

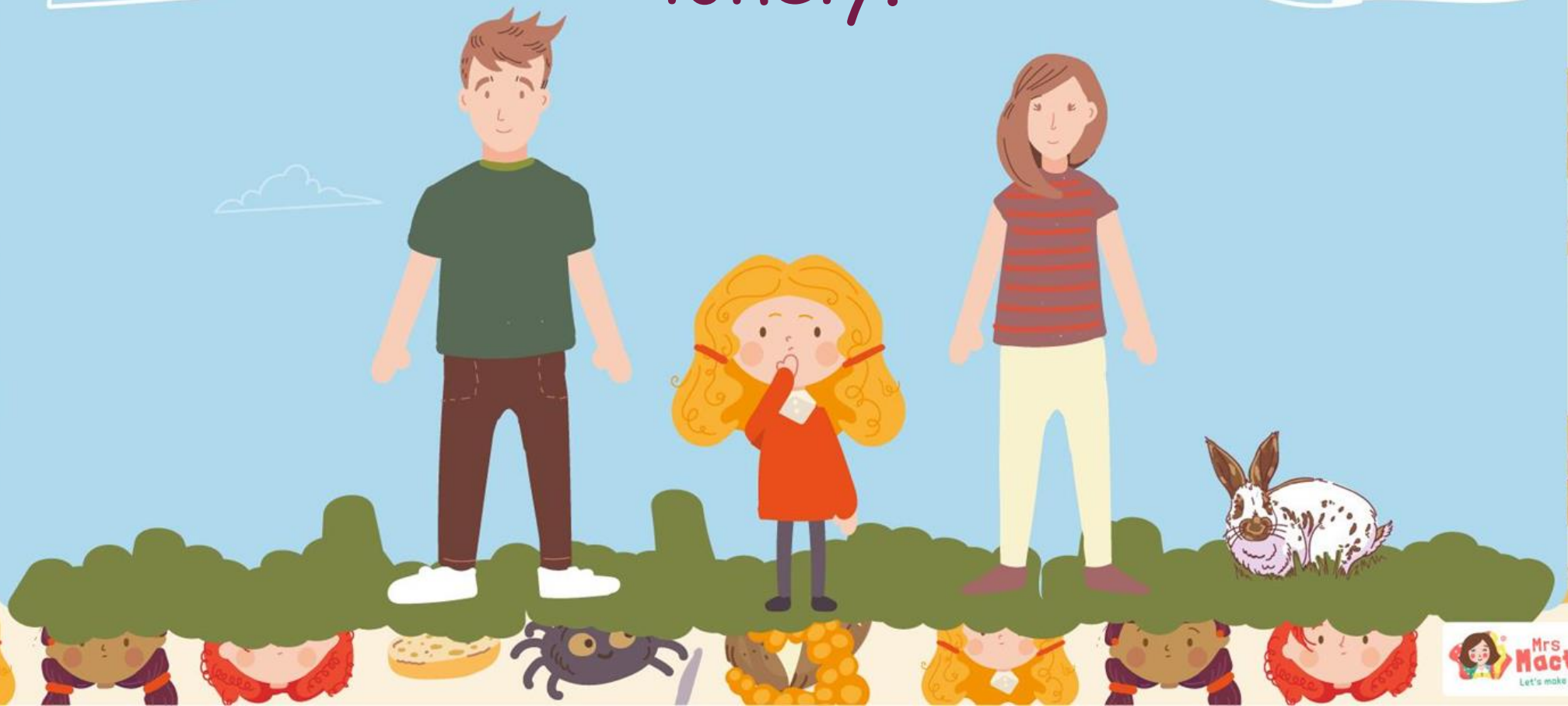
Rose Goes Back To School





There was once a
little girl called Rose
who hadn't been to
school for a while.

It had been nice being at home
spending time with her rabbit
and family, but she still felt
lonely.



She missed her teacher, her friends and even the spider that sometimes came into the classroom.





Rose was worried
about things, and if
they would ever get
back to normal.



Then one day,
Rose's mum told her
that it was almost
time to go back to
school.



Rose was really excited!
She would get to see her
friends again, do normal
learning and **PLAY!**



? But then the worry came back again. It had been such a long time since she'd been at school. She felt nervous. Would it be the same?



On the first day back, Rose's mum woke her up, and she had crumpets for breakfast. Rose's mum told her not to worry because she was loved very much, and grown ups would keep her safe.



When Rose and her dad
walked to school, she kept
seeing people she recognised.
Shyly, she waved and said
“hello”!

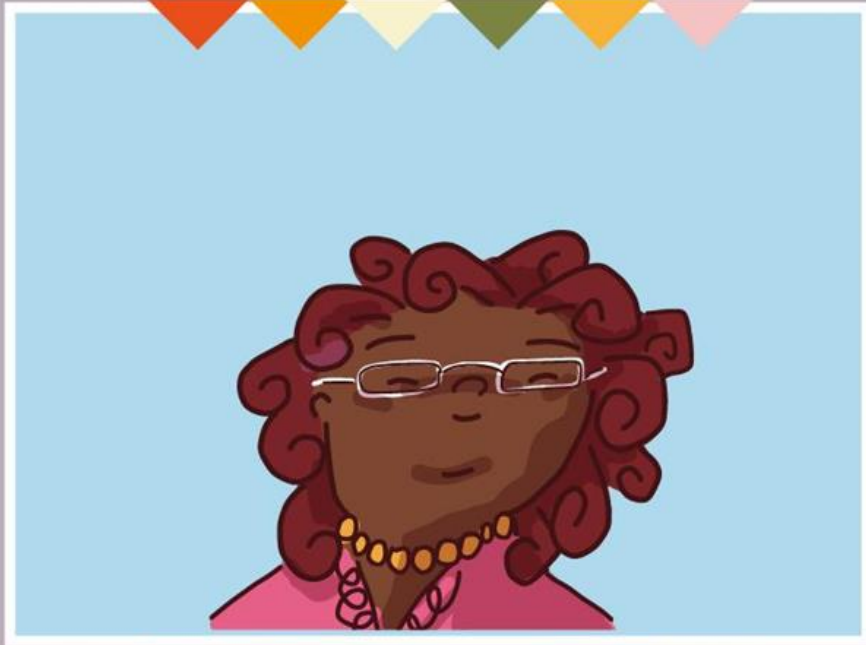


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In the playground,
Rose's dad had to wear
a mask. As he hugged
her good-bye she felt
a little nervous again.



Then she saw her
teacher Miss Brain.
She had missed her
SO much. It was
wonderful to see her
again!



Behind Miss Brain she could see her friends Annabel and Alice. Rose smiled from ear to ear. It was so good to be back!





That day, Rose could see that not much had changed. She still had to wash her hands, and now her teachers wore masks. But she felt safe and happy.

Miss Brain told Rose and her class that the Prime Minister had said that it wouldn't be long before the children could do all the things they enjoyed again.





The headteacher Mrs Allinson said they had all been really brave and sensible, and she was so proud of them for doing so well in their home learning. Some children said they hadn't managed to do much, but Mrs Allinson told them not to worry, "we've all done what we can", she said.

As the school day ended, Rose realised there was nothing to worry about. She had done phonics, maths and writing work, and really enjoyed it all.

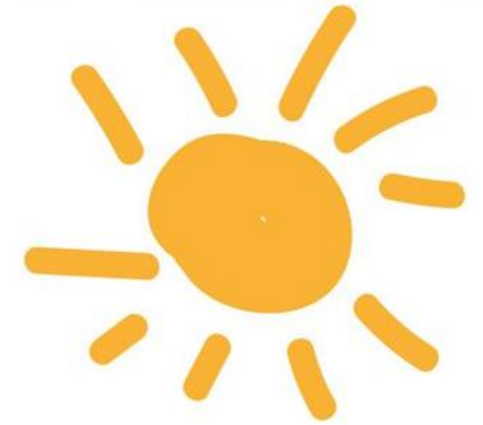
For lunch she had enjoyed jacket potato and beans - her favourite.



Rose's mum picked her up and gave her a big hug, "I missed you Rose, did you have a nice day?" her mum asked.

"I had a wonderful day", said Rose, "I can't wait to go back tomorrow."





These past 12 months have been really hard, but you should be so proud of yourself! You've lived through a really important moment in history, and one day you might tell your own children about it.



1. Why do you think Rose felt nervous about going back to school?
2. How did you or do you feel about going back to school?
3. What has been the worst thing about lockdown?
4. What has been the best thing about lockdown?
5. What have you learned about yourself that you didn't know before?
6. Do you feel like you've been brave?
7. How do you think lockdown has affected grown ups?
8. How will you describe this period to people in the future?
9. What do you think the headteacher meant when she said "we've all done what we can"?