## The Stay Home Superheroes

Once upon a time there lived a little fox called Roley. Roley loved going to school to learn and play with his friends.

But one day, everything started to change, Roley heard on the news that there was a BIG problem. This problem was so big that it started to spread all over the world. All the grownups were talking about it, all the children were talking about it, in fact, every single person in the whole world was talking about it. Everyone started to feel worried about the BIG problem.

Soon, the BIG problem caused big changes. At first mum stopped taking him swimming, then dad stopped going to work, then he found out that school was closed and day by day the big, busy world he lived in got quieter and quieter.

Roley was confused. He felt scared too. He had so many questions. What was going on? Would it be ok? How would they stop the BIG Problem?

"It's ok to be scared and worried, lots of other children feel that way, even adults feel scared too sometimes" said his mum and she gave him a BIG hug.

"But all of the very best, cleverest people in the whole world are working hard to fix the BIG Problem right now" she explained.

This made him feel a little better. Surely the cleverest people in the world could find a way to fix it!

Mummy explained that there were lots and lots of special helpers working hard to save the world and stop the problem.

"Like superheroes?" said Roley.

"Just like superheroes," said mummy, smiling.

He wanted to be a superhero too. This was his chance! 'Super Roley' to the rescue! He jumped up, ready to run outside and join all the other superheroes to fight off the BIG Problem and save the world, but mummy stopped him and locked the door.

"Hey! How can I help fight the BIG Problem if I'm stuck inside?" He asked.

"You are going to become a Stay Home Superhero!" She explained.

Roley had never heard of THAT kind of superhero before. Mum had told him that Stay Home Superheroes could help fight off the BIG Problem by using their Stay Home Superpowers. But what were they? He didn't have super strength or super speed.

"The BIG Problem can't be solved with super strength or super speed. The BIG Problem will only stop growing if all the new Superheroes use their Stay Home Superpower to stay home. In fact, if all the new Stay Home Superheroes work together the BIG Problem will get smaller, and smaller until it goes away!" mum explained.

Roley started to feel excited. He couldn't wait to tell his friends that they could turn into a Stay Home Superheroes too.

Roley got to work quickly, using his superhero creativity to think of all the fun things he could do at home. He made a long list with his mum and dad: pillow forts, cooking, games, dancing, puppet shows, singing, movies and MORE! Even better. Roley found out he could still play in the garden and go outside too, as long as he stayed away from all the other superheroes who lived in other houses. But they could wave to each other and wink, because they knew the special job they were doing!

Roley did miss playing with his friends and going to school. But then he remembered how important his new Superhero job was. He was helping to save the whole world and that made him feel good inside. He was very proud of himself.

Roley the Stay Home Superhero and all his Superhero friends worked hard together to help save the world, all without leaving their homes. And now you know, you are being a superhero too!

The end

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