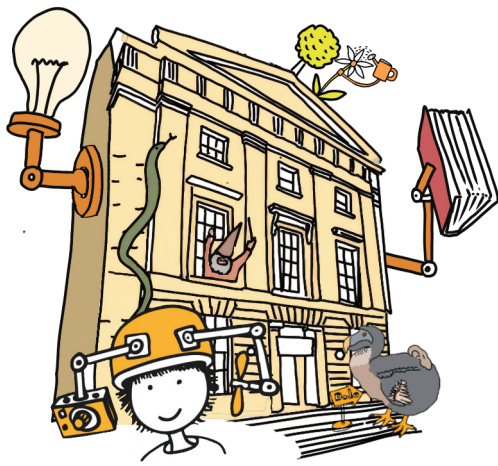




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La Bocca Della Verità

The Mouth of Truth, Italy

People believed that anyone telling a lie while placing their hand inside the mouth of this mysterious statue in Rome would have their fingers bitten off!

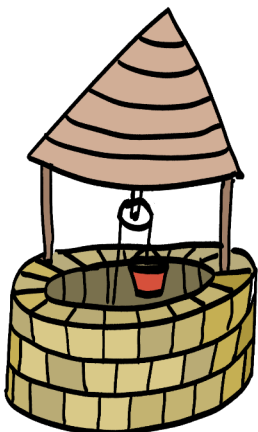
What objects on your way to the playground could change people's behaviour?

What magical thing could the objects around you do?

Pandora's Box

Greek Myth

The Gods gave Pandora a beautiful box and told her to never ever open it. But Pandora was curious, so when she eventually opened the box, all sorts of troubles and misery escaped from it!



The Well of Lewis

Scottish Legend

Magical stones used to whirl around the bottom of a well on the Isle of Lewis. To cure a sick person, people would bring one of these stones in a pail of water for them to drink from. But one day a woman used a stone to cure her goat, and the well lost all its powers!

Could something ordinary today have its own hidden legend?

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Long ago, people believed strange creatures, magical places and mysterious inventions existed all around them, hidden in forests, wells, rivers and roads. Some still do... These stories helped our ancestors understand the world around them.

The world has changed a lot since and so we need new myths!

It's up to you to create the next legendary tale for modern life.

What do myths and legends do?

- explain mysterious things
- protect special places
- encourage kindness
- warn people about danger
- punish dishonesty and selfishness
- help communities remember important ideas

What do you think a modern myth should do?

- protect wildlife
- help lonely people
- reduce pollution
- help people tell or find the truth
- protect old buildings
- make people feel welcome

