



Bookmark

The Story Corner

A gift of stories and games for you to share and enjoy

INSIDE: lots of fun for ages 5-9
Stories, games and activities

Send us your book review and **win a £20 book voucher!**

Issue 4

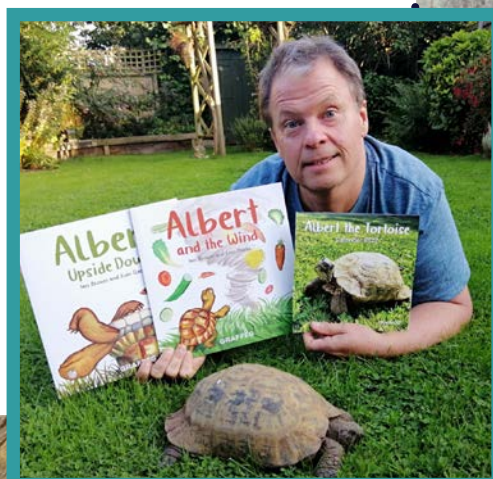
Hello, I'm Ian Brown, writer of the Albert the Tortoise books. The pictures are drawn by my friend Eoin Clarke. We enjoy making stories together.

Working together is what the Albert books are about. In my story 'Albert Upside Down', Albert tips over. His garden friends (who don't always agree) put their differences aside and come together. Even the smallest amount of help can make a big difference.

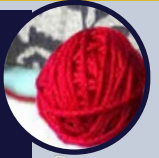
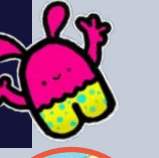

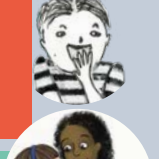

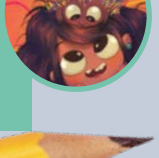

It's nice to work together and help others if we can. It helps us make friends and build a community.

I hope you enjoy reading 'The Story Corner'. Why not share it with your friends?

Take care and happy reading!



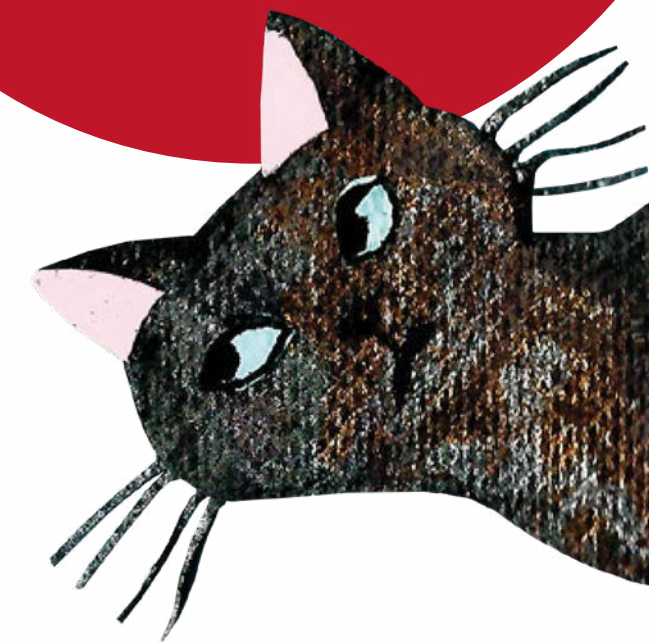
Contents

	The Little Red String	page 1
	Follow the string and see who you meet	
	Maze	page 6
	Can you deliver all the cakes to The Squibbles?	
	Hippo Wants to Dance	page 7
	Will anyone dance with her?	
	The Joke Corner	page 13
	Friendship	page 14
	A poem by Claire Culliford	
	Meera and Ameera	page 15
	A story about a special friendship	
	Enter our competition	page 21
	Send us a review of your favourite book	

The Little Red String



written and illustrated
by Madhumita Srivastava



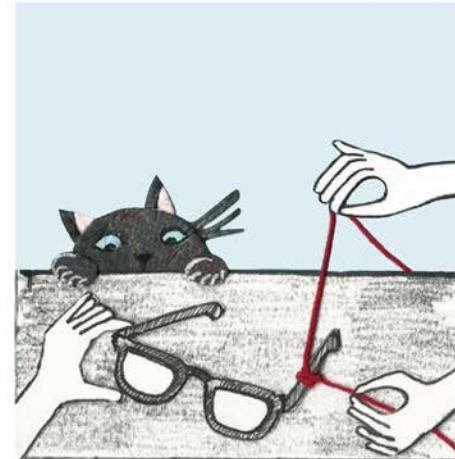
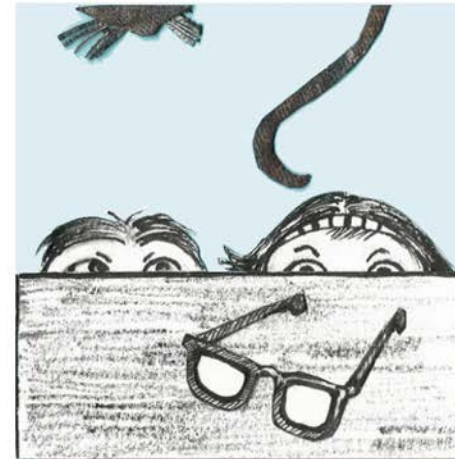
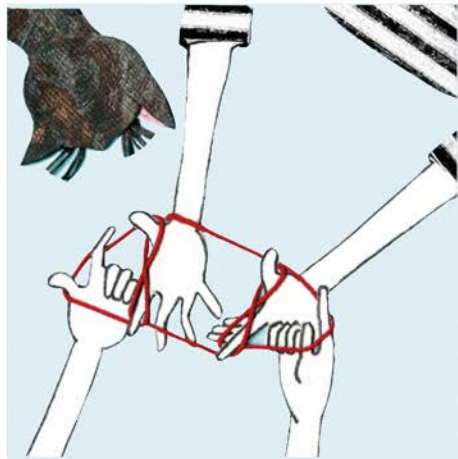
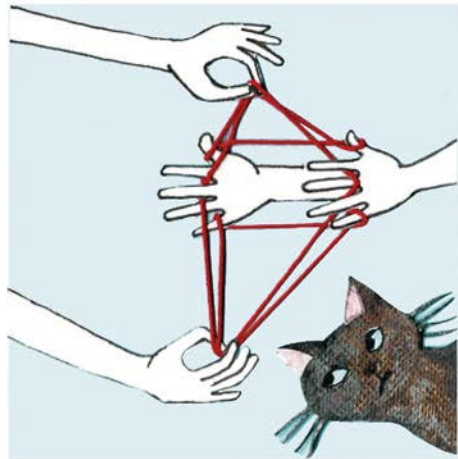
Can you
add your
own words
to the pictures
to make a
new story?



What name would you give to the cheeky cat?

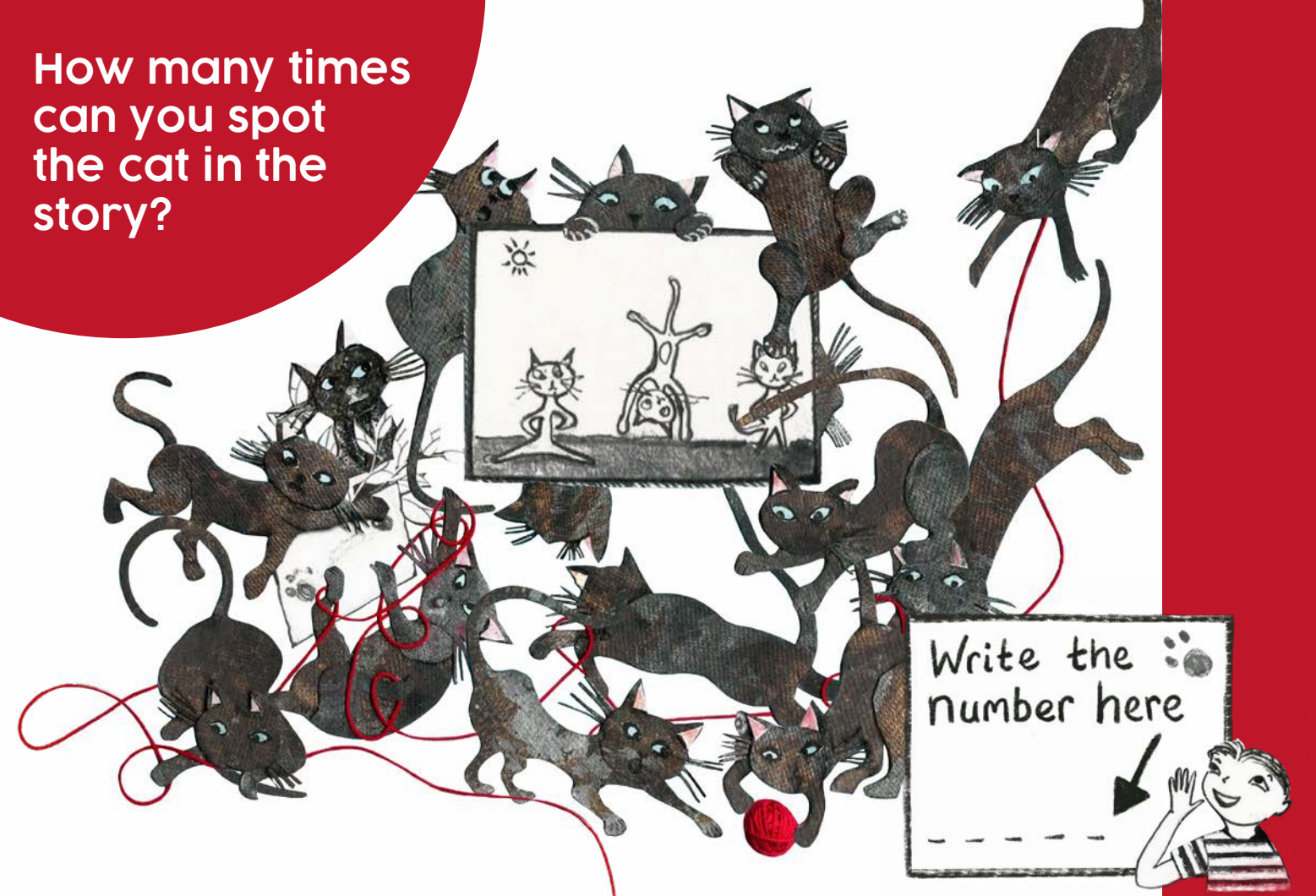


Can you colour in the story?

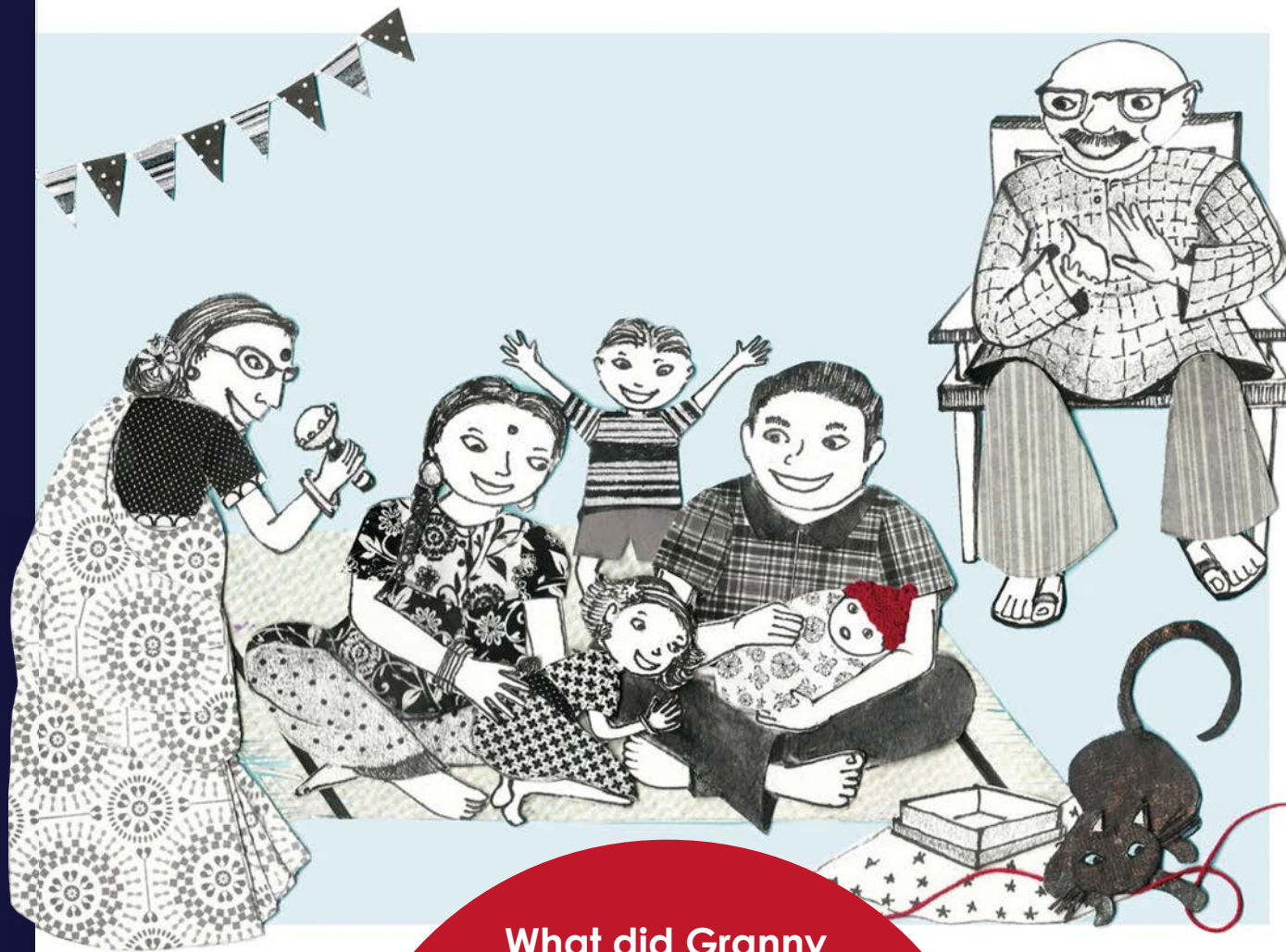




How many times can you spot the cat in the story?



Write the number here



What did Granny make with the red string?



Write the number here



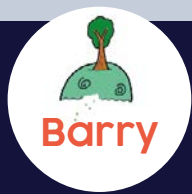
Count the red objects that you can see around you

Special Delivery!

Help deliver the cakes to everyone in Squibblesville

Welcome to Squibblesville!

As a kind visitor, you have baked cakes for all The Squibbles. Deliver them as quickly as you can by drawing a line from the arrow to each house. Tick off the houses as you go. Will you be able to feed them all?



START HERE!



"Hello! I'm Jay Stansfield, creator of The Squibbles®. I'm an illustrator, author and 3D Artist from the UK. I've made this maze so you could have lots of fun travelling round Squibblesville and making The Squibbles® smile.



photo credit: Donna Craddock

Hippo Wants to Dance



written by Sam Beckbessinger, illustrated by Megan Andrews, designed by Marisa Steyn, edited by Ester Levinrad

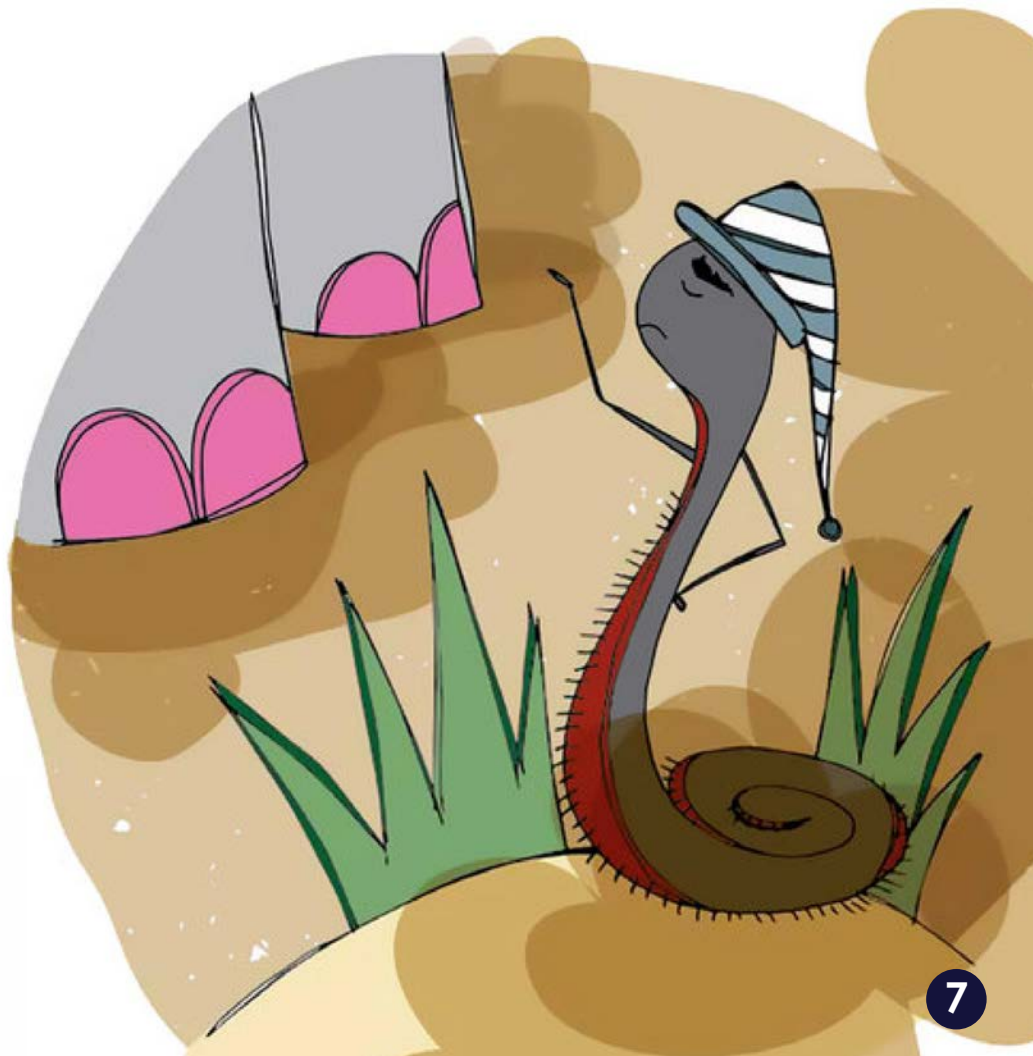


THUMP! THUMP!

Hippo wants to dance. She jumps up and down on the dusty ground.

"You're getting dirt on me!" says Shongololo, sleeping in the sand.

"Go and dance somewhere else."



Read this story from left to right



Hippo wants to dance.

She rolls into the river and splashes her arms and legs.



**SPLISH!
SPLASH!**

"You're making me wet!" says Kingfisher, hunting for her breakfast.



"Go and dance somewhere else."

Hippo wants to dance.

She twirls around and around in a field, kicking her legs up high.



**SWOOSH!
SWOOSH!**

"Be careful! You nearly kicked me!" says Meerkat, bathing his babies.



"Go and dance somewhere else."

Hippo wants to dance.

She flops into a puddle of mud and slides around on her nice big belly.



**SQUISH!
SQUASH!**

"Why don't you stop dancing?" asks Donkey, carrying his buckets.



"Why can't you do something useful instead?"

Did you know that Hippos are very strong swimmers and can hold their breath for around 5 minutes?

Hippo is sad.

She is too sad to dance.
She sits on a rock and cries.



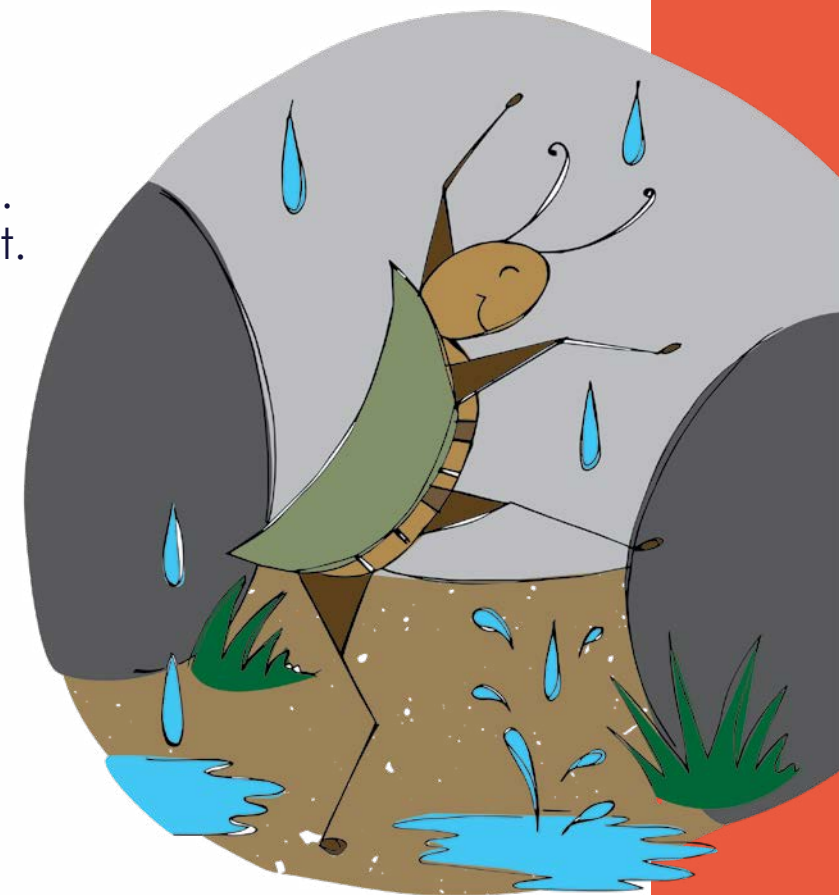
The tears roll down her cheeks
and fall on the ground.

PLOP! PLOP!

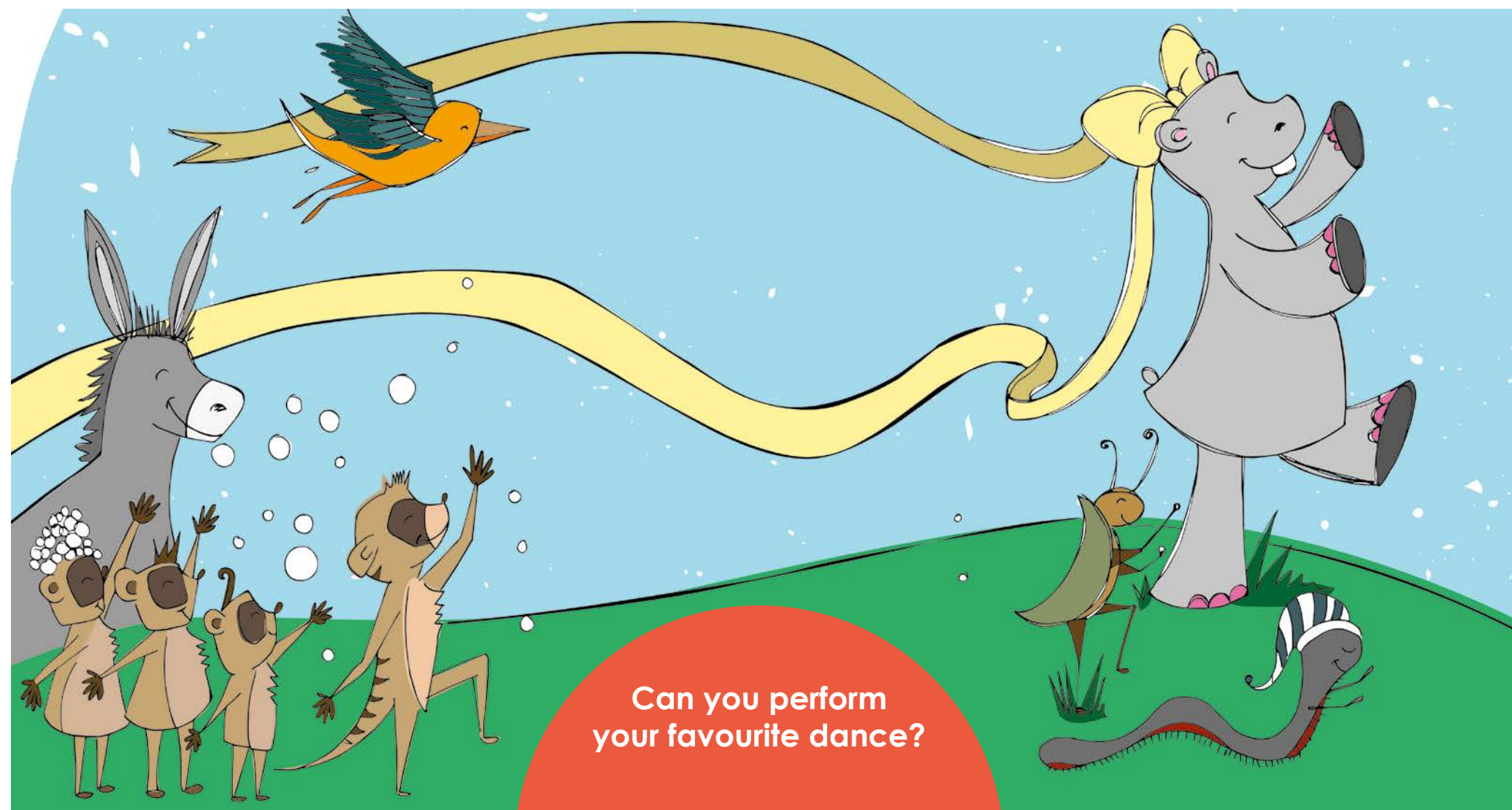
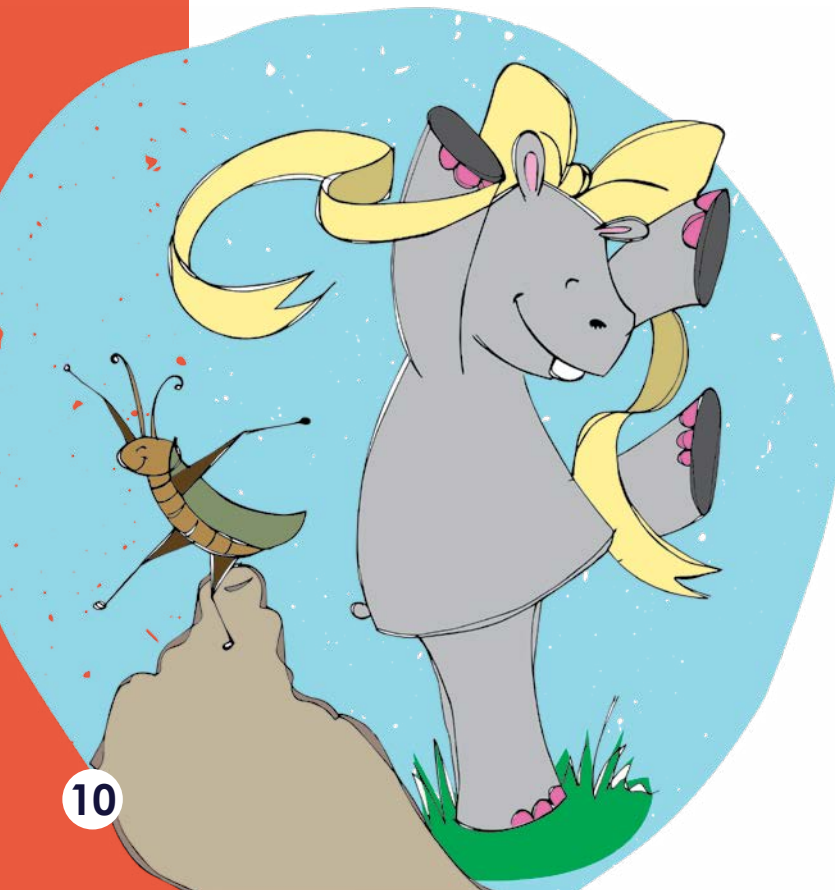
Grasshopper hears Hippo's tears.
He starts dancing around her feet.



HOP! HOP!



Hippo and Grasshopper start
to dance, and the other
animals come to look...



Can you perform
your favourite dance?

Do you remember which sound matches these pictures from the story?



THUMP! THUMP!

SPLISH! SPLASH!

SWOOSH! SWOOSH!

SQUISH! SQUASH!

PLOP! PLOP!

HOP! HOP!

Draw a line from each sound to the correct picture



The Joke Corner

What did the policeman say to his tummy?

You are under a vest!

What kind of tree can you fit in one hand?

A palm tree!

Where do sheep get their hair cut?

At the Baaaaa-bers!

Why did the banana go to the doctors?

Because it wasn't peeling well!

Where do cows go for a night out?

To the Moooo-vies!



Friendship

by Claire Culliford



Claire Culliford is the author of 'The Little Helpers' book series. Friendship plays a key role in each of the stories, as the characters and their friends help to look after the environment and each other.

photo credit: Igluka Trifonova



Friends are like the family you choose,
The first people whom you tell all of your news,
There for you through life's ups and its downs,
Friends make you feel good when they're around.

Friends are great company when having fun,
For sports, art or playing out in the sun,
They can be part of your favourite team games,
Or help you when walking your dog down green lanes.

Friendship is special, each one is unique,
There are so many friends in the world you can meet,
Friends may be forever or just for a while,
But each and every one always makes you smile.



How does the poem make you feel?

Which is your favourite part of the poem? Why?

Are there any words you don't understand in the poem? How can you find out what they mean?

My best friend

Can you write a poem with one of the following titles?

Unity

My community helps me

Meera and Ameera



written by Nimmy Chacko,
illustrated by Layanya Naidu



Meera and I are a team. She's my most favourite person in the world. Do you know why? She's the only one who can see me!



How many words rhyme with your name?



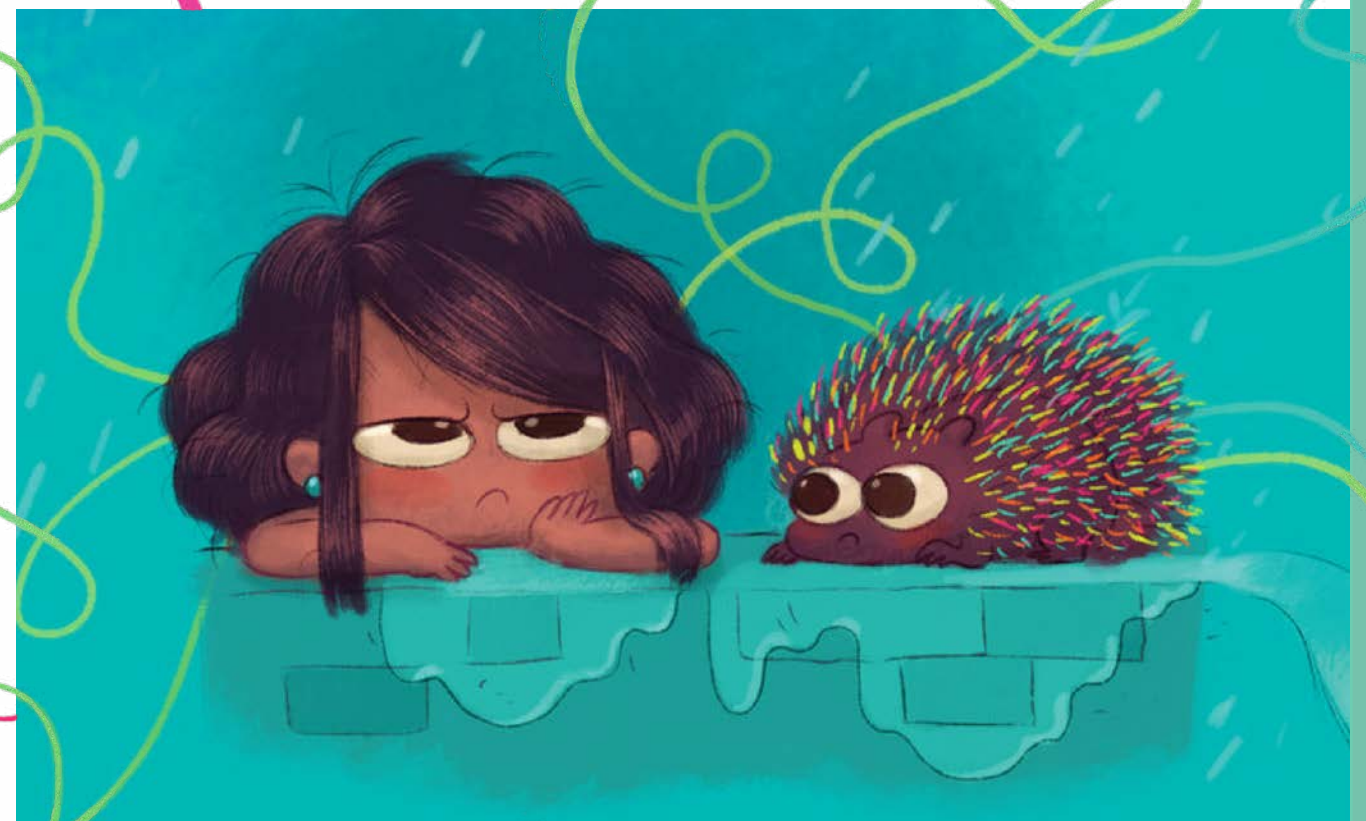
Everything she likes, I like. Everything I like, she likes.
Our names also sound the same. Meera and Ameera!

Things that happen to her happen to me too.
"I lost another tooth," Meera says. While I lost another quill.



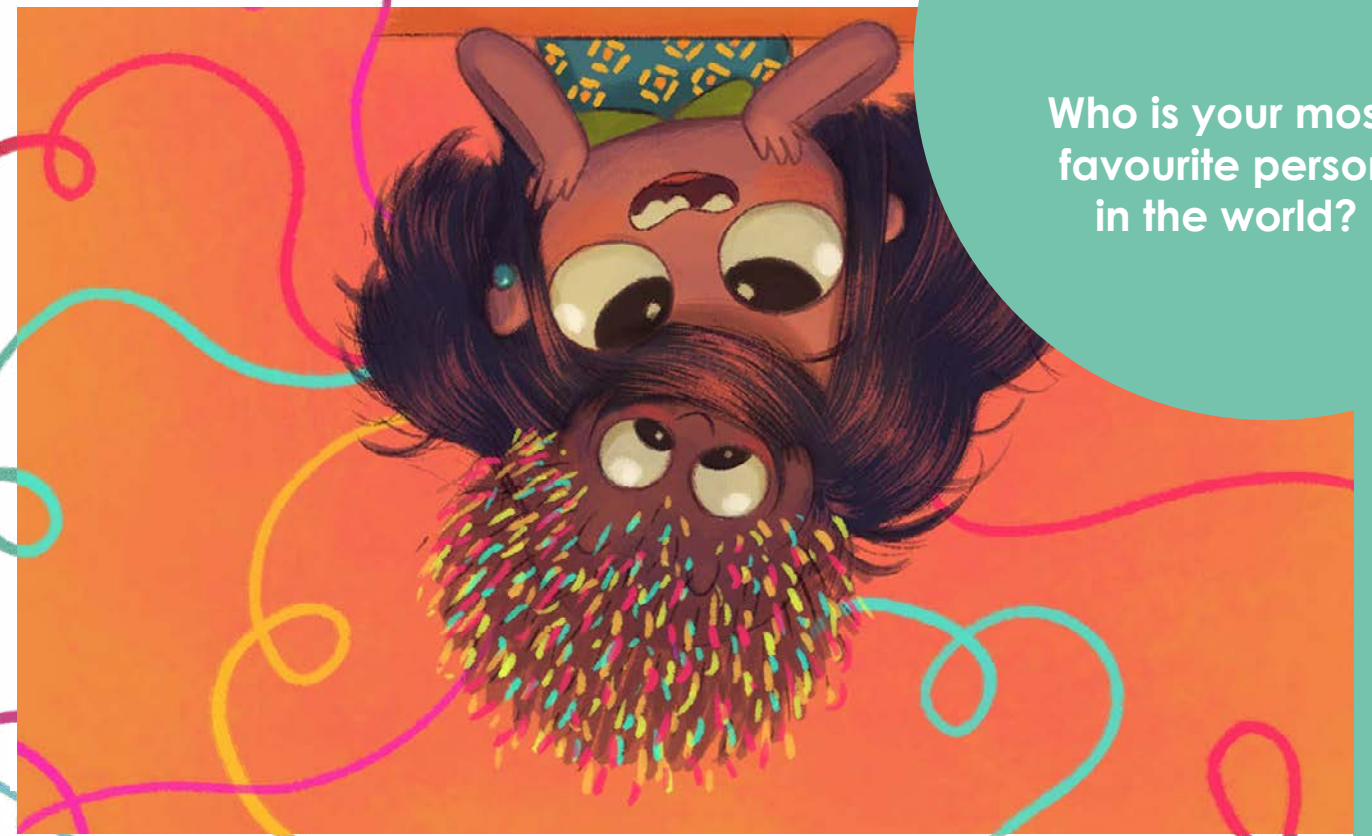
Sometimes, we can be a little different.
Meera makes up problems. I make them go away.

Like the other day when it was raining —
"Oh no, now we can't go out to play," Meera cried.





But I had an idea! Off we sailed on a paper boat.
Or the time when she started school.
“What if I don’t make any friends?” Meera was worried.
“You made friends with me. Now you can go and make one more friend,” I told her.



Who is your most favourite person in the world?

It’s my turn to tell the story now.
Ameera is my most favourite person in the world.
Do you know why?
She turns stuff upside down, just so I have a different view.
Like Ameera said, we’re a team.



Can you find the words from the story?

Words are hidden
→ and ↓



team



problems



Meera



Ameera



raining



different



friends



boat



tooth



quill

a	m	e	e	r	a	s	m	r	f
s	e	w	t	d	q	a	n	p	r
d	e	e	y	f	u	q	b	r	i
f	r	a	i	n	i	n	g	o	e
g	a	r	u	g	l	w	v	b	n
h	c	b	o	h	l	e	c	l	d
t	o	o	t	h	r	d	x	e	s
e	v	a	p	j	t	s	p	m	f
a	b	t	l	k	y	a	o	s	z
m	d	i	f	f	e	r	e	n	t

Anika entered the drawing competition in our last issue. She drew this amazing picture of her favourite animal in an exciting place.

A very worthy winner of the £20 book voucher!



Anika, Age 8
Ark Victoria Academy

* Story content under a CC BY 4.0 license, on StoryWeaver. Read, create and translate stories for free on www.storyweaver.org.in


Front cover artwork by Sarah Harrison
Illustration © 2022


All content curated and adapted by Bookmark, editorial and design changes have been made for **The Story Corner** format and readership.

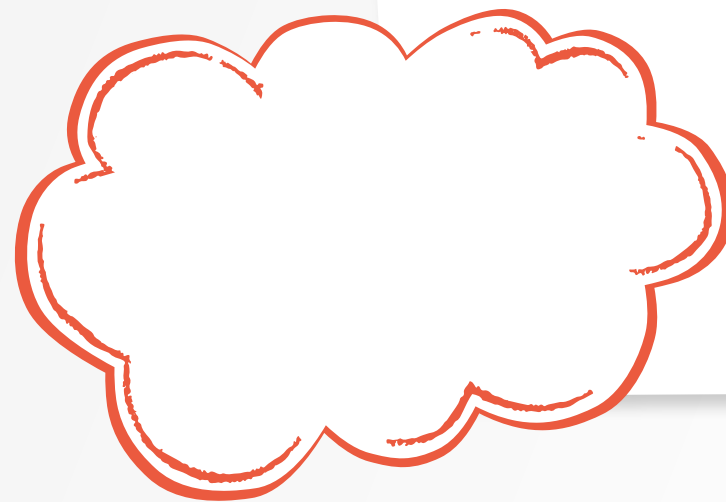
Book Review COMPETITION!

Win a £20 book voucher!

What is your name?

Can you draw a picture of your favourite book? 

What did you like about this book? 



How many stars will you give the book?



The Little Red String (English), written and illustrated by Madhumita Srivastava, guest editor: Shinibali Mitra Saigal, published by Pratham Books (© Pratham Books, 2018) www.prathambooks.org *

Hippo Wants to Dance (English), written by Sam Beckbessinger, illustrated by Megan Andrews, designed by Marisa Steyn, edited by Ester Levinrad, published by Book Dash (© Book Dash, 2016). This work is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 Licence (<http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/>). Find out more at: <http://bookdash.org/books>.

Meera and Ameera (English), written by Nimmy Chacko, illustrated by Lavanya Naidu, published by Pratham Books (© Pratham Books, 2018) www.prathambooks.org *

Once you have finished your drawing, ask a grown-up to take a picture of this page and send it to

thestorycorner@bookmarkreading.org. You could win a £20 book voucher!

GROWN-UPS – terms and conditions, including closing date, available on our website bookmarkreading.org/the-story-corner



The Story Corner is brought to you by **Bookmark**. We're a children's literacy charity that wants every child to read. We're always looking for new volunteers to help children learn to read in primary schools across the country.

We are able to make and print this magazine thanks to generous donations from our supporters. If you would like to make a donation, please scan the QR code below.

Thank you.

Find out more and sign up at www.bookmarkreading.org/volunteer



fundraising@bookmarkreading.org

@BookmarkCharity
 @bookmarkreading
 @bookmarkreading



Top tips for encouraging your child to enjoy reading

Mix It Up

Take it in turns to read a line or page each.

Ask your reader to draw or act out parts of the story or see if they can describe a different ending.

See yourself as a co-reader

You'll both enjoy reading together more if you engage in the book as well as listening. Share the things the story makes you think about too.

Wordless Books

Wordless stories provide a great opportunity for readers to use their imagination.

Encourage young readers to consider what they think is happening in the story and why.

There are different types of questions that you can ask your reader to help them think about what they're reading.

Looking questions like "What colour string is Granny knitting with?"

Clue questions like "Who does the hat belong to?"

Thinking questions like "How do you think Hippo is feeling?"

Prediction questions like "What do you think Ameera is going to do next?"



Bookmark



20029900661
Printed on Carbon Captured paper

www.bookmarkreading.org | Registered Charity No. 1177681 | Registered Company No. 11104438
 Bookmark is committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being and welfare of children.

This magazine is designed to last. Please read me, share me, keep me.