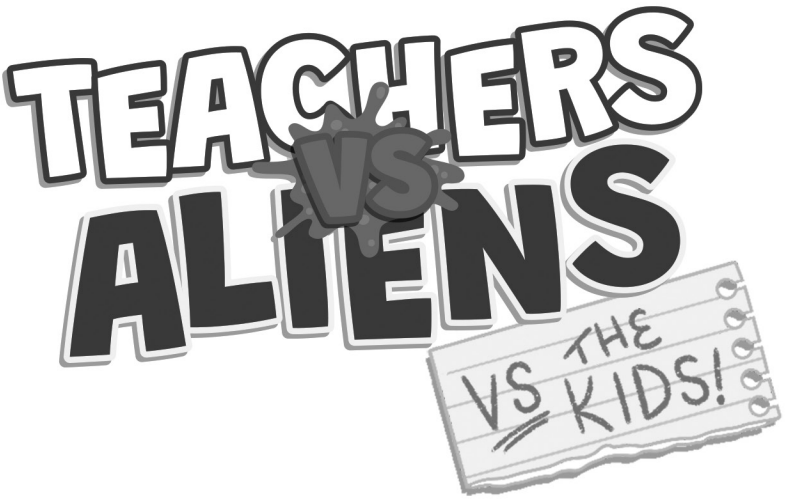


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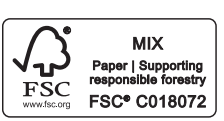
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Introduction

Survival of the Unfittest

You can do ANYTHING! You don't believe me, but you CAN!

...OK, not quite *anything*... You can't make dogs bark Spanish, turn your thumbs into pineapples, or burp glow-in-the-dark rainbows. But you are capable of EXTRAORDINARY things. And the only person who can stop you is...



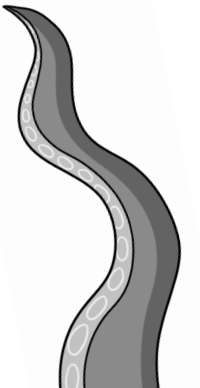
This is the tale of *the* maddest school day… **EVER!!!**

Remember when that school spent twenty-four hours knitting gigantic underpants for elephants? Or that girl who forgot World Book Day, so she sellotaped bread to her face and pretended she was a cookbook? Or Show and Tell when that boy brought in a talking Dalmatian but it turned out it was his little brother with measles?! Well, this day was a gazillion times madder than all of these!

This day was **UNBELIEVABLE**.

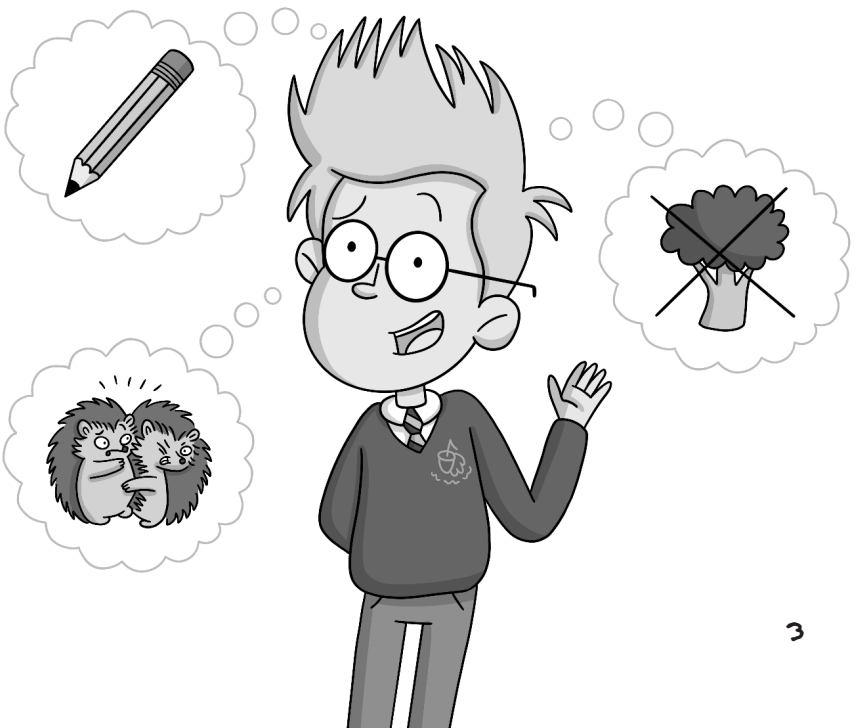
You know how teachers normally have everything under control? Well, on this day, they didn't. They were all over the place like a bowl of soup on a rollercoaster.

But how do you begin a story about the day Planet Earth faced **TOTAL** destruction? Well, an unusual day



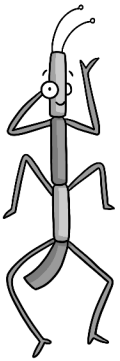
should start in an unusual place, not with terrified teachers nor with tentacled attackers, but with a small bookish child named Finley…

Like you, Finley thought he was *just* another school kid. He was quiet and skinny, with messy blond hair that looked like a porcupine snorkelling in custard. He loved drawing, struggled with broccoli, and wondered how hedgehogs hugged without injuring each other.





Finley really did love school. If he **HAD** to pick a favourite subject, it'd be science. If he **HAD** to be best buddies with a class, it'd be maths. And



if he **HAD** to marry a lesson, then it'd be… completely weird, let's be honest. But he **LOVED** learning things!

It's difficult to believe, then, that the fate of the entire **WORLD** would end up in the hands of this scrawny, school-adoring pipsqueak! Finley wasn't some mega-strong superhero* with big muscley arms that looked like someone had stuffed his jumper with armadillos. Finley's arms were more like soggy, out-of-date spaghetti.

In truth, Finley was the absolute **LAST** person you would want the future of your planet to depend upon…

* Unless there's a new superhero called Asthma Boy... Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's out of breath and needs its inhaler!

List of People You'd Ask to Save the World Before Finley:

1) Everyone
2) Everyone else
3) A passing squirrel named Darren
4) A potato... a ladybird... or a bowl of cake!
5) Everything else... (including Harvey Blood-Sucker)
6) Finley

And this is his story…