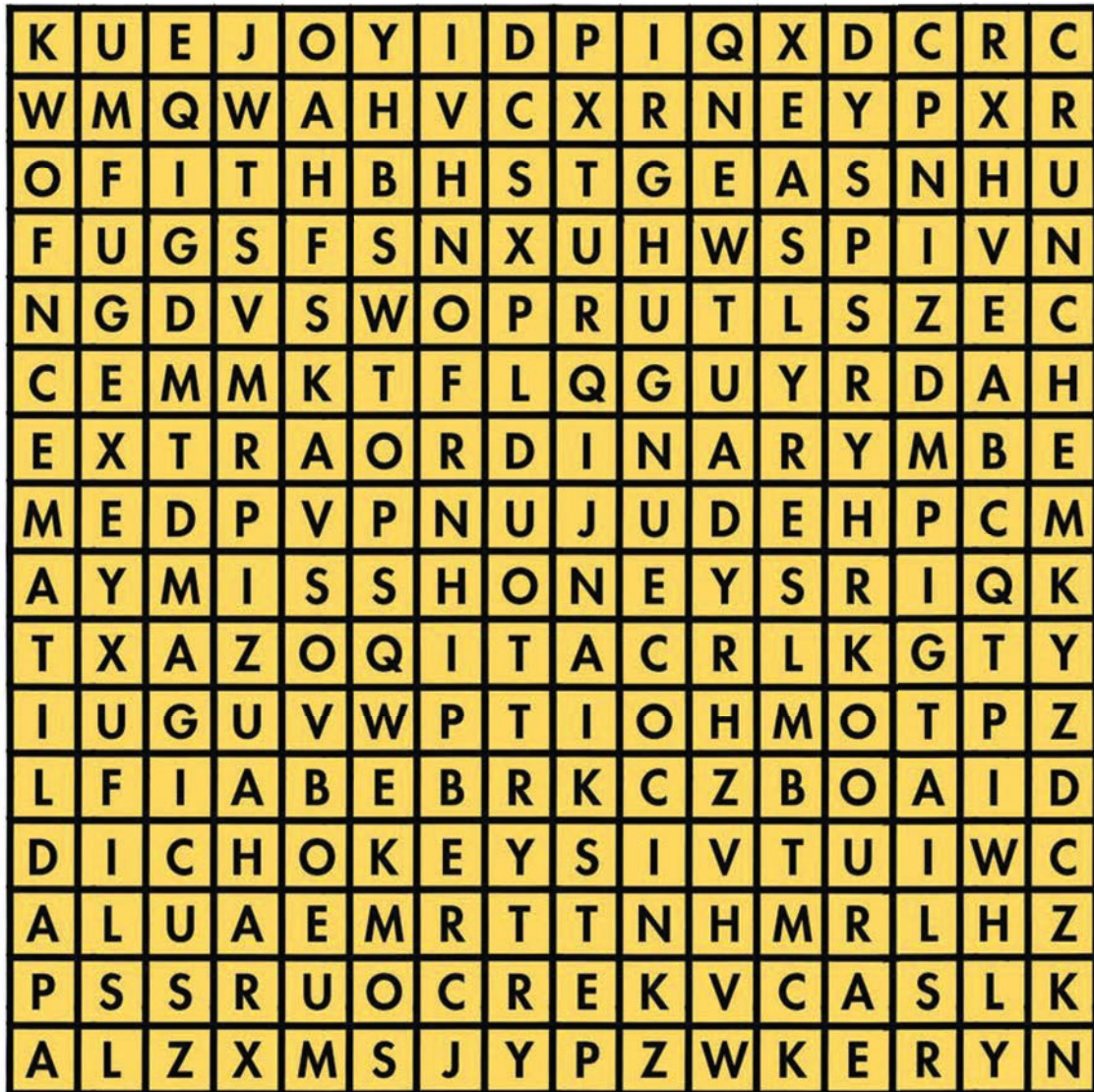


Matilda's Wonderful WORD QUIZ



MATILDA IS A WHIZZ WITH WORDS!

Can you find all the **words** hidden in the word search below?



MATILDA
CRUNCHEM
NEWT
MAGIC

MISS TRUNCHBULL
MISS HONEY
PIGTAILS
EXTRAORDINARY



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Scare MISS TRUNCHBULL

Matilda and her classmates cleverly use a **newt** to scare **Miss Trunchbull**.

Now you can make your very own! Follow the steps below to create a frightening amphibian.



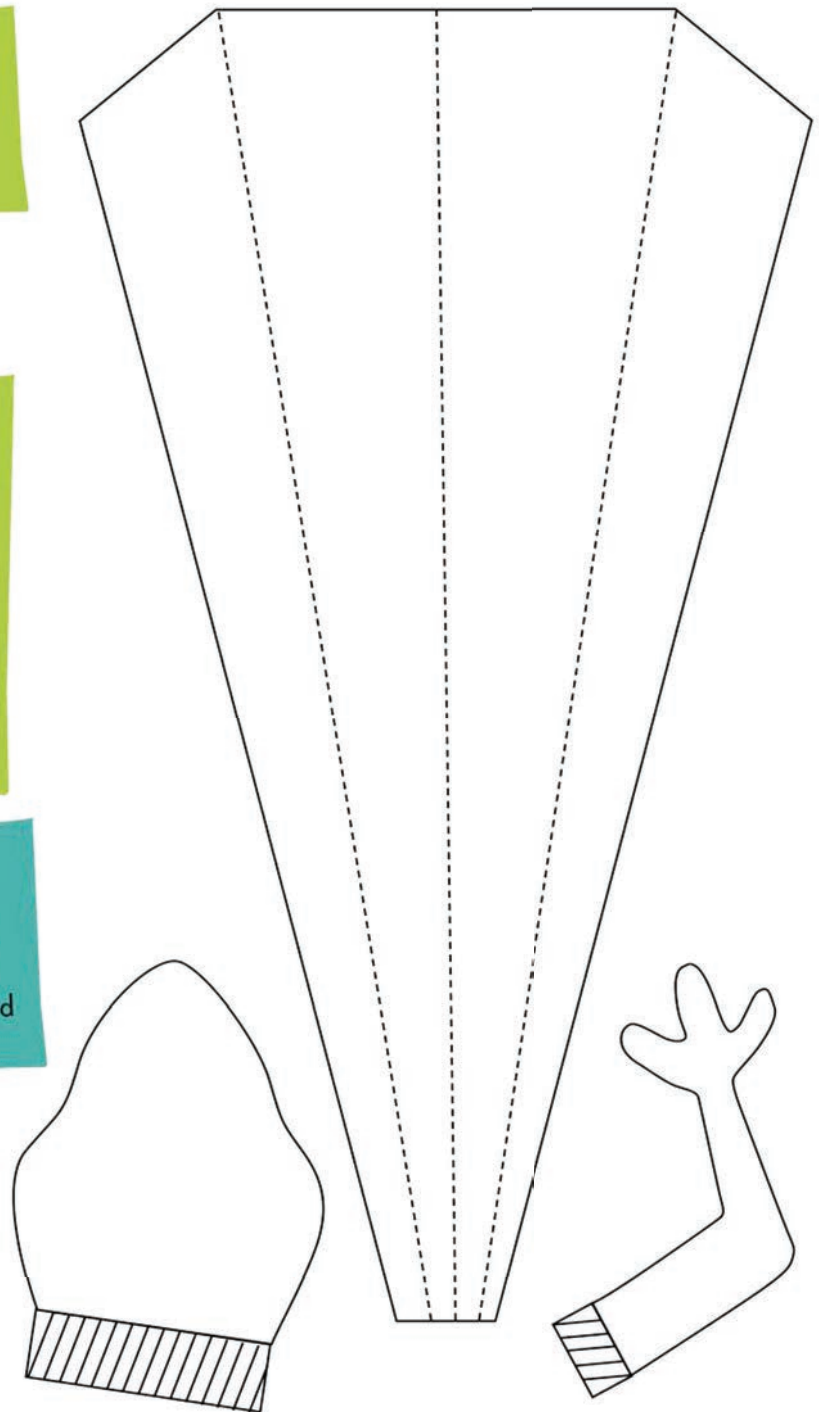
STEP 1: Cut out the body.
Be careful to only cut out the outline – the dotted lines show you where to fold the shape later.

STEP 2: Decorate your newt's body!

STEP 3: Fold your newt's body along the dotted lines (one middle crease and two side folds). Here's where we need to be careful... Cut along the newt's spine: cutting along the middle crease up to the side folds. The side folds will come together to form the belly of the newt underneath his spine. Glue these two side fold pieces together. You now have the slinky body of your newt!

STEP 4: Now it's time to give your newt a head and legs. Be creative! You can use all sorts of things, for example pipe cleaners to make its legs and coloured card for its head.

STEP 5: Decorate your newt!
Add a pair of wobbly eyes and some sparkling sequins to give it shine. You could even cut out some ribbon to give it a tongue!



MATILDA'S NEW CLASSMATE

Matilda is **incredibly brave** and **brilliant** – but she can't defeat the Trunchbull on her own! It takes the help of her fellow classmates to truly triumph! Can you help Matilda by giving her a new classmate to join her adventures? Draw a new classmate for Matilda and write a short paragraph about them. What is their name? What do they like doing? What don't they like? **Be creative!**

Meet the characters from the book and get inspired!



Matilda Wormwood

An extraordinary child at the centre of our story. She's got a magical mind, loves reading and isn't afraid to stand up for what's right.



Bruce Bogtrotter

The boy who dares to steal a slice of the Trunchbull's chocolate cake. When she challenges him to conquer the entire cake, he succeeds!



Lavender

Matilda's best friend. She is gutsy and adventurous, just like Matilda, and is very good at playing brilliant tricks on unsuspecting grown-ups.



Miss Honey

Matilda's kind class teacher who wants to help her and make others realize how brilliant she is.



Miss Trunchbull

Matilda's hulking and horrifying headmistress, who thinks all her pupils are rotten little stinkers.



Mr & Mrs Wormwood

Matilda's very stupid and despicable parents who show absolutely no interest in her at all.



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