



Illustration: The runaway cow.

What was the runaway cow?

- **1st April is traditionally a day for playing harmless tricks on people.**
- **Twinkl NewsRoom have been looking at strange stories that are true.**

Investigate

Where do you get your news from? Make a list of all the different places you might get your news from. Be as specific as possible.

Then, put them into groups of how reliable each news source is. Which ones can you trust? Which might be fake? How can you tell? Create a poster of top tips for how you can spot fake news.

Finally, test your skills using the **Fake News Quiz**.

Write

The 1st April is a time when lots of newspapers will publish a fake story. Make sure you are not fooled! Have a go at creating your own unbelievable story to trick someone else. Mind-map some ideas first.

Check that the idea sounds like it could be true. No one will believe something that is too silly. Once you have the perfect story, write it up using this **newspaper template**.

Remember to include a headline, an image and quotes to make your article seem more believable. See who falls for your news.

Use this link here to help you write a **newspaper article**. It includes a checklist that you can use to see if you have included all the correct features of a newspaper article.

Explore

April Fools' Day has traditions reaching back possibly as far as the 15th century when 1st April was the date of the new year. It has traditions which reach across the world.

Use this **PowerPoint**, the Internet and reference books to look at how April Fools' Day is celebrated around the world. This activity gives more information about April Fools' Day as well.

Then, create a PowerPoint or **booklet** explaining these different traditions.