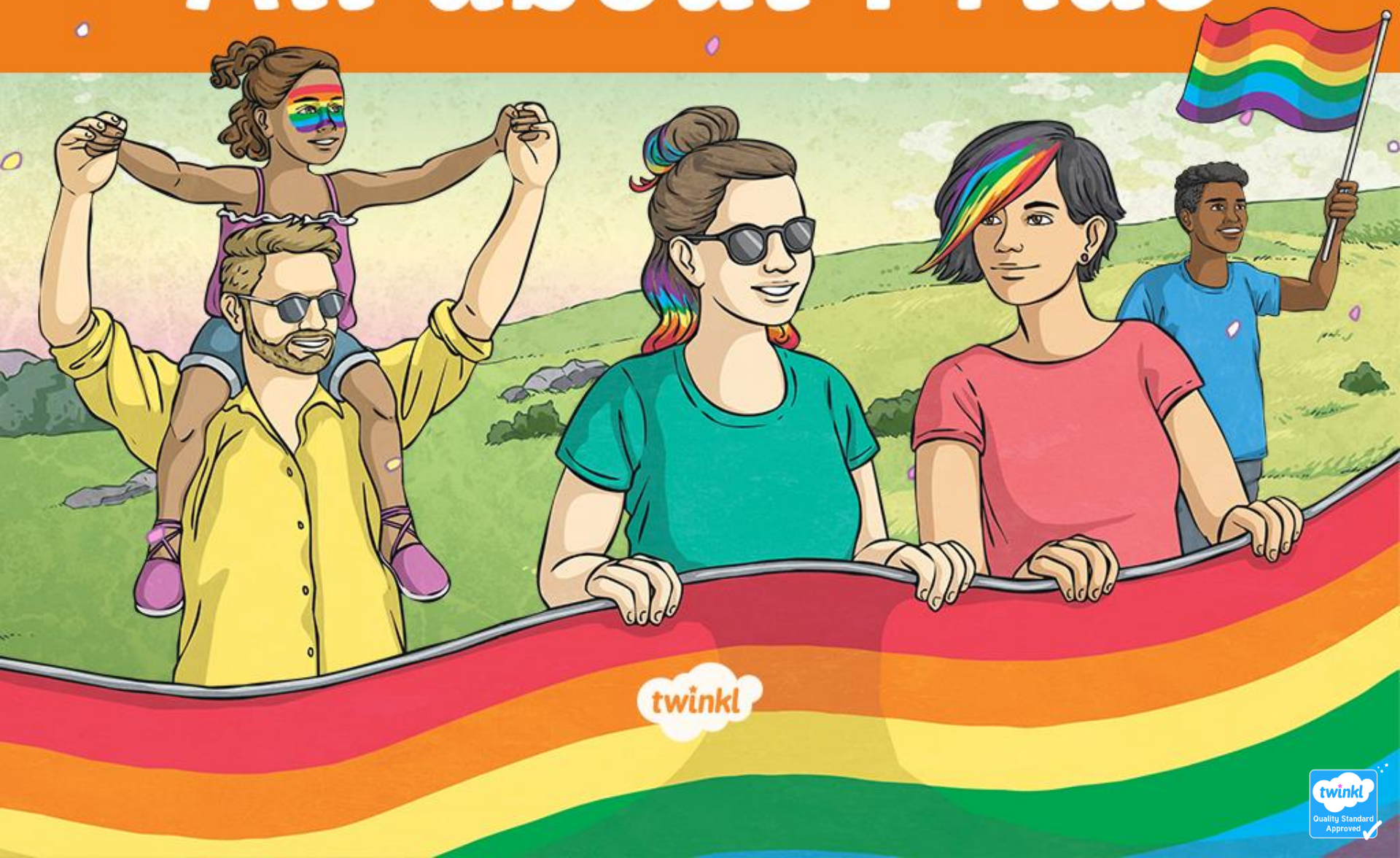


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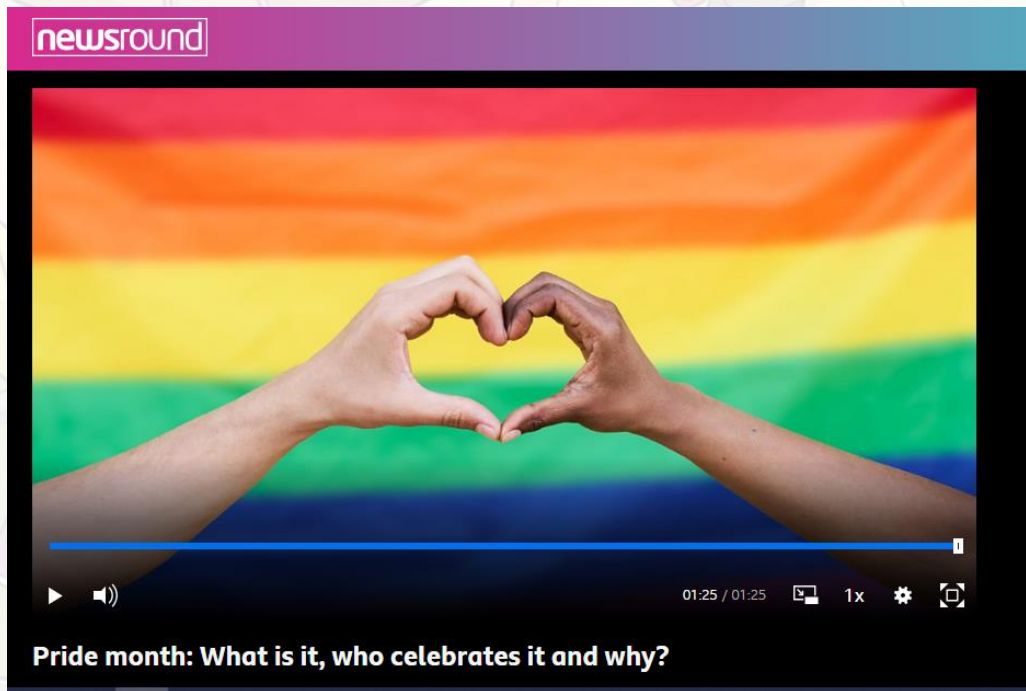
What Is Pride?

Pride is about fighting negative attitudes and behaviour towards LGBTQ+ people. It is about celebrating who you are and supporting gay rights.

LGBTQ+ Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer/Questioning. The '+' represents other members of the feel that they fit into any of these categories.



Pride month: What is it, who celebrates it and why? - BBC Newsround



Important Words

Gender

A group of ideas about what it means to be male, female or a different identity



Homosexual

Another word for 'gay'. No longer used because it can be considered offensive.



Lesbian

A woman who is attracted to other women.



Heterosexual

The same as 'straight' - a man who is attracted to women, or a woman who is attracted to men.



What Do These Words Mean?

Bisexual – A person who is attracted to both men and women.

Transgender – Describes someone whose gender identity (how they feel) is different from the sex they were registered with at birth.

Questioning – When a person explores their sexual orientation or gender identity.



The Start of Pride

In the United States, being gay used to be illegal. This meant that anyone who was thought to be gay could be arrested.

In 1969, after a police raid, riots (fighting) broke out and LGBTQ+ people in New York City began to protest.

In June 1970, to remember these demonstrations, the first Pride march took place in Chicago. The march now takes place every year.



Celebrating Pride

Pride marches, parades and festivals are held in many different places all over the world.

They are an opportunity to celebrate the diversity and gender differences in our world, promoting equal rights for all.

There is pride in how far equal rights have come.





Rainbow Flag

The rainbow flag was first used at a Gay Freedom Day Parade in America in 1978.

Gilbert Baker was asked to design a symbol to represent gay people.

He chose the rainbow because...

‘We are all the colours and all the genders and all the races. The rainbow is a magical part of nature.’

If you were given the task of designing a new symbol to represent the LGBTQ+ community, what would you come up with?

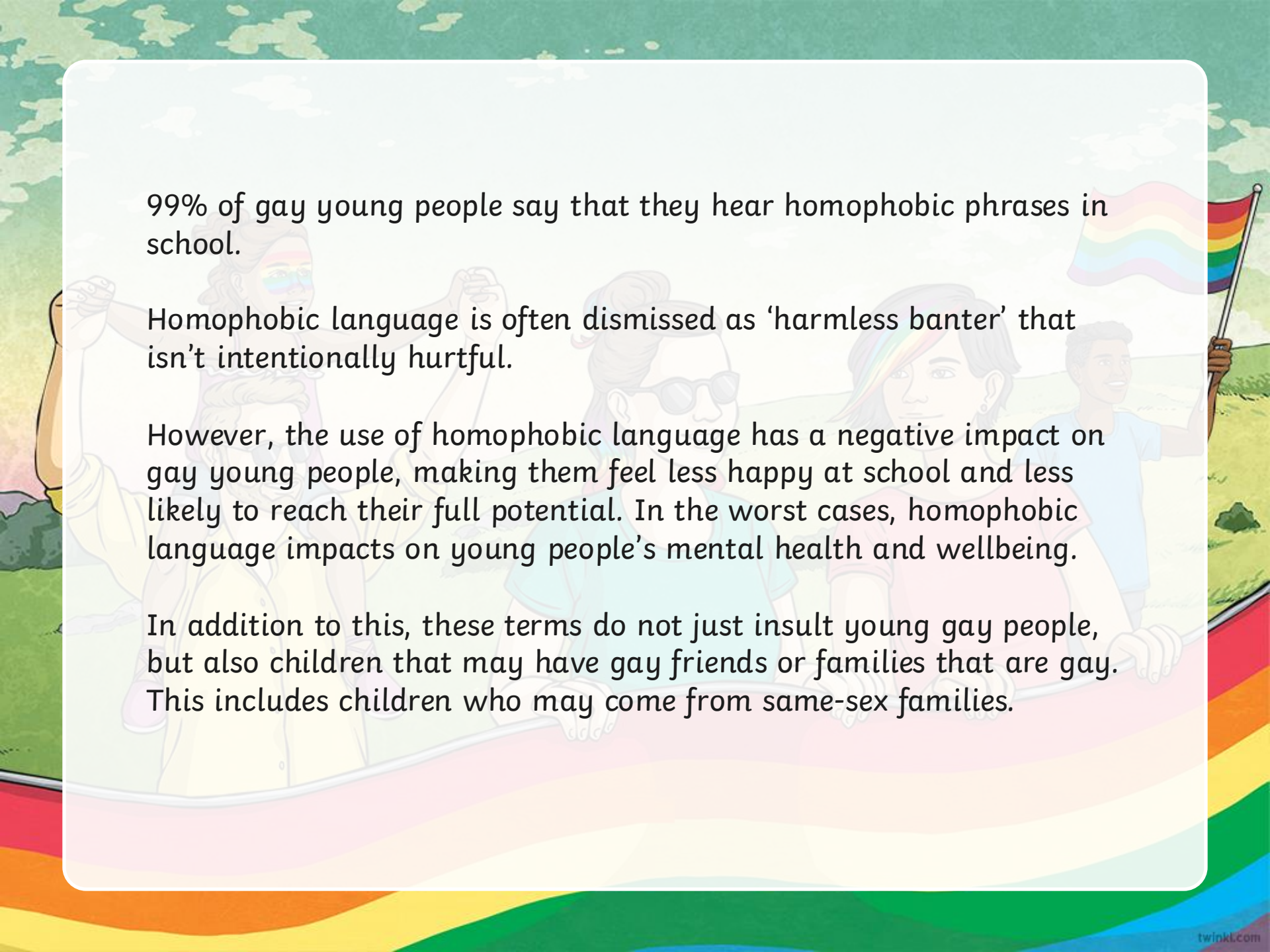


LGBT+ Facts

- LGBTQ+ rights were illegal in England until 1967.
- LGBTQ+ rights are still illegal in some countries.
- 42% of people who are LGBTQ+ report living in an unwelcoming environment – how does this make you feel?
- 90% of teens who are LGBTQ+ come out to their close friends.
- In 2013, 92% of adults who are LGBTQ+ said they believe society had become more accepting of them than in the past 10 years – what does this tell us is happening within society?

Why are these phrases being used as an insult damaging to the LGBTQ+ community?





99% of gay young people say that they hear homophobic phrases in school.

Homophobic language is often dismissed as 'harmless banter' that isn't intentionally hurtful.

However, the use of homophobic language has a negative impact on gay young people, making them feel less happy at school and less likely to reach their full potential. In the worst cases, homophobic language impacts on young people's mental health and wellbeing.

In addition to this, these terms do not just insult young gay people, but also children that may have gay friends or families that are gay. This includes children who may come from same-sex families.

Still Fighting for Equal Rights

Unfortunately, despite a lot of progress being made within society, many of the LGBTQ+ community still face unkindness and judgment from people. Many are still fighting to be seen as equal to heterosexual people.



All Different, All Wonderful

Things to remember:

- Everyone should feel like they can be themselves.
- Everyone should be allowed to be proud of who they are.
- Everyone deserves to be treated with respect.

