



Focus on... English

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On this day in...

1823 Edward Jenner died. An English physician, he invented the smallpox vaccination in 1796 after observing that milkmaids were immune to smallpox. He postulated that the pus in the blisters that milkmaids received from cowpox (a disease like smallpox, but much less virulent) protected them. He then went on to test and prove his theory.

Picture this...

Use the pictures to guess the English idiom.



Clue: Sleep

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The author...

Abi grew up in Scotland and weekends were spent building dens in the woods, jumping into icy rivers, hiding in tree houses and running wild across highland glens. Abi loved English lessons and she loved stories: reading them, writing them, listening to them – and it was then that she discovered worlds behind wardrobes, teachers called Trunchbull and shape-shifting daemons. Year 6 are reading Sky song: a story about an eagle huntress, an inventor and an organ made of icicles. But it is also a story about belonging, even at the very edges of our world.

Oh my word...

fizgig

noun: a type of firework that makes a loud hissing sound.

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