

# International Children's Book Day



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# Let's celebrate

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International Children's Book Day (ICBD) is celebrated to inspire a love of reading and to celebrate children's books from around the world. It is celebrated every year on or around Hans Christian Andersen's birthday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April.



# International Children's Book Day!

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**We love books** and what better way to celebrate **International Children's Book Day** this year than in our homes with people we love!

**What to do:** read through these pages to find out about **Hans Christian Andersen** and his wonderful children's books. He made a great contribution to fairy tales so **let's celebrate his birthday and International Children's Book Day!**

The following pages are tasks for you to do with people in your house – **work together and help each other!**



# Who was Hans Christian Andersen?

He was a Danish author.

He wrote plays, poetry and books for adults but is most famous for his fairy tales. Many of these, such as ‘The Little Mermaid’, are still very well-known today.



There is a statue of the Little Mermaid in Copenhagen the capital city of Denmark. To this day, the Little Mermaid is the most famous tourist attraction in Denmark. It is also one of **the most photographed statues in the world.**

# What was his life like?

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Growing up, he had no brothers and sisters and was very poor.

He went to school but also had to work to support himself and his mother.

He moved from his hometown Odense in Denmark to become an actor.

It was here he decided to write.

He travelled around Europe and was inspired to write about the places he visited and the local tales.

When he was in England, he met with the famous writer, Charles Dickens. They both told stories involving the poor, showing how it was unfair and so they became friends.

Hans Christian Andersen never married.

Because of all his wonderful stories, he was loved by the people of Denmark.

When he died, in 1875, a large statue was made to remember him and his stories.

Since then, there have been movies made about his stories.



# Hans Christian Andersen Award



The **Hans Christian Andersen Award** is a very special award! It is the **highest international recognition** given to an author and an illustrator of children's books.

Two UK illustrators have received this award!



Quentin Blake (2002)



Anthony Browne (2000)



# Hans Christian Andersen

## Denmark



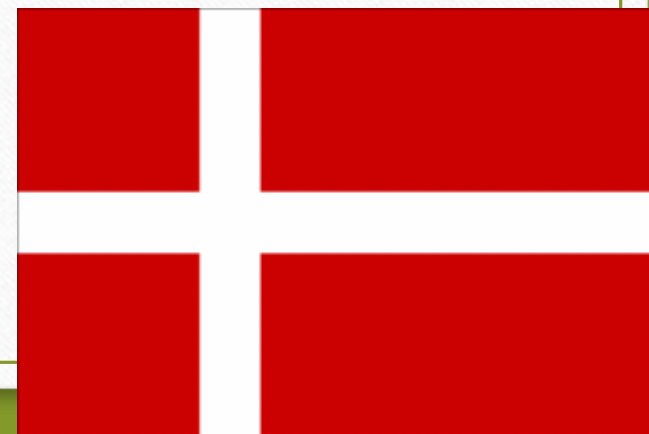
Hans Christian Andersen was born in Odense, Denmark on 2 April 1805

## Geography

Can you draw and colour the Danish flag in your home-learning book?

Can you write an interesting fact about Denmark?

You could even create a fact-file or holiday brochure all about the beautiful country Denmark!





# Writing

H.C Andersen statue in Copenhagen, Denmark



Look at the statue of Hans Christian. In your home learning book write a paragraph or a few sentences pretending to be the statue.

What do you see?

What do you hear?

What are you thinking?





# Our Favourite books by H.C Andersen

Miss Critchley  
Thumbelina

Ms. Bashir  
The Snow Queen

Miss. Cookson  
The Princess and The Pea

Ms. Hugill  
The  
Tinderbox

Ms. Gleave  
The Little  
Match Girl

Mrs Riley  
The  
Nightingale

Miss Richards-  
The Little Match Girl

Mr Ariss  
The Ugly Duckling

Miss. Canty -  
The Princess and the Pea

Miss. Dawson  
The Little Mermaid

Mrs Brown  
The Snow Queen

Ms Mills  
The Nightingale

Mr Haworth  
The Emperor's New Clothes

Miss. Hussain  
The Ugly Duckling

Mr. Holmes  
The Steadfast Tin Soldier

# Reading

## The Ugly Duckling

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Listen in Urdu

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Listen in Romanian

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UPN9YQBm0mo&ab\\_channel=RomanianFairytale](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UPN9YQBm0mo&ab_channel=RomanianFairytale)

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# Art

## Have fun with scissors



Hans Christian Andersen wasn't all literary; he also did some tricky paper cuts to go with his stories.

Get crafts-y, and make yourself some paper people and swans.



A few of HCA many paper cuts

# Music

H.C Andersen loved music too!

**“Where words fail, music speaks.”**

**Hans Christian Andersen**

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Sing along to songs from movies inspired by H.C Andersen:

**Frozen**

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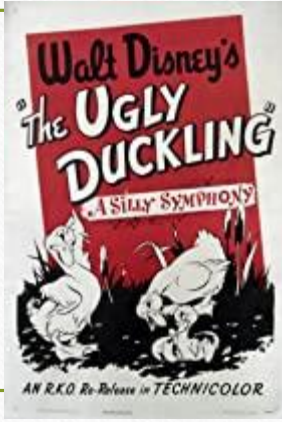
**The Little Mermaid**

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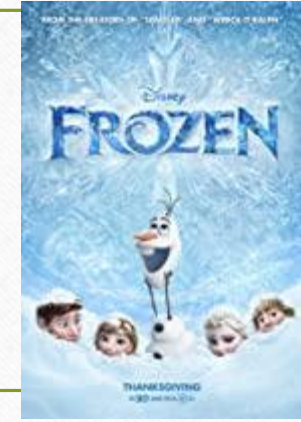
**Thumbelina**

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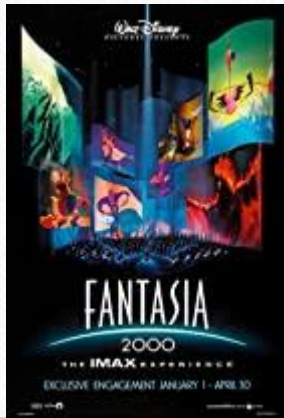


# Movie Time



Hans Christian Anderson's impact to the fairy tale world has been enormous, and lots of his books have been made into movies.

Make some popcorn and enjoy watching a movie inspired by Hans Christian Anderson.



An oval-shaped image showing several chocolate Easter eggs of different colors (brown, pink, yellow) resting on a bed of small, colorful, round candies. The image is set against a light green background.

# Easter Homework

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At Primet we are always looking for fun ways to get children reading. To continue celebrating **International Children's Book Day** we would love to know your favourite book! **Please send us a selfie of you with your favourite book.** We love seeing which books you like reading!

## **Parents too!**

We know one of the best ways to encouraging children to read is if parents/guardians are seen to be reading too. **Please send in photos of yourselves with your favourite book or a book that you are reading now.** We'd love to see what you are reading and share the photographs the school website. **Please email your photos with your first name to: [MsGleave@primet.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:MsGleave@primet.lancs.sch.uk)**