

## **Mr Chicken arriva a Roma**

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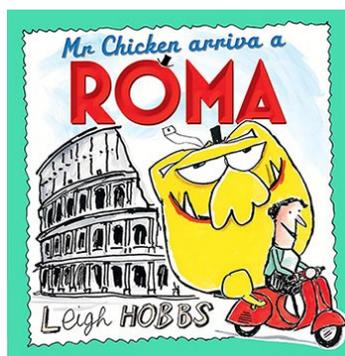
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Mr Chicken has been to Paris and London, but his taste for travel is insatiable - now it's time to visit Rome, a city of ancient wonders and delicious things to eat. From the hilarious mind of the 2016-2017 Australian Children's Laureate.

'Welcome to Rome,' says Mr Chicken's guide, Federica. 'Climb aboard my Vespa and hold on to your hat.'

Mr Chicken's childhood dream is about to begin...

Another triumph from the Australian Children's Laureate, acclaimed creator of *Mr Chicken Goes to Paris* and *Mr Chicken Lands on London*.



### **Themes:**

- Rome
- Travelling
- History
- Different cultures

### **Discussion Points:**

- Before reading the story, what country is Roma in? Do we also call this city by another name?
- Mr Chicken arrived 'incognito'. What does this mean?
- Find all the Italian words in the story. Do you know what any of them mean? If not, find out the meaning of the words.
- Have you ever been to Italy? If so, what was your favourite thing about it? If you haven't, what do you think you would like to see if you were to visit?
- Have you ever been to a country where you did not speak the language? What were the biggest challenges? If you haven't, what do you think the biggest challenges would be?
- What famous Italian landmarks are mentioned in the story? What do you know about them?
- Where does Mr Chicken go in his dream?

### **Activities:**

- Have your own Italian food day at school. You may be able to arrange to bring things from home or have a special cooking class at school.
- Mr Chicken had many different types of pasta to choose from. Find out some of the different types of pasta that there are and create a poster showing the different types.
- Choose a place overseas and imagine you are going on a holiday. Make a list of all the things you might take with you when you go. Think about what you will need for any activities, if the weather will be different to home, what type of money you might need etc.
- Make your own version of 'Mr Chicken'.