

MEET PADDINGTON™

This year OutRight is once again fronted by Paddington. Paddington is not afraid to stand up for things he believes in, and his kindness, tolerance and openness to other cultures make him the perfect champion for children at UNICEF.

Together they will discover more about mental health and how it affects children's rights.

Find out more about Paddington's story below.



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PADDINGTON'S STORY

There was once an explorer from London called Montgomery Clyde, who visited the green forests of Peru, where he discovered an intelligent species of bear.

The explorer becomes friends with a bear family, Pastuzo, Lucy and their nephew, and tells them all about London, where he says they will always be welcome. When the explorer leaves Peru he gives Pastuzo his hat as a gift. Aunt Lucy and Uncle Pastuzo are very kind to their nephew. They teach him how to speak English and how to make marmalade – both things they had learned from Montgomery Clyde.

One day a big earthquake strikes the bears' home. While searching for his Uncle, his nephew finds only his hat and Uncle Pastuzo is presumed dead.

Aunt Lucy sends Paddington to live in London. She is too old to travel, so Paddington makes the journey all alone on a ship. He doesn't know anyone in London, but he believes that once he arrives, someone will take him in.

The young bear finally arrives in London but people are not as friendly as he thought they would be. He soon realises that there are no other bears in London and so many things he doesn't understand – and no one has ever met a talking bear before! The Brown family find him alone at Paddington Station with a label around his neck which says 'Please look after this bear. Thank you.'

The Browns decide to name the small bear Paddington, after the station where he was found, and they invite him to live with them.

Paddington has never lived in a house before and there is a lot to learn about his new home in London, which is quite different to the one he left in Peru. Paddington quickly becomes part of the family and meets new friends in London. Paddington writes to his beloved Aunt Lucy to let her know he is happy.

Paddington writing to Aunt Lucy



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