

Bike to School Week

Day 1

Bling your bike



Time needed:

20-30 minutes



Resources needed:

Printed cycle templates,
coloured pencils,
bling/recycled materials



Solo/group activity:

Solo

Objective:

Reimagine your cycle. Learn about different types of cycles and cycle users.

Keep the activity short by using coloured pencils only. Alternatively, use recycled materials in a creative way to design a collage.

Activity outline:

Get creative in the Bling your bike activity.

Each pupil picks a template for a cycle. You can use pencils, glitter, ribbons, coloured card, recycled materials such as magazines, or anything else colourful you can collect to make a collage of a decorated cycle.

Why not pick a theme such as the seasons, or tie it in with topic you're covering in the classroom?

Extension + 20 minutes

Get your class to show what they have designed for each type of cycle.

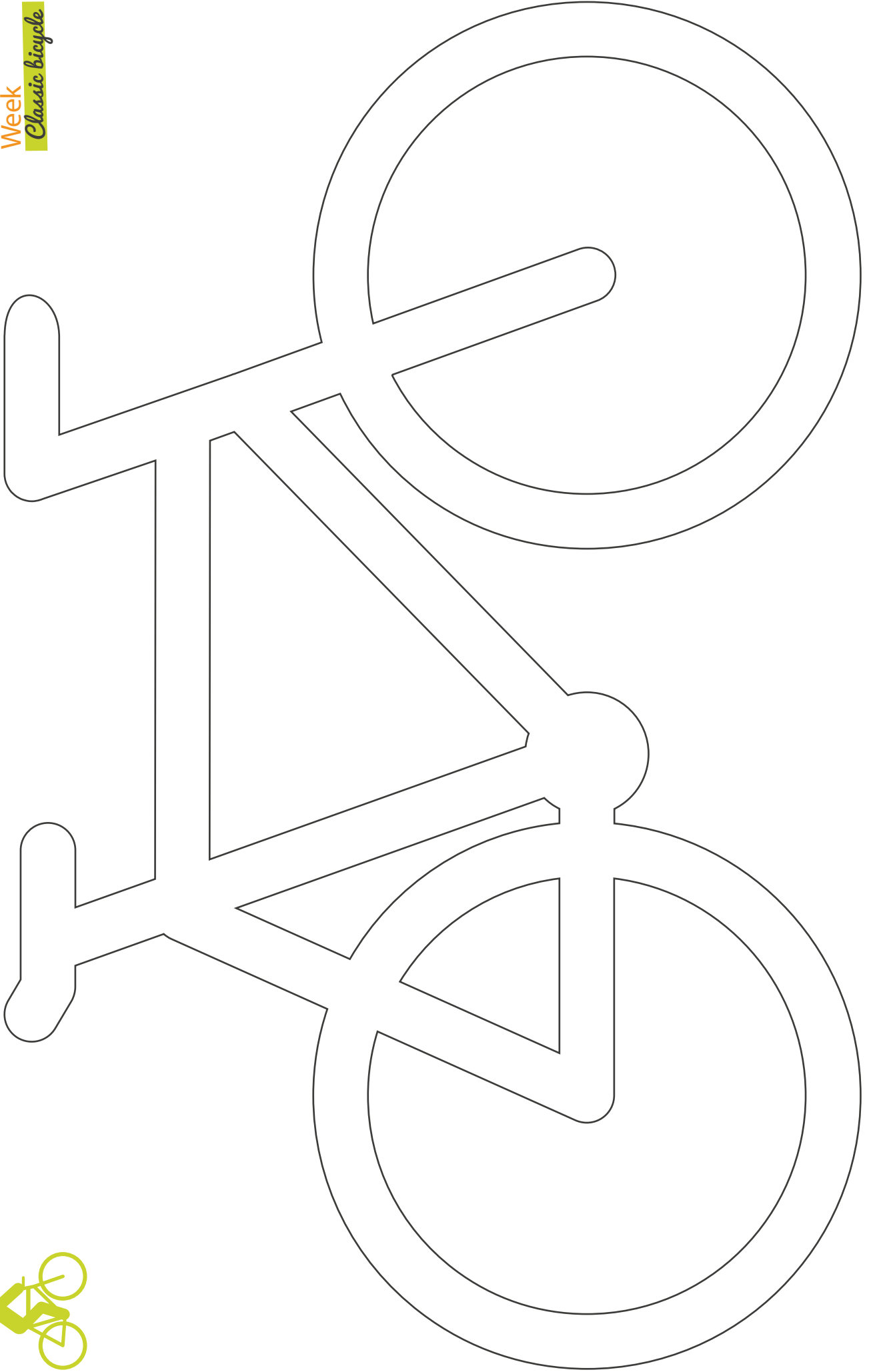
Talk about the features of each type of cycle and, using the guidance sheet, ask the class who it could be particularly suitable for.



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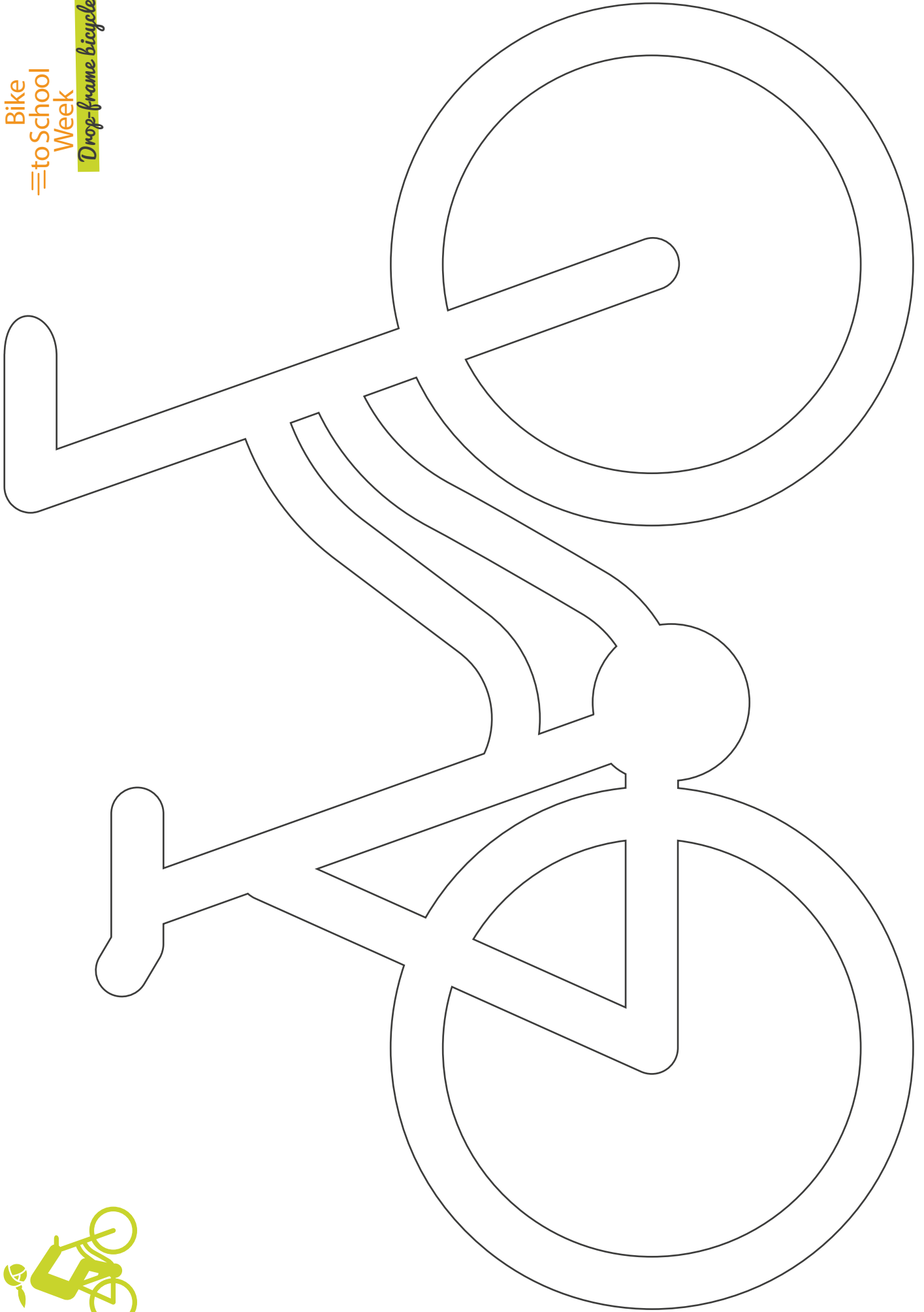
Six-week step-by-step guide — a guide designed for teachers, parents and governors to help get more people active on the journey to and from school.

Additional information from Wheels for Wellbeing
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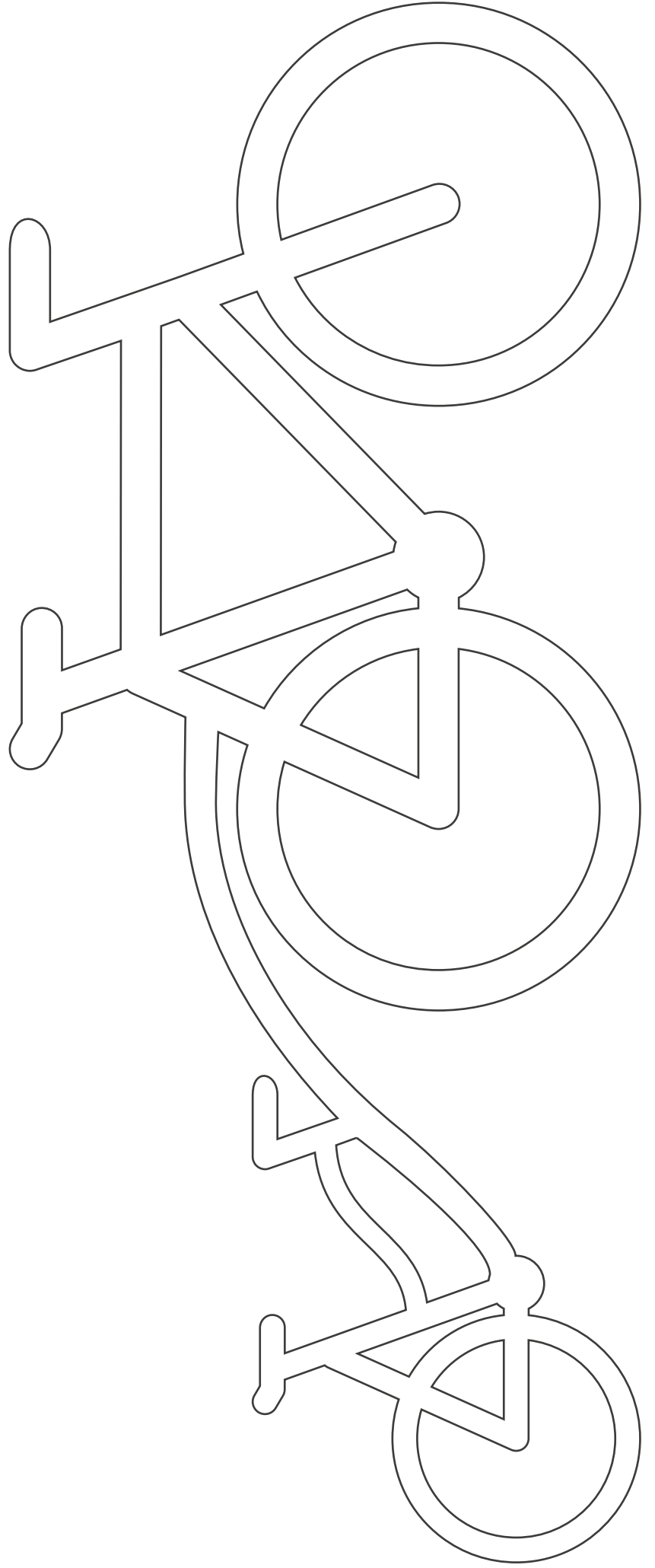


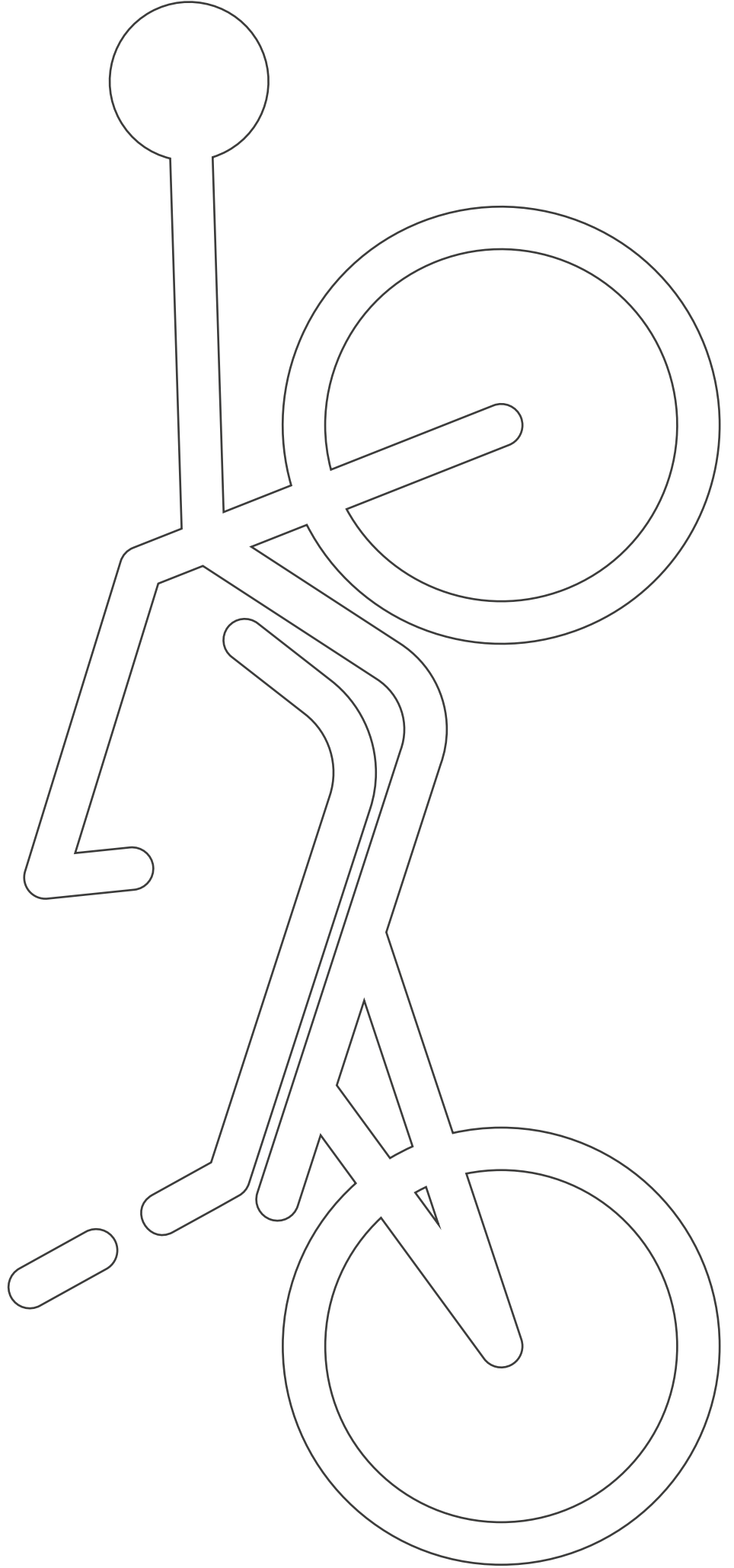
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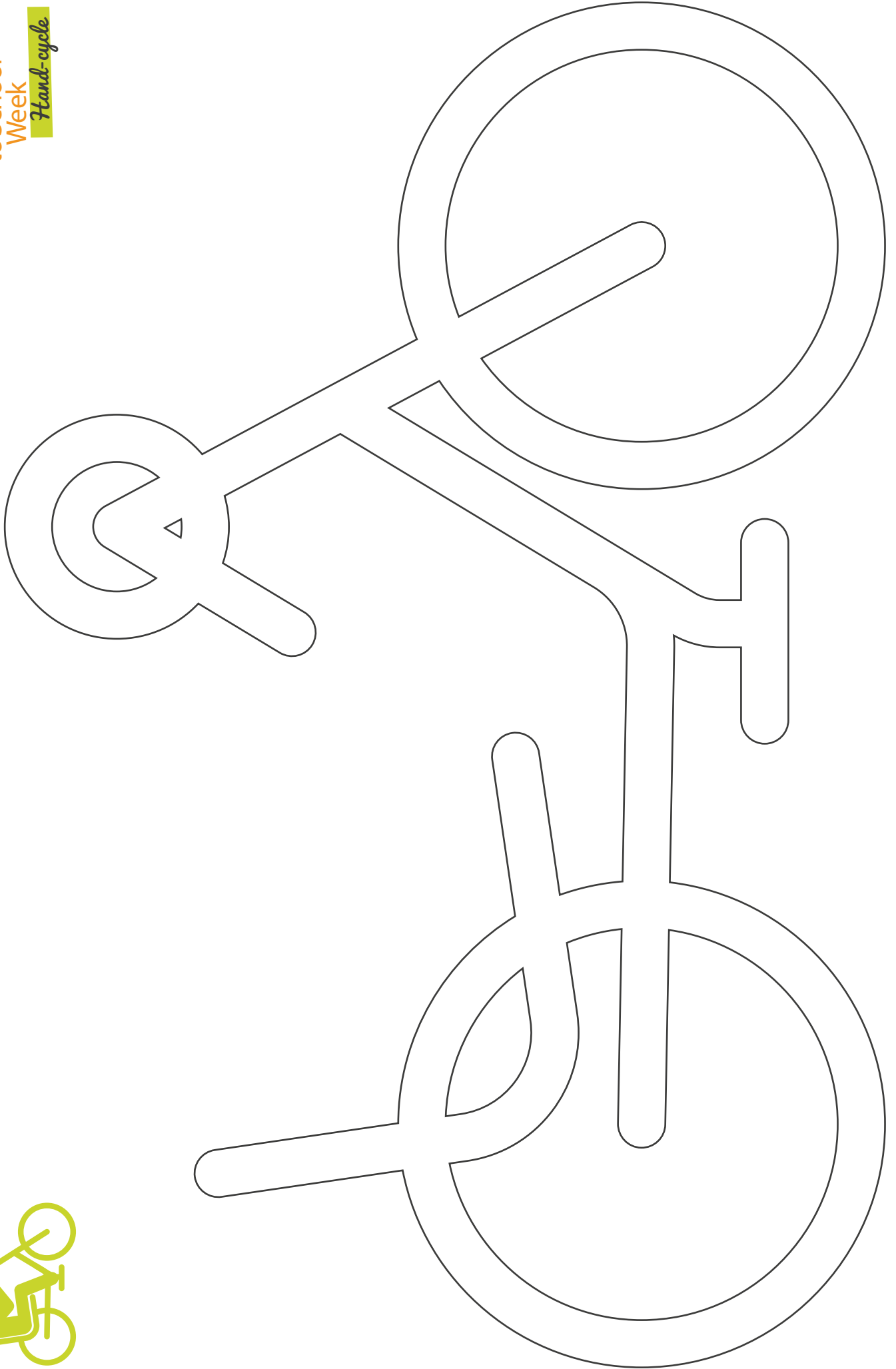




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Tag-a-long







Teacher notes

Classic bicycle

The classic bicycle is often used to get about but comes in lots of different styles. For example, electric bikes can help power you along.

Notice how the frame drops down on some bikes making it easier to step over the frame.



Who could this type of cycle be particularly good for?

Anyone who is able to balance and power a bike!

Electric bikes are good for all bike users who live in hilly towns and cities. They could also be useful for people who have to be careful about the amount of strain they put on their body.

Dropped frames are good for those with less mobility such as older people.

Tag-a-long

Tag-a-longs are a type of tandem- a cycle designed for two people. They allow for a child's cycle to be fitted to the back of an adult's bike.

Who could this type of cycle be particularly good for?

Young people who are new to cycling or cycling on roads. It's a great way to build up confidence.



Handcycle

Some cycles are designed to be powered by hand. Handcycles can come as one piece or as a 'clip on' attachment for a wheelchair.



Who could this type of cycle be particularly good for?

Those who have reduced or no mobility in their legs. Anyone who has good mobility and strength in their arms.

Recumbent

If you use a recumbent cycle, you'll be sitting in a laid-back position with your feet first.

Who could this type of cycle be particularly good for?

A recumbent cycling position may be particularly good for those who want to put less strain on their back, knees and hip joints.

