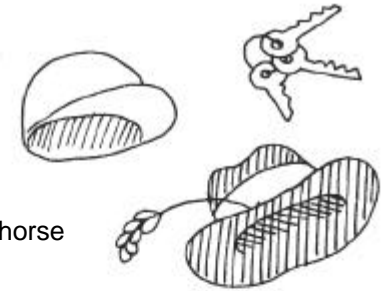
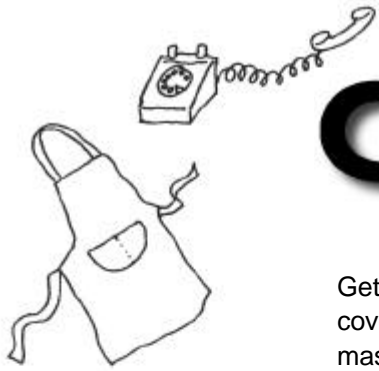
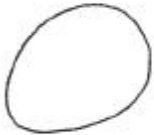


Costume ideas



Get all the children to make tie-on paper masks, covering forehead, eyes and nose. They can make masks with papier-mâché and balloons: give each child a blown-up balloon. Rub petroleum jelly all over the balloon. Mix up strips of newspaper and paste and get the children to cover their balloons with layers of papier-mâché, smoothing it all over and leaving the knot of the balloon sticking out. Then let the balloons dry in a warm place for a day or so. Pop the balloons and pull them out of the dry papier-mâché casing. Cut the papier-mâché 'eggs' in half, and punch out holes for eyes and mouth.

- ◆ Dobbin the horse can have a bridle or a 'horse brass' made of card round his shoulders.
- ◆ Bring in hats for others (trilby for Farmer Hatchem, baseball caps on backwards for Truckers, dinner-person hat for Bernie Burns, helmet for Constable Catchem).
- ◆ An apron and large serving spoon for Bernie Burns and an apron, notepad and napkin for Ping Kwok.
- ◆ Miss Miss should carry a big register (or other teacher's prop the children will recognise).
- ◆ Find or make yellow visibility waistcoats for Dustmen.
- ◆ Make big, yellow, three-toed feet in stiff paper or card tied on over the Hens' shoes (or yellow rubber gloves pulled on over socks). Show the children how to walk like Hens, with high knees and flat feet.
- ◆ Get all the children to make painted paper/card/papier-mâché eggs for the Hens and a papier-mâché truncheon for Constable Catchem.



- ◆ Give Q's mask cat-like ears, a curly mane made out of wool, a brown nose made from a piece of an egg-box and stuck-on pipe-cleaner whiskers. He could have a plaited woollen tail long enough to twirl round with a tassel on the end, safety-pinned to the narrator's back.
- ◆ Give the Hens red combs stapled to the mask and big yellow beaks made from cones of card. Staple red card or felt wattles under the beaks. You could make cardboard 'wings' for the arms, too!
- ◆ Give Wully Lamb floppy felt or card ears, lots of white wool curls and a black egg-box nose. Stuff legs of old tights to tie tails on the animals.

