

Quentin Blake  
MISTER  
MAGNOLIA



**TITLE: Mister Magnolia**

**AUTHOR: Quentin Blake**

**INTEREST AGE: 3-6 Years**

**BOOKBAND: Orange**

**OUR REVIEW:** Welcome reprint from this popular author.

### English

- Mr Magnolia's trumpet goes 'rooty-toot'. Can you think of other words that can be used to describe the sounds that different instruments make?
- Make up a rhyme / story which explains what happens to the matching boot that Mr Magnolia is missing.
- Find all of the adjectives in the book. Can you think of synonyms for these words.
- Look at the rhyming words within the story? Can you think of other words that rhyme with these?
- Mr Magnolia has lots of medals. Where might he have got these from?
- Mr Magnolia's dinosaur is 'magnificent' can you make up a mnemonic to help you remember how to spell this word?
- Make a new rhyme / story about Mr Magnolia.

### Maths

- Count the animals that can be found in the story. Can you sort them into different groups using Venn and Carroll diagrams?

### Science

- Think about the pond habitat in Mr Magnolia's garden. What other creatures might live there?
- Mr Magnolia's owls are learning to hoot. Think about the sounds that different animals make. Why do they make different sounds?
- What forces are taking place when Mr Magnolia rides his scooter or when he slides down into his pool?
- Can you plan an investigation to find the best surface for scooting / sliding on? Which one has the most / least friction?

### PSHE

- Look at Mr Magnolia's body language within each illustration. What does this tell you about how he is feeling at each point?

## Art

- Design a new boot for Mr Magnolia.
- Design a new outfit that Mr Magnolia might like to wear.
- Draw a picture of a gift that Mr Magnolia might give to the girl as a thank you for his new boot?
- Find out about the author / illustrator, Quentin Blake. What other illustrations has he drawn? Can you try to create a picture in a similar style / using similar techniques?

## Music

- Mr Magnolia's trumpet goes 'rooty-toot'. Can you think of different types of sounds that instruments make? How are these sounds made?

## Geography

- Look at the flags in one of the illustrations. Can you find out what / where they represent?
- Draw a map of Mr Magnolia's house, including the different places shown in the illustrations

## PE

- Can you learn to juggle like Mr Magnolia?

- How does Quentin Blake draw his pictures? What do you notice about the lines and brush strokes?
- Look at the characters in the illustrations – how are they feeling? What is their relationship with Mister Magnolia?
- How has Quentin Blake drawn your attention to the time of year and time of day?
- What do you notice about Quentin Blake's use of colour?

## Other books by Quentin Blake include...

