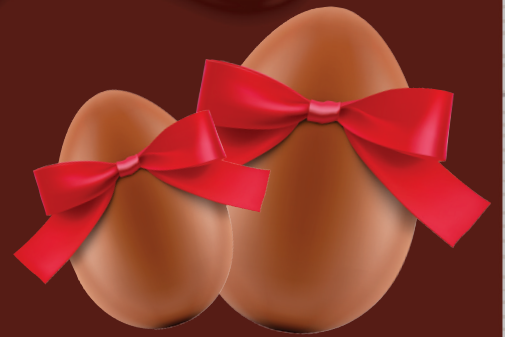


The HISTORY of the FIRST CHOCOLATE EGG in the UK



1 Read and choose.

Easter wouldn't be the same without chocolate Easter eggs! Today, you can find all kinds of chocolate Easter eggs in the UK! Some are large with beautiful hand-painted designs, while others are small and filled with delicious cream. But did you know that the first chocolate Easter egg in the UK was made over a hundred years ago?

It all started in 1873, when a chocolate company called Fry's introduced the UK's first chocolate Easter egg! Fry's was already very popular in the UK at the time, especially after it made the first chocolate bar in 1847 and the first filled chocolate sweets called 'Cream Sticks' in 1853.

Traditionally, people used to give each other boiled eggs that were decorated with bright

colours. Fry's used this tradition to come up with a new idea – chocolate eggs! A few years later, other chocolate companies began making their own chocolate eggs, too!

The UK, however, was not the first country in the world to make chocolate eggs. France and Germany had made chocolate eggs years before, but their eggs were solid. Fry's, on the other hand, was the first company to make hollow chocolate eggs, using special egg moulds. Hollow chocolate eggs are still very popular today!

Thanks to Fry's amazing achievement, people all over the world enjoy delicious chocolate eggs at Easter!

- 1 What kind of chocolate Easter eggs can you buy in the UK today?
A only hand-painted eggs
B only small eggs
C a variety of different sizes

- 2 What are some Easter eggs filled with?
A eggs B cream C bars

- 3 When was the first chocolate Easter egg produced in the UK?
A 1847 B 1853 C 1873

- 4 Fry's was the name of ...
A a chocolate company.
B a chocolate bar.
C a chocolate sweet.

- 8 What did Fry's use to make Easter eggs?
A special eggs
B special moulds
C special companies

- 5 What did people give each other before 1873?
A chocolate eggs
B filled eggs
C boiled eggs

- 6 When did other chocolate companies in the UK start making their own chocolate eggs?
A after Fry's C the same year as Fry's
B before Fry's

- 7 How were Fry's chocolate eggs different from ones made in other countries?
A they were solid
B they were hollow
C they were hand-painted