

Nursery to Year 6 – activities for everyone. Choose the ones you will enjoy.

Listen and read

- Listen to the story on Vimeo. Tricky words will be explained there too. Link: <https://vimeo.com/422431988>
- Read the copy of the story with your family.
- If you are talking to friends and relatives online or on the phone, read them the story.

Get to know the story

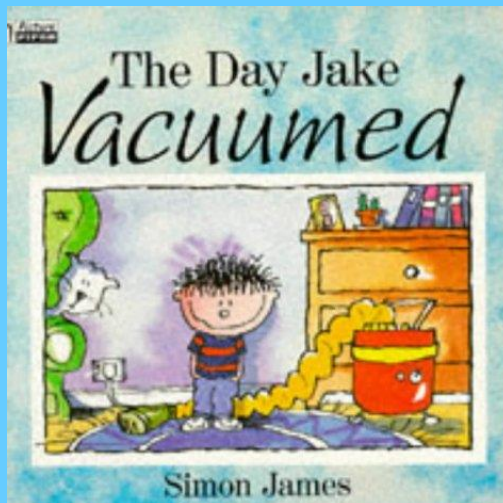
- Draw a time line for the events in the story.
- Make a word search using character names, places, events and important words from the book.
- Make a poster to advertise the book. Say why people should read it.
- Draw a picture of a character from the book. Do they remind you of anyone you know?
- Write down five questions that you would like to ask Jake.
- What would you do with 'total freedom'? Would you enjoy it?

Drama

- **Act out the story with your family.** If there aren't enough of you, take on several parts or act it out with toys. Make some puppets and put on a show.
- **Overheard Conversation.** Pretend to be Jake's mother and father having a conversation about Jake. What would they be saying? Imagine Jake's sister having a conversation with one of her friends. What would they be saying?

There are other great books in this series.

- Jake and His Cousin Sidney
- Jake and the Babysitter



Writing

- Write an acrostic poem with the word JAKE or VACUUMED. Each line starts with a letter from the word.
- Pretend you are one of the characters in the book. Who will you be? Write your diary for the day of the story.
- Pretend to be Jake. Write some instructions for your friends called, 'How to get out of helping your parents.'
- Write another adventure for Jake.
- Imagine what Jake is like at school. Pretend to be Jake's teacher and write a school report.
- Make up some excuses, the more exaggerated the better – for not tidying your room, for not helping wash up after dinner, for not looking after your baby sister or brother, for not eating broccoli. You can probably think of lots more things children would prefer not to do.

Remember to write in sentences so your writing is clear and easy to understand.

Art and DT

- Make masks of all the characters.
- Draw what it would look like inside the vacuum cleaner.
- Jake used the vacuum cleaner as a carriage. Draw pictures of other objects around the house that could be used in a pretending game.
- Imagine what Jake's bedroom looks like. Design a room for him.
- Make a Jake board game. Use ideas from all the games you know – snakes and ladders, Ludo etc.



PSCHE

(Personal, social, citizenship and health education)

- How could Jake be more helpful at home? Think about ways you can help around your home. Which jobs can only be done by adults? Make a cartoon strip to show your ideas.
- How do you get on with your brothers and sisters? Make a table of similarities and differences or what you enjoy doing together and what you enjoy doing separately.