



**GREEN  
EGGS  
AND  
HAM**



Do you like books and reading?  
You do not like them so you say.  
Try them.  
Try them and you may.  
Try them and you may, I say.  
No lies, no boredom, straight up knowledge.

We hope you enjoy exploring our second edition of *Green Eggs and Ham*. It's been a short but busy term! Check out our puzzles in fun stuff, read about funky gibbons, learn how to speak Gobblefunk and find out what's happening in the library!



Can you identify the Roald Dahl book titles from the anagrams below?

- 1- tortoise
- 2- will own yak
- 3- jesting match pane ahead
- 4- mad tail
- 5- fax fact on trims
- 6- its the chew

## SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

FIND AS MANY DIFFERENCES AS YOU CAN! THERE'S 10!



- CHIDLERS** » *Children*
- DELUMPTIOUS** » *Delicious*
- FIGGLERS** » *Fingers*
- GIGGLER** » *Little Girls*
- PHIZZWIZARDS** » *Happy Dreams*
- RUMMYTOT** » *Nonsense*
- SKUMPING** » *Worried*
- SPLITZWIGGLED** » *Caught*
- TROGGLEHUMPER** » *Nightmare*
- WHIFFLING** » *Heading Off*
- WHIZZPOPPER** » *Fart*
- WHOPSEY** » *A Little Bit*

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## Do do do the Funky Gibbon!

Harry Styles, watch out - there are some new singing superstars in town!

Scientists have found that a type of ape called a gibbon not only likes to sing, but also like to duet in pairs! Male and female Lar gibbons have been recorded belting tunes together, using synchronised notes in rhythmic patterns. While you might not find their bangers in the charts any time soon, the researchers found that the way they sing is actually quite similar to humans. Experts hope this could provide clues as to how we evolved to create and love music.

The way the gibbons sing is called 'isochronous', which is essentially a fancy way of saying 'at the same time'. The only other primates that have been recorded singing in this way are Indris lemurs - do you think they should start a band? Male and female gibbons use their singing skills to mark out their territory and form close bonds with each other.



The researchers 215 songs recorded from 12 lar gibbons. When they analysed them, they found lots of interesting things:

- All the monkeys had excellent rhythm
- Males sang with more regular beats during duets than when singing solo
- When they sang together, notes would overlap between 16 and 18% of the time
- Female gibbons would sing less regularly when their tunes overlapped with male gibbons
- Henkjan Honing at the University of Amsterdam said that the gibbons may have evolved to have these skills as a way of matching up their vocal displays when they call to one another.

However, the scientists involved in the study are still unclear as to whether this evolution happened a long time ago, or whether it was a more recent development.



### Funky Gibbon Facts

- They're not monkeys, they're apes - the easiest way to tell the difference is to look for a tail. Monkeys have tails, but apes don't
- Gibbons often form lifelong bonds with only one other gibbon, as best mates or as partners
- They're incredibly acrobatic, and mainly get where they need to be by swinging through trees, and can move at incredible speeds of up to 35 miles per hour
- When they do decide to walk, it's more often than not on two feet, putting their arms above their heads for balance - in fact, gibbons are regularly studied for clues on how humans evolved to walk
- Here's one for the Star Wars fans: there are 20 different types of gibbon, including the 'Skywalker Hoolock', which was discovered in 2017 and named after none other than Luke Skywalker himself!

# Booky Stuff!

A little magic can take you a long way.

Which Roald Dahl books do these quotes come from?

I will not pretend I wasn't petrified. I was. But mixed in with the awful fear was a glorious feeling of excitement. Most of the really exciting things we do in our lives scare us to death. They wouldn't be exciting if they didn't.

I understand what you're saying, and your comments are valuable, but I'm gonna ignore your advice.

Never do anything by halves if you want to get away with it. Be outrageous. Go the whole hog. Make sure everything you do is so completely crazy it's unbelievable...

A person who has good thoughts cannot ever be ugly. You can have a wonky nose and a crooked mouth and a double chin and stick-out teeth, but if you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely.



## Dahlisms-How to speak Gobblefunk!

Roald Dahl invented over 500 words and character names, from the famous Oompa-Loompas and whizzpopping to lesser-known Dahlisms like humplecrimp,

lixivate, sogmire and zoonk, but this is the first time many of them have featured in a dictionary. Almost 8,000 real words - and invented ones - are included in the dictionary, which has taken five years to compile.

Dahl famously invented words to stop his readers getting so bored they closed their books and watched TV. Guplewink, grobbled and sleep squiggler were unused but found in his archive during research for the book.

With his love of wordplay, Dahl would scribble his words on yellow pages from the American legal pads he used to write in, swapping letters around and adopting spoonerisms and malapropisms.

The Oxford Roald Dahl Dictionary, which features Dahl's long-time illustrator Sir Quentin Blake, was compiled by lexicographer Dr Susan Rennie.

**Some of Dahl's other words include:**

**Lickswishy:** "A lickswishy taste or flavour is gloriously delicious"

**Phizz-whizzing:** "If you like something or someone"

**Wondercrump:** "Wonderful or splendiferous"

**Snozzberry:** "A type of berry you can eat"

**Snozzwanger:** "A deadly three-footed creature that preys on Oompa-Loompas"

**Scrumdiddlyumptious:** "Food that is utterly delicious"

**Flushbunking:** "Makes no sense whatsoever"

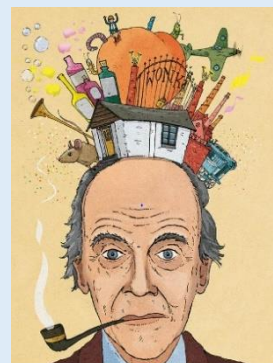
**Gobblefunk:** To "play around with [words] and invent new words or meanings"

**Bopmuggered:** "If a giant is bopmuggered, he is in a very bad situation"

**Frobscottle:** A "green fizzy drink that the BFG and other giants drink instead of water"

**Swashboggling:** "Very special"

**Squishous:** "Very easy to squish"



Can you create some Dahlisms of your own?  
Illustrate them and send them to be displayed  
in the library 😊

# Library Low-down



## Best Bits...

- Students enjoyed our first publication of Green Eggs and Ham!
- New Science -Fiction display to celebrate National Sci-Fi day.
- Students read Dr Who books and unscrambled Dr Who anagrams.
- We celebrated Burns Night with poetry, songs, toss the haggis games and haggis tasting!
- There were code-breaking activities to try out reading Braille for Braille day.
- We were gifted some fantastic new beanbags; thanks to the site team
- We received a fantastic collection of free books to support with the National Literacy Trust's writing competition: Journey into Space.
- Students took part in Energy Saving Week and achieved an energy saver certificate
- Storytelling week gave students the opportunity to Dream up a Gaming World.
- The Library became a Calm Zone for Children's Mental Health Week
- Students sent sonnets for valentine's day

**National Energy Saving week**  
(17<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan)

**How can you make a difference?**

- Complete the Energy Saving Challenge or
- Create an information poster for the competition or
- Create an infomercial

All entries will receive a certificate of achievement in recognition of their contribution to reducing energy use for the good of our planet.

Entries to be handed to Mrs Curry or sent to [library@melkshamok.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:library@melkshamok.wilts.sch.uk) before **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January**.

Useful information can be found in the library or on these links:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/campaigns/energy-saving-week>  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/campaigns/energy-saving-week>

**SCIENCE-FICTION**

READ YOU MUST...  
THESE BOOKS ARE OUT OF THIS WORLD.

**Burns Night**

You are invited to celebrate Burns Night

Venue: Discovery Centre  
Date and time: Luncheon Wed/Thur  
Activities: Wee/Thur  
Toss the Haggis  
Poetry Reading  
Quizzes  
Haggis Toss...

**National Storytelling Week**  
27 January to 4 February.

This fantastic annual event is a joyful celebration of the power of sharing stories. Stories teach us about the world, they help us to step into someone else's shoes and feel empathy, they help us to relax and escape and they can help develop essential literacy skills.

**Dreaming Up a Gaming World**

Do you love gaming?

If you could create a brand-new, fictional gaming world, what would it be like, who would be in it and how would it be played?

Tell us about your fictional gaming world through writing and illustration and have your work proudly displayed in the library.

Planning sheets available from the library or create your own.

Entries to the library by **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

**MY VOICE MATTERS**

WE'RE TAKING PART IN CHILDRENS MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

## Coming up...

Chinese New Year - 10<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> Feb, Stand Up To Bullying Week - 24<sup>th</sup>Feb-1<sup>st</sup> Mar, Women's History Month-Mar, St David's Day - 1<sup>st</sup> Mar, Mathematics Day - 4<sup>th</sup> Mar, World Book Day - 7<sup>th</sup> March (look out for the posters and information from your tutor), Red Nose Day - 15<sup>th</sup> Mar, St Patrick's Day - 17<sup>th</sup> Mar, Ramadan-10<sup>th</sup> Mar - 9<sup>th</sup> Apr, International Day of Happiness-20<sup>th</sup> Mar