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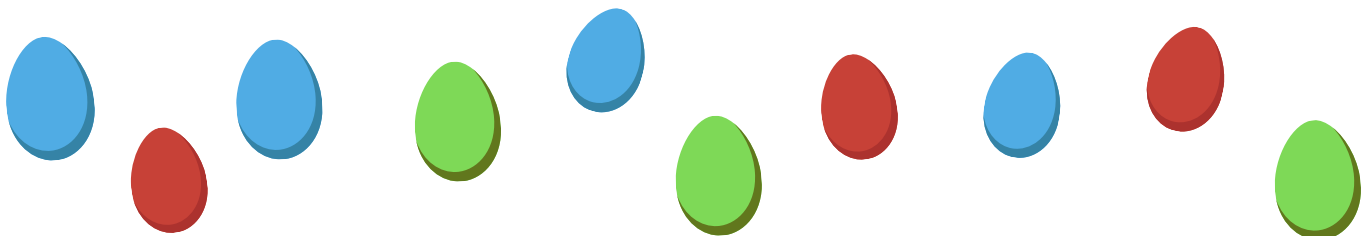
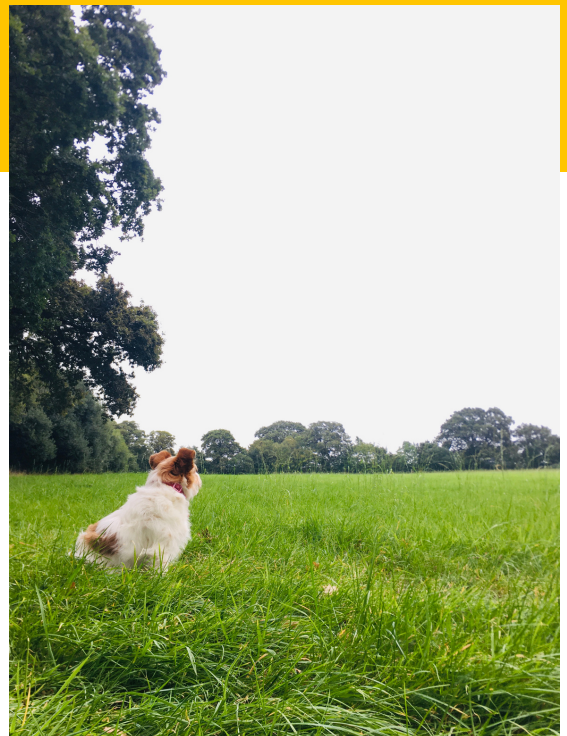
Adventure Island is everywhere. It's a world that we can imagine wherever we are and has been created to stir imagination, chat and story dreaming. There's so much joy to unearth on Adventure Island and Greg hopes it shows its magic...



HELLO FROM SCRUFF!

Hi! I'm Scruff. I'm the blackbird that you see at the start of Adventure Island TV as the Gang go through the Magic Mustard Tin into the Adventure Island.

This month, I'm looking for five blue eggs. Look below, are there five? If not, how many more will I need? How many eggs are there altogether?!



Bonnie and Eppie will look after Scruff over Winter. They'll check in on him every day to make sure he's warm and cosy in his nest!



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Scruff has four blue eggs so he'll need one more to make five!



A BIG HELLO FROM GREG!!

Greg loves Winter. He loves wearing jumpers and thick coats before stepping out into the cold, especially if it's snowing! Sometimes though he forgets to take his gloves so his hands get really, really cold.

How many things can you spot below that begin with 'g', just like the word 'glove'?

Eppie thinks there are 6 of them. Is she spot on?



There are 5: goat - grass - gate - golf - guinea pig

So that Greg's gloves will warm his hands up, he needs the passcode. Here it is. Can you read it together so that Greg can have toasty warm hands?!

jump in the snow





OUT IN THE WINTER AIR

Greg, Bonnie and Eppie are strolling through Adventure Island, and as they go, they sing this little rhyme to keep themselves warm inside!



A cup of tea, a cup of tea
One for you and one for me
Turnaround, jump about, and put the kettle on
Clap your hands, stamp your feet, and sing this little song.

Mince pies, Jack Frost
Cold fingers, face and toes
A snowman dancing in the street, carrot for a nose
When the Winter Sun pops out, where do the snowmen go?

Gather round, gather round
Winter's joy waits to be found
A Robin in a hedgerow somewhere over there
Look, look, look. what's that I see? Snowflakes in the air!

So, a cup of tea, a cup of tea
One for you and one for me
Turnaround, jump about, and put the kettle on
Clap your hands, stamp your feet, and sing this little song.





WHAT TO SPOT... IN DECEMBER

The Bombadils have been Out and About on Adventure Island looking for the things that make December such a special month.

This is what they found!



You might like to chat together, share memories and wonder. Simple chatting is very powerful and is a great way to connect with one another - and it's free!



The Bombadils have found these beautiful bright red berries on the Holly bushes. Blackbirds love to eat these, but they have to be careful of the prickly leaves! Ouch!

Holly is often used to decorate homes in December and it's also used to make furniture. Holly trees come in all shapes and sizes, and the Bombadils love the names of some of the species: Silver Hedgehog, Golden King, Winterberry and Finetooth!

You must never put holly berries in your mouth...

Hurray for Brahms! Here he is, our little Robin friend with his lovely scarlet chest, pip pipping and hopping in the hedgerow. The Bombadils love Brahms as do Greg, Bonnie and Eppie!

Robins are one of the first birds to start the dawn chorus and one of the last to stop singing at night, so they are really special. Robins are also quite friendly so sometimes you can get quite close to them before they fly away.

Robins have been known to nest in all sorts of unusual places including post boxes, old boots, plant pots and even in scrap cars!



The Bombadils love looking for frost in December. Frost is the dew on the ground that freezes when the temperature drops - it makes a great crunching sound when you tread on it!

The Bombadils like to look for frost on leaves as it makes them really stand out. The best type of frost is called 'Hoar Frost' that is in the air and it gathers on spiders' webs - they look so magical when covered in frost - I hope the spiders don't mind though!

If you look on car windows in December you might see frost too. I wonder how drivers get rid of the frost on their windows so they can see where they're going?





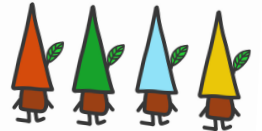
HOW TO MAKE A SIMPLE BIRD FEEDER

The Bombadils like to make sure that the birds have plenty of berries and nuts to eat. They are helped by the giant, Hoddy Dod who walks through the trees to check that the birds are tucked in at night, safe in their nests.

You might like to look after the birds too by making this simple bird feeder. It's great to watch the birds come and it helps them make it through the cold days of December!

YOU WILL NEED:

- String
- bird seed, cooked rice, grated cheese, dried fruit, breadcrumbs or chopped nuts
- Hard cooking fat (lard or suet)
- A pine cone



HOW TO MAKE THE FEEDER:

Mix all the dry ingredients in a big bowl

Put the fat in the bowl and give it a good mix around until it's all mixed in together

Smother the mixture around the pine cone

Use the string to hang your feeders on a branch so it dangles ready for the birds to come

(make sure if cats are around that they can't reach the feeder otherwise the birds won't come!!)



Keep an eye out for Brahms, and say hello to him if he comes to eat!!!





THE BOMBADIL BOOGIE

The Bombadils always sing songs to welcome December in.

There's no snow on Adventure Island at the moment, but maybe it will come when we sing!!

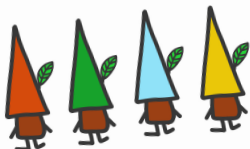
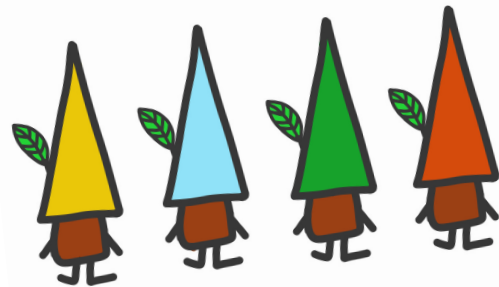
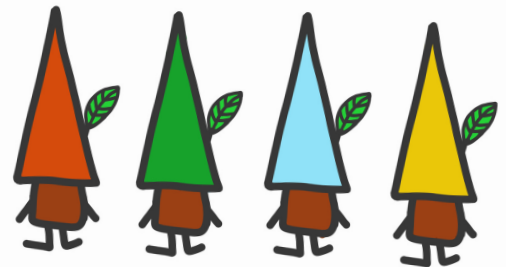


Jacket potato
Chips and beans
This is the best December
That we have ever seen!

Robins pip-pippit
Christmas log
This is the best December
It makes us want to jog!

Gather up the snowballs
Bells ring ding
This the best December
It makes us want to sing!

So say hello to snowtime
Say hello to toast
This is the best December
And we love it the most!





THE FAST ASLEEP SNOW GIANT

Hoddy Dod, the giant who lives on Adventure Island, has a friend who comes to visit in the December snow. She's the Fast Asleep Snow Giant who dozes under the snow as it settles on the ground!

She loves to sleep and dream under her white blanket, while up above her, children laugh and play in the snow.

When she sleeps, more snow begins to fall to make her blanket thicker. She feels very cosy underground, and of course the Bog Babies and the Poggle keep her company!

She's asleep now and you can see how Bonnie has left her little paw prints in the blanket.



Even if Bonnie barks, the Fast Asleep Snow Giant won't wake up - she's sound asleep dreaming of the soft sound of more snow as it falls, as well as crisp ice spreading across puddles and ponds.

To help her sleep, we need the passcode below. We can whisper it to her to reassure her that the snow is here and she can dream on...

Tap and jump and hop and skip

You might like to do a little Snow Giant Dance while you say it!!

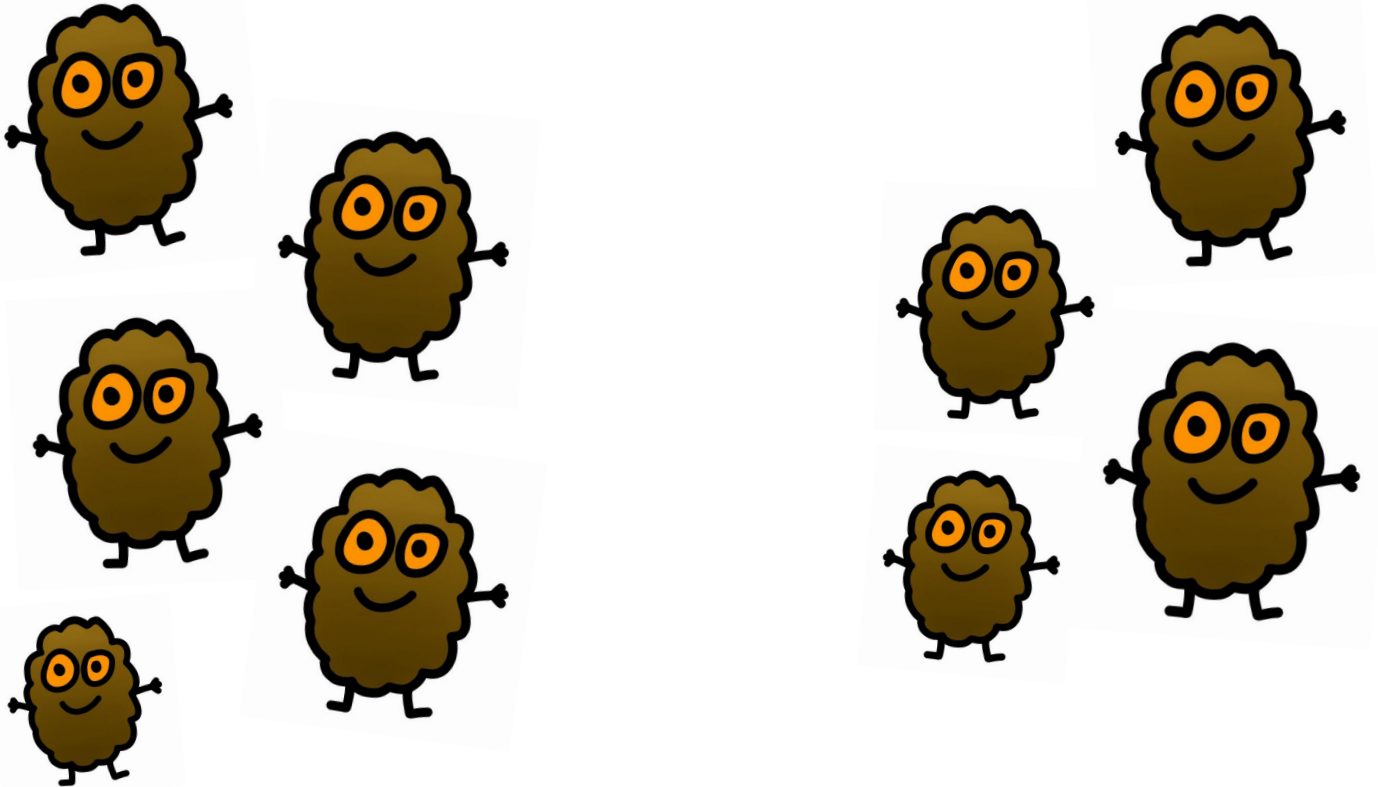




THE FAST ASLEEP SNOW GIANT DREAMS

The Fast Asleep Snow Giant is dreaming underground. She's dreaming of having a snow party and all the cakes she'll bake for it. The Bog Babies and The Poggie are invited, but the Snow Giant knows that they only like Pink Chocolate cakes.

She needs to know how many Pink Chocolate Cakes to bake - can you count all the Bog Babies below and then add one more for the Poggie - he will definitely want a cake!



Yes! There's 9! So with the Poggie, the Fast Asleep Snow Giant will need 10 Pink Chocolate Cakes...

It's time to get baking -
let's count backwards together to start!

10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0





PINK CHOCOLATE CAKES

To make the Pink Chocolate Cakes, the Fast Asleep Snow Giant will need ingredients. In her dream, she'll send Mr and Mrs Picklepop the hedgehogs to the shops to buy them, but she's not too sure what needs to go in the recipe. Take a look below and choose the five ingredients you think she can use...



Yes! Sugar, pink chocolate, eggs, butter and sugar

Now we just need to sing the Picklepop song so that Mr and Mrs Picklepop can make their way to the shops!





EVERYBODY PICKLEPOP!

Mr and Mrs Picklepop are off to the shops! Let's sing with them as they make their way...



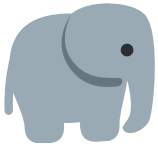
PICKLEPOP PUMPKIN!



Picklepop pumpkin, picklepop pie
A great big hedgehog floating in the sky
Picklepop pumpkin there's something in my shoe
It looks like a crocodile what am I going to do?



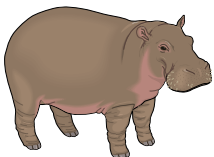
Picklepop pumpkin, picklepop pie
A great big crocodile floating in the sky
Picklepop pumpkin there's something in my shoe
It looks like an elephant what am I going to do?



Picklepop pumpkin, picklepop pie
A great big elephant floating in the sky
Picklepop pumpkin there's something in my shoe
It looks like a guinea pig what am I going to do?



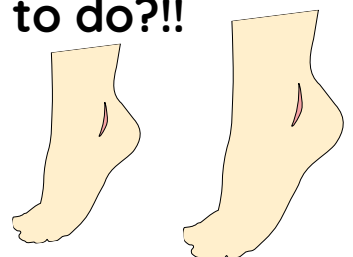
Picklepop pumpkin, picklepop pie
A great big guinea pig floating in the sky
Picklepop pumpkin there's something in my shoe
It looks like a hippo what am I going to do?



Picklepop pumpkin, picklepop pie
A great big hippo floating in the sky
Picklepop pumpkin there's something in my shoe
It looks like my foot what am I going to do?!!



RUN AWAY!!!!





CAKES!!!!

The cakes were made and they all got gobbled up by the Bog Babies and the Poggie! The Fast Asleep Snow Giant has made a special cake for Mr and Mrs Picklepop to say thank you for going to the shops.

It's a ginormous Pink Chocolate Cake with 3 candles on top!



Let's all say the passcode below, then take a deep breath and help Mr and Mrs Picklepop blow out the candles.

huff and puff and puff and huff

And now let's blow the candles out! What's that? There's someone outside the door who loves to huff and puff? Who can it be? That's right! The Big Bad Wolf! Everybody RUNNNNNNN!!!





THE DINKY DINOSAURS AND THE ART CUPBOARD...



The Dinky Dinosaurs have found another door on Adventure Island. It leads to the Art Cupboard. Let's take a look at what's on the other side...



Norbert Goeneutte was a French painter who painted this picture of a Winter street in 1876. That's a long time ago!

The snow on the ground looks very thick and the people are really wrapped up warm against the cold. I wonder where they're going today? The men have their hands in their pockets - maybe they forget to bring their gloves with them! The lady is lifting up her long dress so that it doesn't get damp in the snow - I hope there is a fire waiting for all of them at home!

I wonder if there is any more snow to come? The sky looks very grey so perhaps it will start snowing again. Perhaps the people are out to go to the shops so that they can buy food before the streets get too snowy?

The Dinky Dinosaurs also hope that the horse pulling the carriage has a coat on, because animals get cold in Winter too!!

To melt the snow, the Dinky Dinosaurs have left us a password. Let's read it together so that the Sun comes out...

the sun pops up





THE MOONPIN RHYMING CLUB

The Moonpins like to play rhyming games and sometimes they come to Adventure Island and leave rhyming words to find. Eppie found these, but do they rhyme?



top hop flop mop

yes no go so

drink wink tink think

dog bog hog cat

dig pig fig rabbit

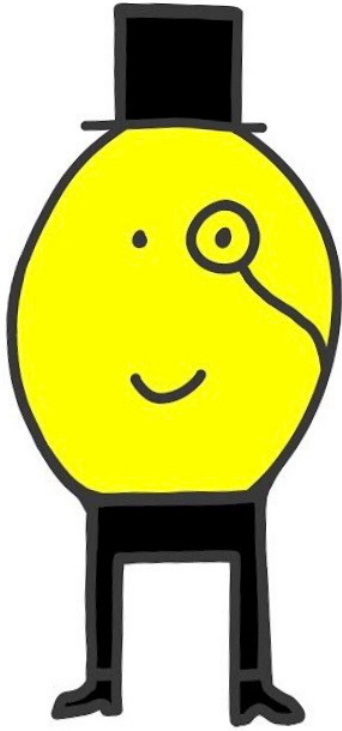
Remember - show, not tell. We are just sharing the joy without expectation of reading the words. The Moopin Rhyming Club is about rhyme. If your child points to letters or wants to read the words then share that joy too. You might even like to make up your own!





WHAT HAVE YOU HEARD, FRANK LEMONCURD?

Frank Lemoncurd has been listening extra carefully and he heard all of this:



A church bell ding donging
a mole burrowing
a bird's wing flapping
a football rolling
cheese sitting on a plate
a chair dreaming in the sun
a boat bobbing
a cat purring

What can you hear? What can you pretend to hear?

Listening like Frank Lemoncurd is a way to bring children's attention to the world. You can do lots of pretending while out and about - imagining what it might be that is making sounds. The main thing is to do it together and enjoy the warmth of listening.

What sounds can you hear out and about?





ADVENTURE ISLAND PASSWORDS

Eppie has been chatting to the Bombadils and they have left these passwords for her...

j

jam

jam on the spoon

jog

jump

jig

jelly

just

jab





THE MAGIC MUDLARKING BELL



Ding-a-ling, ding-a-ling,
ding-a-ling !! Oh my
goodness me, it's the
Magic Mudlarking Bell!

Whenever it rings three
times, something magical
appears. I wonder what
we'll find today?

1 2 3

Wow! It's the Apple Mountains! Bonnie told me about them the other day - apparently at the top of the Apple Mountains there is a wizard who can make the rain turn into apple juice! He can also turn goblins into apples! All he needs is his wand, but he's lost it!

Can you invent a new wand for the wizard? You might want to use a stick or a straw, Lego or even a long kitchen roll. Whatever you choose it will need the passcode below to make the magic work. Go, go, go!! Let's help make it rain apple juice - IMAGINE!!

bump bang bing
jump jang jing

Can you read it together? I wonder how happy the wizard will be when he gets his new wand? I wonder if he'll give us a thank you gift for helping him?





NUMBERS!!!

Each character on Adventure Island has a number that belongs to them! Here they are:

0 *Windy Dindy* *Imagine his mouth blowing away the Cloudigans*

1 *Grumpa* *There's only one Grumpa!*



2 *Bonnie and Eppie* *Two little dogs*

3 *The Bog Babies* *Picture them curled up inside the number!*



4 *The Poggle* *He takes messages to the 4 corners of the World*

5 *Smeech* *The capital S in Smeech echoes the number 5*





NUMBERS!!!

Each character on Adventure Island has a number that belongs to them! Here they are:

6 *Noodle* *Write the number 6 while saying "Noodle" - they fit perfectly!!*

7 *The Tick Tocks* *The number looks like clock hands and it fits when you write it too!*

8 *The Badger Rabbit* *Imagine the Badger Rabbit crawling through the two holes!!*

9 *The Minpins* *There are lots of Minpins so they need a big number!!*

10 *The Moonpins* *The 1 looks like a rocket and the 0 looks like the Moon :)*

4 7 9 5

The code above is:
The Poggle, The Tick Tocks, The Minpins, Smeech

CAN YOU INVENT YOUR OWN CODE?!





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