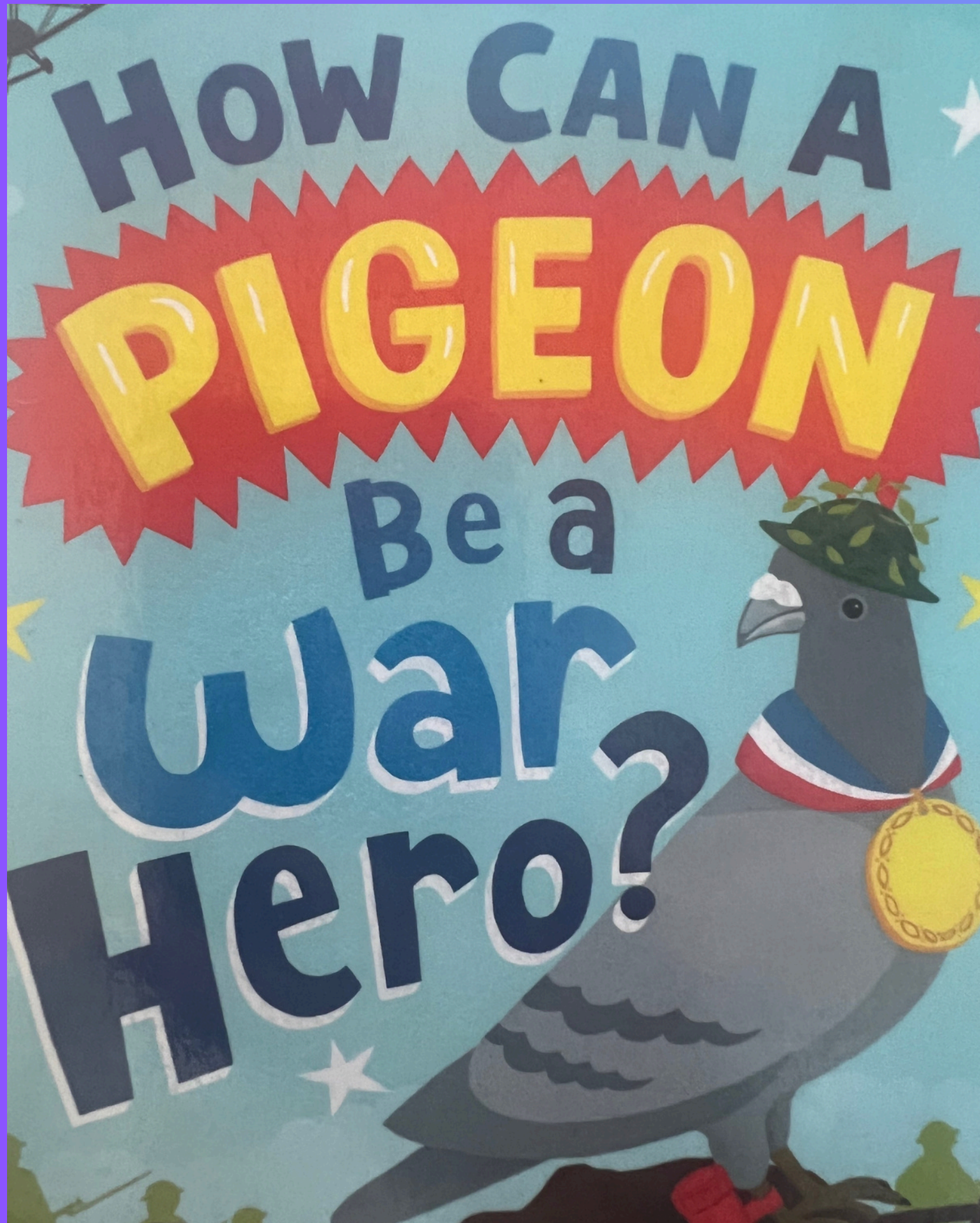


What is the strangest thing about how people lived in the past?



I think the strangest thing is that there were no phones in the past, so people had to use different methods to send messages to each other, for an example... they used to use pigeons!!!

Historical records show that homing pigeons have been used as messengers since ancient times. They always try to find their way home.



How can a pigeon be a war hero?

Pigeons were used as messengers during the war.

They had messages attached to their legs. More than 100,000 pigeons were used during the war to transport messages around the battlefields. They were used because they could get around quicker and easier than soldiers. As well as carrying messages on land they were used to send SOS messages from soldiers stranded at sea.

Pigeons always flew home when released, so troops always made sure their nests were in places they needed to send messages to. Carrier pigeons were considered so important that anyone caught killing or harming them could get sent to prison.

Cher Ami

A famous pigeon called Cher Ami, helped save 194 soldiers. Cher Ami was a female bird. The word Cher Ami means “dear friend” in French 🇫🇷. She flew messages during the First World War.

During one of her flights she flew 24 miles in just 25 minutes but got hurt along the way. She received a gold medal as thanks for her war effort.



My Great Uncle John

My great Uncle John has pet pigeons in his back yard and guess what? He let me hold one!

He has over 160 pigeons which he trains every day and takes them to be raced.

He puts up a black and red flag in his back yard when he would like to round the pigeons down.

Each pigeon has a special name such as a Fantail. He calls this the 'dropper'. All the pigeons have a special ring on their ankle which shows who the pigeon belongs to and what year it was born so if they get lost they can find the owner again.



