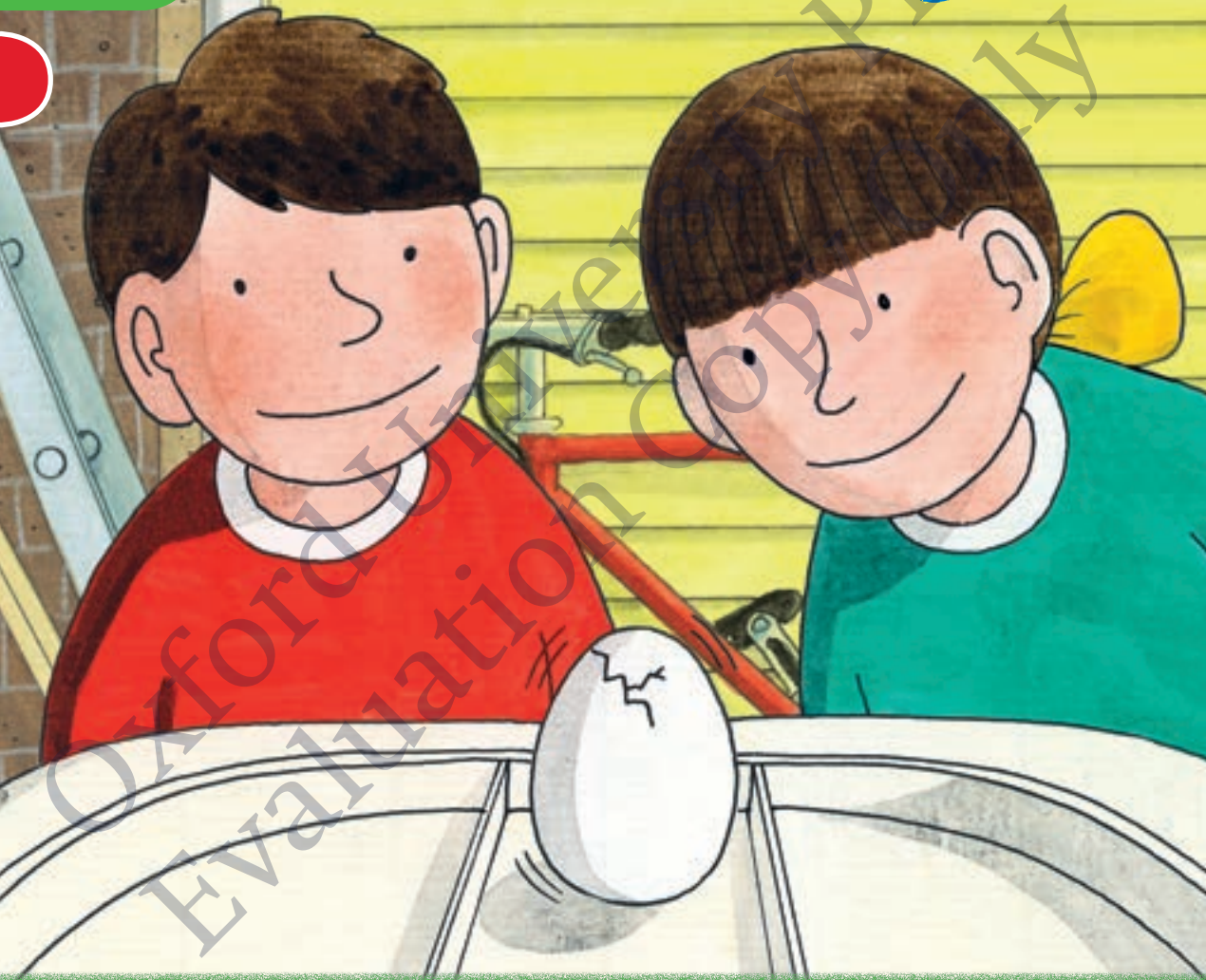


The Odd Egg



Series created by Roderick Hunt and Alex Brychta



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created by Roderick Hunt and Alex Brychta

BEFORE READING

Talk together

- Look at the front cover and read the title together. Ask: *What are Biff and Chip looking at?*
- Ask: *What do you think will happen in this story?*
- Look through the book and talk about the pictures.

About the words in this book

- Your child should be able to sound out and blend some words, which may include:

**with this will sell pen
egg fun fan duckling
chick odd ten did**

- Some words may be more challenging. Encourage or model blending, then read the words below to your child if necessary.

**we she they was
went said hatch
incubator lamp
farm turn**



DURING READING

Enjoy the story together.
If your child needs support to read the words:

- Ask your child to point from left to right under each word whilst reading.
- Model how to sound out and blend new words if necessary.
- If a word is still too tricky, simply say the whole word for your child.
- Use the pictures to talk about the story and learn the meaning of new words.



See the inside back cover
for more ideas.



Biff and Chip went to the farm with Mum.



The farm had chicks to sell.



It had chicks in a pen.



“Can we get chicks, Mum?”
said Biff.



“We can hatch chicks,”
said Mum.



Mum got the eggs.



She got an incubator to put the eggs in.



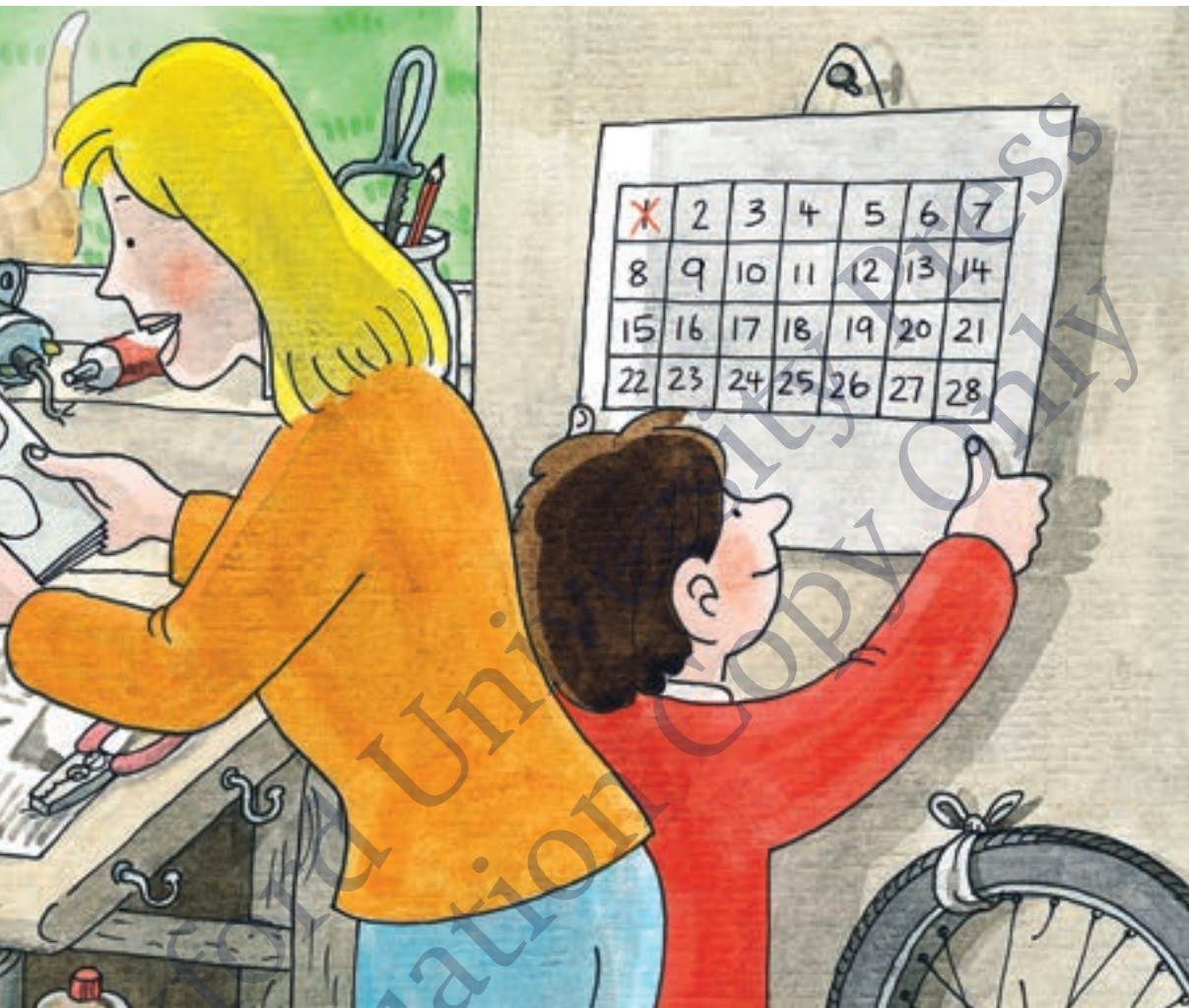
“It’s fun to hatch chicks,”
said Dad.



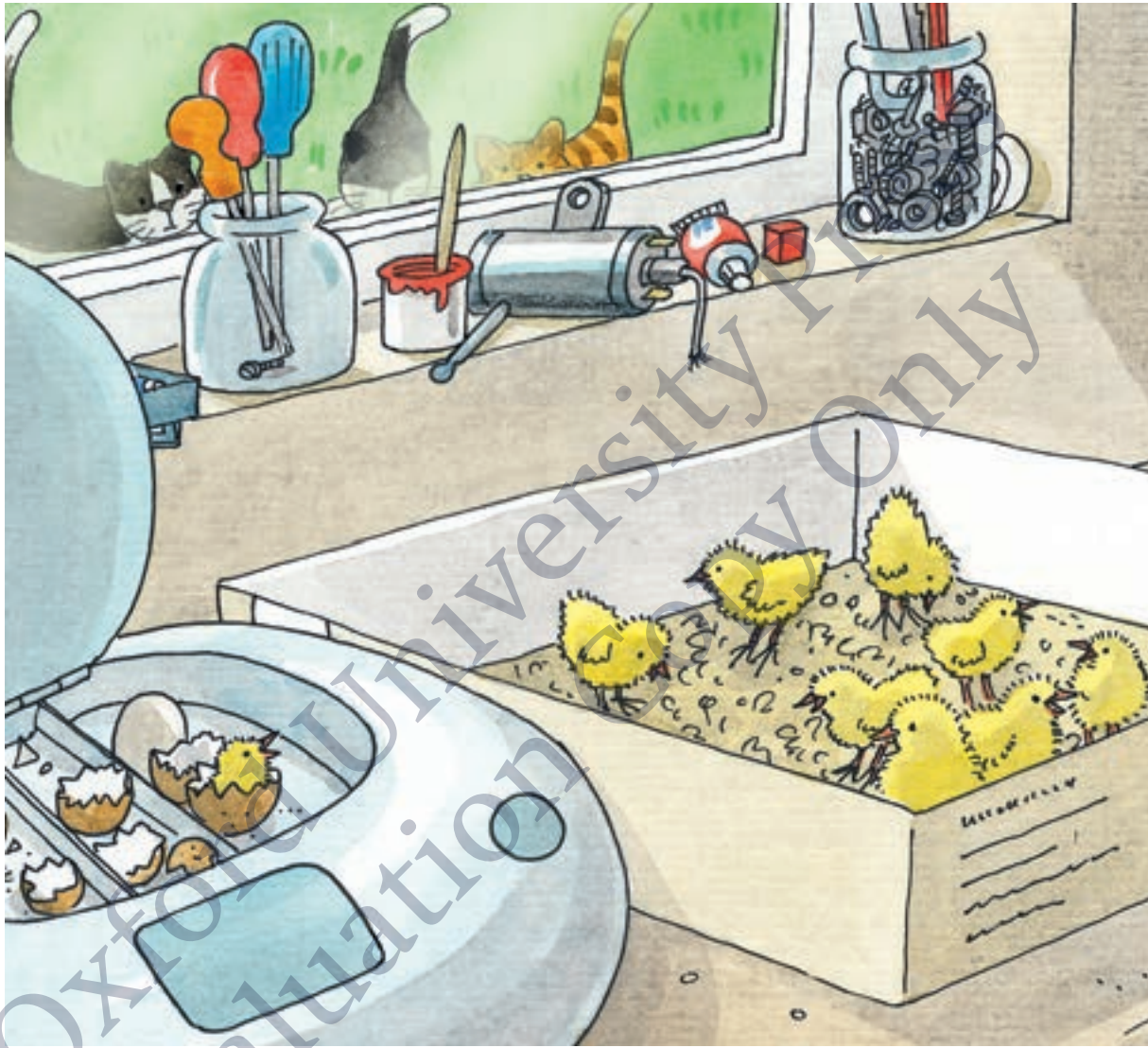
“This is an odd egg,” said Biff.



The incubator had a lamp and a fan.



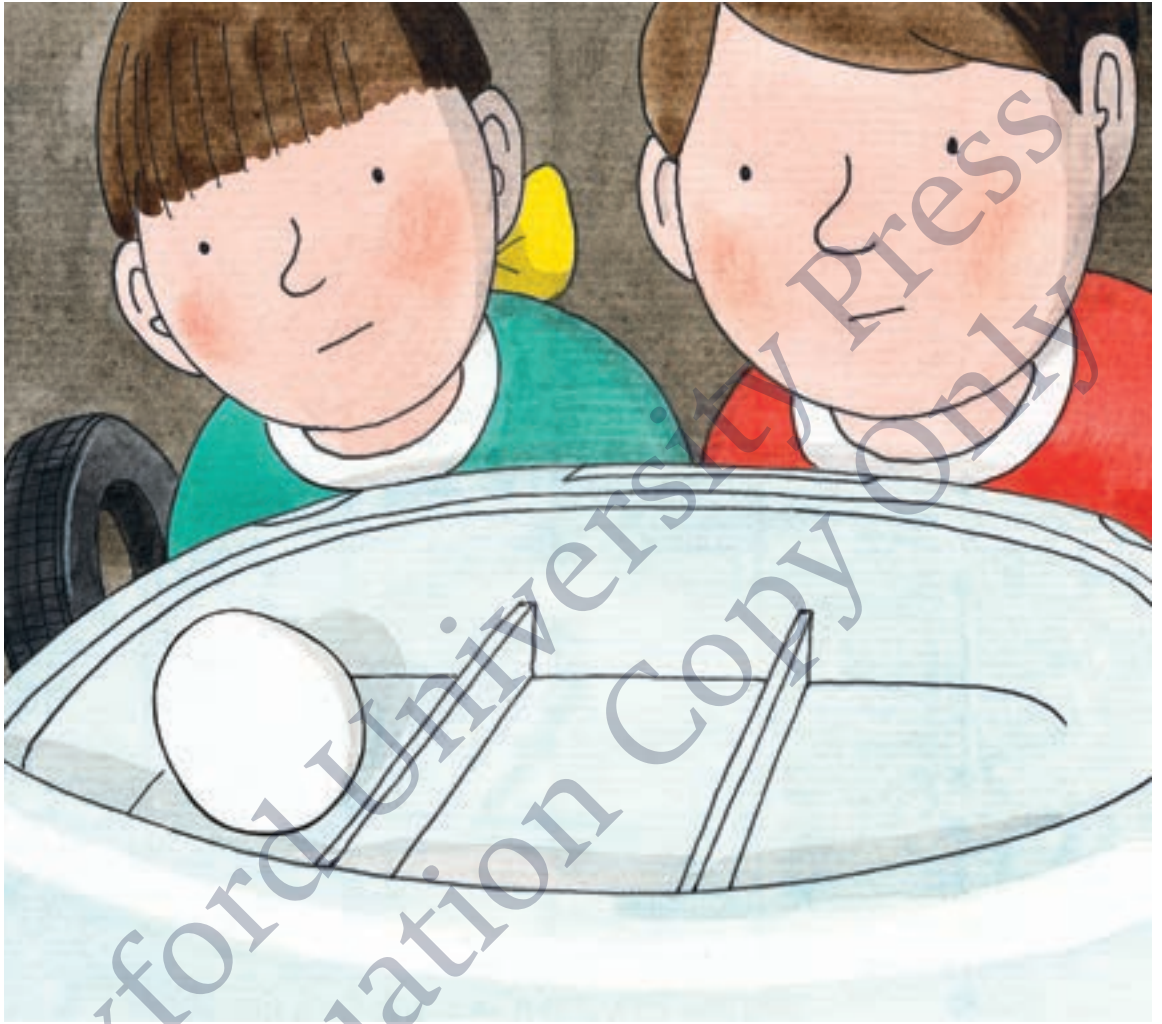
“It will turn the eggs,”
said Mum.



Ten eggs did hatch.



They had ten chicks.



But the odd egg did not hatch.



At last it did hatch.
But it was not a chick.



It was a duckling.

AFTER READING

- Look at page 3. Ask: *How do Biff and Chip feel about the chicks? How can you tell?*
- At the end, ask: *Are they surprised the egg hatched into a duckling? What did you think it might be?*
- Ask: *What would you call the duckling?*

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