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Helpful Hints for Reading at Home

The graphemes (written letters) and phonemes (units of sound) used throughout this series are aligned with Letters and Sounds. This offers a consistent approach to learning whether reading at home or in the classroom.

HERE ARE SOME COMMON WORDS THAT YOUR CHILD MIGHT FIND TRICKY:

water	where	would	know	thought	through	couldn't
laughed	eyes	once	we're	school	can't	our

TOP TIPS FOR HELPING YOUR CHILD TO READ:

- Encourage your child to read aloud as well as silently to themselves.
- Allow your child time to absorb the text and make comments.
- Ask simple questions about the text to assess understanding.
- Encourage your child to clarify the meaning of new vocabulary.

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“Finian Folan?” said Miss Folly.

“Here, Miss Folly,” said Finian.

“School dinners or packed lunch?” she said, not looking up from her computer.

“Packed lunch, Miss,” he answered.

“Harry Matthews?”

“Here...”



They had only been at school three minutes, but Finian Folan and Olivia Visser were enjoying the day so far. They had lined up in the playground, come into class, put their lunchboxes on the side and sat down at their desks. Finian leaned back to look at Olivia. She gave him a thumbs up, then crossed her fingers. Maybe today was the day they would have a normal day at school.





After an uneventful morning, the pair went out to play. Some children were playing superheroes, but Finian and Olivia just watched, giggled and muttered under their breath.

“That’s not how it’s done...” said Olivia.

“I wish I had that power!” said Finian.

“You wish you had any power that isn’t the one you have!”

“At least I’m better at controlling mine...” said Finian grumpily, but he soon shut up after seeing a few sparks fly off Olivia.

The bell rang. The children walked back into class. "Let me through," said Miss Folly shuffling between children. She stopped and her mouth fell open...



Their lunchboxes... had exploded? There were crisps in the arts and crafts box, apples on the alphabet and sandwiches on the smartboard. Miss Folly launched a full investigation straight away. Finian and Olivia gave each other the look and quietly slipped away to their HQ in all the mayhem.



“We can’t have even one day in peace!”
moaned Olivia.

“It’s our job to protect the world, we need
to look into this. Something fishy is going on,”
said Finian.

“Do you think it’s Laser Lens? Or maybe the
Secret Spider Squad are back again?” asked
Olivia.



“Shh! Someone is coming. Quick!” said Olivia. She pulled on a space helmet and stood very still. Finian stood there looking more and more nervous. They could hear footsteps coming. Slowly Finian began to turn into the colours of the cow costume behind him.



The caretaker came in grumbling. “Exploding lunchboxes, whatever next!” she said as she grabbed a mop and bucket and left.



Finian lost his cow colours and Olivia was laughing so much that sparks were flying off her. “Ouch!” said Finian. She calmed herself down.

“Okay, be on high alert. Chameleon Kid and The Shock might just have to save the day... AGAIN,” she said.

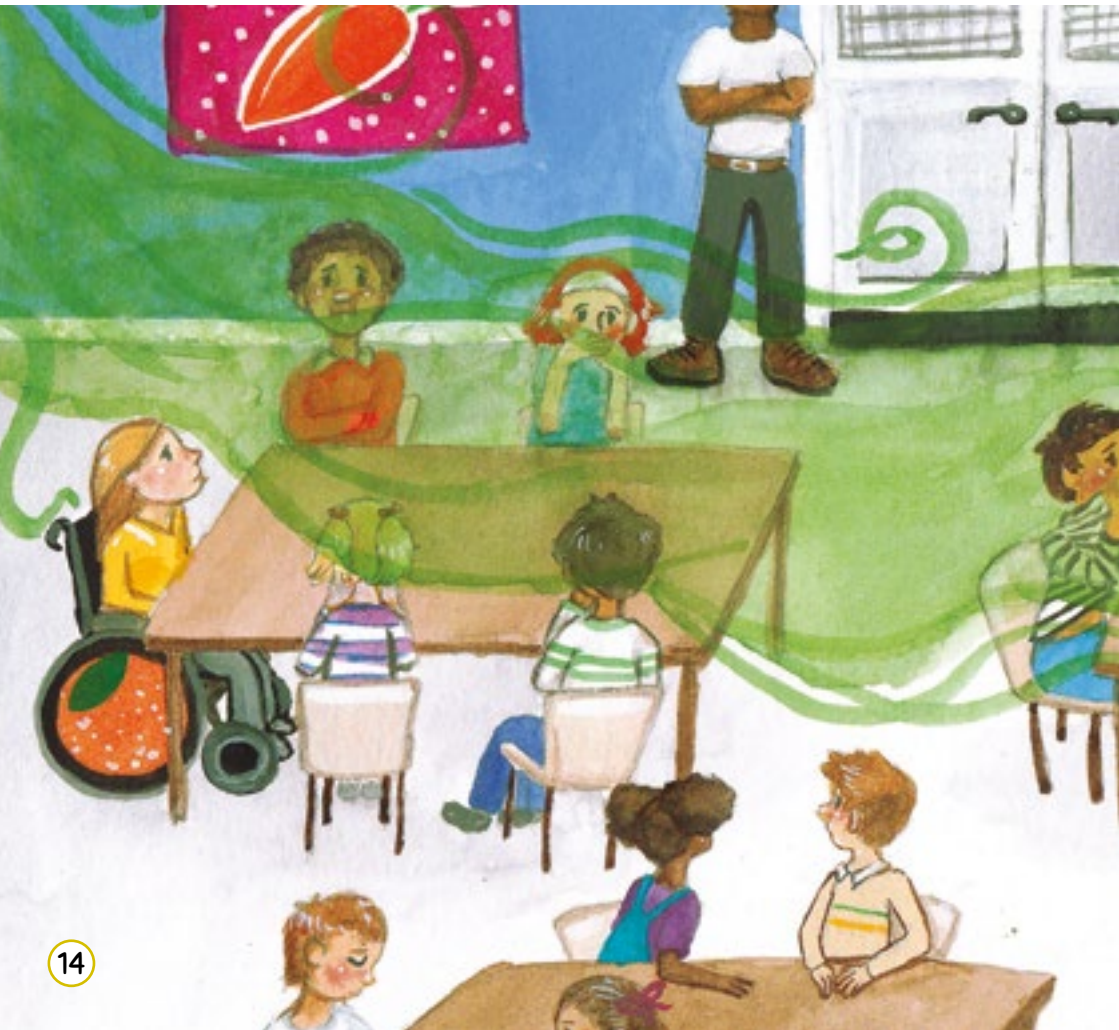
Miss Folly still hadn't worked out who had exploded the lunchboxes by the time the children were lined up outside the lunch hall. "In light of this morning's... disturbance, you are all going to have a cooked dinner today, I am afraid. Now line up nicely and go on through," said the headteacher, who swiftly marched back to her office.

The children shuffled in. Olivia poked Finian in the back and pointed to the door. "I've never seen those lunch monitors before. Where are Pat, Greg and Wally?" she said. "I don't know. This is not looking good, Shock..."





The kids filed to their seats. The lunch monitors locked the doors behind them and stood in front of them, looking at the children with their arms crossed. Finian and Olivia looked at each other and did their secret hand signal. They were both on threat level red and prepared for action.



A strong smell came slowly drifting from the kitchen doors. Children pinched their noses and used their jumpers to hide themselves from the smell. Just when the children felt they could not bear it anymore, the doors flung open. Everyone fell silent and turned towards the green cloud of smoke leaving the kitchen.



Out of the green smoke came more lunch monitors, all holding plates piled with steaming bogey-green mush. There were exclamations of "EWWW!", "What IS that?" and "Why is it so green?" among a hum of groans travelling around the room as the plates were put in front of the children.



The plates were piled high with green. Green cabbage, green Brussels sprouts and green beans. Hidden beneath the green was a pile of baked beans. At the top of the pile was a very hard, very boiled, hard-boiled egg that was so boiled the yolk had turned a greyish-brown.





The children poked the food and tried not to disturb the pile and let out more of the toxic gas hidden underneath the cabbage. One child stood up confidently and exclaimed, "I can't do it. I won't eat it. Let me out of here." A lunch monitor walked up to her and pushed her back down in her seat and put the fork back in her hand.

"Nobody can leave until your plates are clean. Boss's orders," he said gruffly.

The kids went back to their plates and silently tried to force the food down. The only sound was the occasional burp and stomach lurch.





The children were nearing the end of the meal, feeling fed up, full and, quite frankly, full of farts. A loud screech of metal chair legs on the polished concrete floor got the room's attention. A boy kept his gaze to the floor and walked with purpose. Murmurs flew around the air.

"Isn't that Harry Matthews – the kid that farted in assembly last week?"

"Harry, what's going on?"

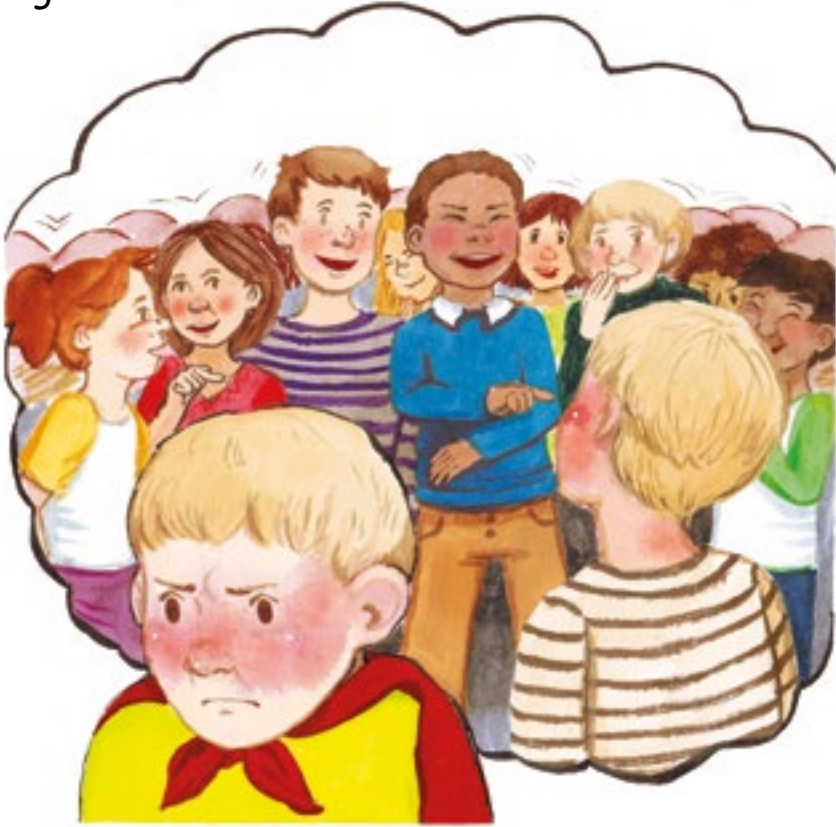
"You aren't still annoyed about the fart thing, are you?"

He stood on a table.

“I am not Harry Matthews... I am Haz-Mat, evil genius and mega-mastermind. I have come to make you all fart!”



“Every single one of you laughed at me last week in assembly. Now it is your turn. You can all be as embarrassed as I was! It shouldn’t be long now...”



Haz-Mat began to laugh and laugh. The other children started to look worried. Then, as if out of nowhere, the first fart came. Soon the cackles of Haz-Mat melted into the background under a fanfare of parps.

Children across the room tried to contain their laughter but they could not. As the children laughed, they let out more and more gas, making them laugh louder and harder.



It was time for Finian and Olivia to become Chameleon Kid and The Shock. Chameleon Kid hid under the table and went see-through. He climbed up onto the ceiling towards Haz-Mat who was still manically laughing in the farty haze. The Shock started buzzing with excitement and electricity, knowing action was on its way.



Then from the top of the ceiling came the loudest fart yet. PAAAARRRP! Everyone looked up, trying to find the culprit. Haz-Mat told the other children to move to the other end of the canteen.

“I didn’t want to have to do this. But it’s time to release a stink bomb. That should show us who is up there...”



The thick gas outlined Chameleon Kid on the ceiling, and another little fart leaked out of him. All the kids sniggered. The Shock charged forwards, ripping off her uniform while shouting, "Chameleon Kid might not be silent or deadly. But I will stop you, Haz-Mat! Chameleon Kid – JUMP!"





Chameleon Kid jumped off the ceiling and landed behind Haz-Mat. The Shock sent a lightning bolt into the stink bomb haze. To escape the explosion, Haz-Mat ran backwards, straight into the clutches of Chameleon Kid. "We've got you now, Haz-Mat!" Chameleon Kid said.

The headteacher stormed in, holding her nose and waving away the fart smell. "What on earth is going on here?" she demanded. "Where are the normal lunch monitors?" she asked. Haz-Mat pointed to the cupboard. The Shock scrambled the keypad with a static shock and the door opened, freeing Pat, Greg and Wally.



All of the kids cheered and laughed as Haz-Mat was dragged away from the canteen by the headteacher.

“No! You were all supposed to be embarrassed. Don’t laugh with each other! I’ll be back. With bigger stinks and more gas, you’ll see!” screamed Haz-Mat.

“Just another day at school,” Olivia sighed.



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1. What powers do Finian and Olivia have?
2. What happens to the lunchboxes?
3. What was at the very top of the pile of their dinner?
 - (a) A soggy carrot
 - (b) A hard-boiled egg
 - (c) A burnt banana
4. Why did Haz-Mat want to make everyone fart?
5. If you could have any super power, what super power would you choose?

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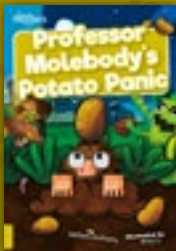
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