



**RED
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DAY**

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Information for teachers

With Red Nose Day coming up on Friday 15 March, this booklet has been designed to help your class:

- **engage** with Red Nose Day
- **understand** why they are raising money
- **develop** their reading, writing and investigative skills.

There are seven different activities for you to share with your pupils, based on the Red Nose Day story.

Delivery guidance

Organise the pupils into pairs. Give each pair a copy of the sheet 'What is Red Nose Day?' and ask the children to read it in pairs, taking it in turns to read a paragraph out loud. As they read, ask them to underline any unfamiliar words or phrases in the text.

If some pupils finish reading more quickly than others, ask them to try summarising the information to each other, or to look up unfamiliar words in a dictionary.

Bring the class back together to discuss the text. Ask the pupils which words were unfamiliar and discuss definitions, or use the worksheet 'Red Nose Day words' to explore this in more detail.

Ask questions to check pupils' recall and understanding, for example:

- Can you remember the date of this year's Red Nose Day?
- What type of things is money raised on Red Nose Day used for?
- How much money (to the nearest million!) was raised last Red Nose Day?

Depending on the age and ability of your class, pick and choose from the worksheets in this booklet, differentiating for individuals and pairs to ensure that everyone can access activities.

To complete the research activity 'Be a Red Nose Day Detective', pupils will need access to the Red Nose Day website here: www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday. Please take time to check that this aligns with your school's policy on internet use.

WHAT IS RED NOSE DAY?



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RED NOSE DAY IS HERE!

Get ready for Comic Relief's annual fundraising event, **Red Nose Day**, which will take place on **Friday 15 March**.

On Red Nose Day, the nation comes together to raise money to help people affected by poverty, conflict and climate change in the UK and around the world. In schools across the country, pupils will be baking cakes, taking on challenges, wearing Red Noses and dressing up to raise a smile, a laugh, and all-important money.

The highlight of Red Nose Day is always the Friday evening TV show. This year's telethon will include live performances, comedy sketches and celebrity challenges.

How will the money raised make a difference?

The money raised this Red Nose Day will be used to help put food on plates and roofs over heads, keep little ones safe and protect families from conflict and climate change.

- **£1** could buy fruit and a healthy snack for a child.
- **£10** could provide a child with a disability in Kenya with essential equipment so they can go to school.
- **£50** could provide a new mother seeking asylum in the UK with a week's supply of baby food and essentials.
- **£100** could help provide a week's worth of nutritious meals and activities for two children over half term.

The history of Red Nose Day

The charity Comic Relief was founded in 1985 by the comedian Sir Lenny Henry and the comedy scriptwriter Richard Curtis. Their idea was to get comedians to make the public laugh, with the aim of raising money to help people around the world facing tough times.

The first Red Nose Day took place in 1988 and raised a huge £15 million!

Over the years, many famous celebrities have taken part in Red Nose Day challenges and events. Last year's telethon was presented by David Tennant, Paddy McGuinness, Zoe Ball, Joel Dommett and AJ Odudu. An amazing £35,310,407 was raised!

Glossary

charity

An organisation set up to provide help and raise money for people in need.

disadvantaged

Lacking the support and resources that most people have.

telethon

A TV programme to raise money for charity.

conflict

A battle, war or struggle.

climate change

Long-term shifts in temperatures and weather patterns.

asylum

Protection given to someone who has left their home country as a refugee.

nutritious

Containing the substances we need for our body to be healthy.

Can you use the glossary above to complete the following sentences?

1. On Friday 15 March, I am going to watch the _____ on TV.
2. School dinners are _____ and delicious.
3. The _____ in Ukraine began when Russia invaded in 2022.
4. Comic Relief is a _____.
5. Money raised on Red Nose Day helps _____ people in the UK and around the world.
6. Sea levels are rising because of _____.
7. They applied for _____ as it was not safe in their own country.

THE RED NOSE DAY STORY



1. On what date is Red Nose Day being celebrated this year?

2. Find and write down three things children often do to raise money on Red Nose Day.

1.

2.

3.

3. When will the Red Nose Day telethon take place?

4. What could £10 raised for Red Nose Day be used for?

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5. How much money would be needed to help provide a week's worth of nutritious meals and activities for two children over half term?

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6. Who founded the charity Comic Relief?

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7. How much did Red Nose Day raise in 2023?

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8. Why do you think people want to get involved in Red Nose Day? Explain your answer.

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TRUE OR FALSE?



Tick to show whether each statement is true or false according to the information you have read.



TRUE



FALSE

Comic Relief was founded in 1988.

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This year's Red Nose Day will take place on Friday 22 March.

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Money raised will help people in need in the UK and around the world.

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£1 could buy fruit and a healthy snack for a child.

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The Friday evening TV show is called a telethover.

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David Tennant was one of the presenters last year.

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To support Red Nose Day, people wear red ears.

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Richard Curtis, who founded Comic Relief, is a singer.

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Last year's Red Nose Day raised over £35 million.

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Lots of schools raise money for Red Nose Day by running a marathon.

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RED NOSE DAY HANDWRITING



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Read each sentence carefully, trace it, then write it in your neatest, joined handwriting style.

Do something funny for money this Red Nose Day.
Money raised will help change lives for good.

Do something funny for money this Red Nose Day.
Money raised will help change lives for good.

I am going to have lots of fun with my friends.

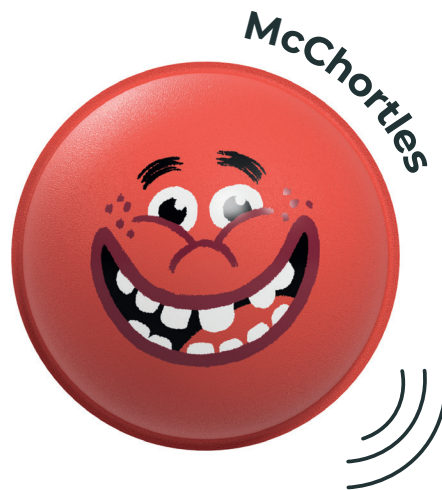
I am going to have lots of fun with my friends.

Handwriting practice lines for the sentence: I am going to have lots of fun with my friends.

DESCRIBE THE RED NOSES



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Circle the words that describe the Red Noses.

blue eyes hairy round funny sad
silly square serious red white teeth

Can you add any words of your own to describe the Red Noses?

Write a short sentence to describe each Red Nose.

1.
2.
3.

BE A RED NOSE DAY DETECTIVE



Carry out your own research into Red Nose Day to answer the following questions.

Why is Red Nose Day important?

Four horizontal dotted lines for writing the answer to the question 'Why is Red Nose Day important?'.

What are five interesting things about Red Nose Day?

A list of five numbered items (1. to 5.) with horizontal dotted lines for writing the answer to the question 'What are five interesting things about Red Nose Day?'.

Write about one project that has been helped by Comic Relief.

Four horizontal dotted lines for writing the answer to the question 'Write about one project that has been helped by Comic Relief.'.

TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY!

Now that you know all about this year's Red Nose Day, write a letter to a friend or someone in your family to tell them about the fun and fundraising coming up. Include information about when Red Nose Day is taking place, how they can get involved, and how money raised will be used.

