



'I'm Bored!' Autumn half term challenge



Gather round everyone...there's a chill in the air, strange spooky goings on, monster crab sightings and a MER-CHICKEN?! Check out our half term challenges and share your creativity with us on social media!

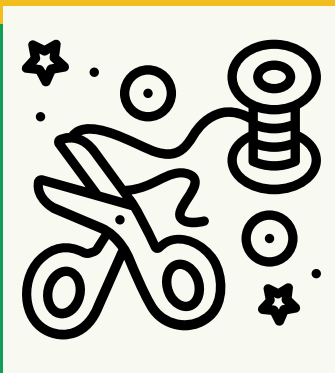
The Mer-Chicken



Dorset folklore tells the tale of a huge creature...described as half chicken, half bearded man/woman with legs 'half a yard long' it appeared from the sea and stood on the water!

Tell us your tale of the Mer-Chicken - where is the story set, what did the creature look like, what did it sound like, was it loud and scary, did it smell? Did it live on land and in the sea? Did it cause havoc and chaos or was it a misunderstood monster? Your tale can be as long as you like, you could even write a poem!

Get crafting



In 1705 in the Parish of Shapwick a live crab being transported by a fishmonger from Poole to Bere Regis fell off of the cart and was found not far from East Farm...the villagers had never seen a crab and thought it was the devil and promptly tried to drive the monstrous beast away with pitchforks!

Why not make or draw your own Mer-Chicken or monster crab? You can create it in so many ways...with paint, pencils, play doh, craft pieces, cardboard or junk modelling – the list is endless!

Bake!

Your little ones are bound to be hungry after all that story telling and crafting – what better way to feed the hunger monster than with a slice of delicious Dorset Apple Cake. Check out our [recipe here](#) *

*If you're feeling naughty you can always warm it up and serve it with cream or ice cream!




Chalk giants

Lying on a hill in Cerne Abbas is the outline of a giant, measuring a huge 180feet and carrying a massive 120ft long knobbed club! Folklore suggests the figure represents a great Danish giant leader who raided the English coast before falling asleep on the hill...where villagers promptly cut off his head and drew around him to show where he was defeated!

Eerie sightings and ghostly ghouls, mysterious mists and witches whispers – Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole are a haunted haven.




Visit the official websites for [Bournemouth](#), [Christchurch](#) & [Poole](#) for more details!

There's a host of things to do this halloweeeeeeeeeeeeeeen!

Don't forget to share your baking, crafting and story telling with us on social media

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