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ADVENTURE ISLAND

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WHERE THE MAGIC LIVES

Hello and welcome to Adventure Island!

I hope this issue of Adventure Island magazine finds you and family all good and enjoying some sunshine. It feels like it's much needed!

The wood on Adventure Island has really sprung to life and it feels as though every corner of it has something to say. It's been wonderful to hear the birds chirping and welcoming the Sun each morning. Now and again we bump into the deer who are now getting a little braver, seeking food in the meadows that surround the wood. It's lovely to watch them nibbling on the long grass and the fresh green bracken, the sunlight on their rich brown fur. Each morning we venture onto Adventure Island in the hope of spotting them. Sometimes we see up to ten but on other days it's as though they have ghosted away into the undergrowth. So it's always a extra delight to meet them when we do!

This month I've also had the pleasure of going into several schools in Bristol and Coventry and it always strikes me how much of Adventure Island can pop out in an urban landscape. Cities and towns are teeming with features that lend themselves to story dreaming and imagining and as I walked the streets it was as though Adventure Island rushed to greet me!

Whether you are in the countryside or town, Adventure Island is always there and across this coming month I hope you find its magic and embrace it...

Greg:) "Joy is not made to be a crumb..."

Mary OLIVER



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ADVENTURE ISLAND AWATTS!!

A WORLD INSIDE THIS WORLD...

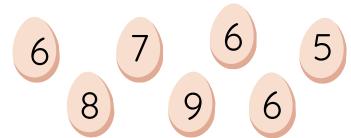
Adventure Island is right in front of you. Once you see it, then it can always be there for you. Everyone belongs on Adventure Island along with every story and their characters. It's a landscape where the magic of children meets the magic of story - it's time to step in

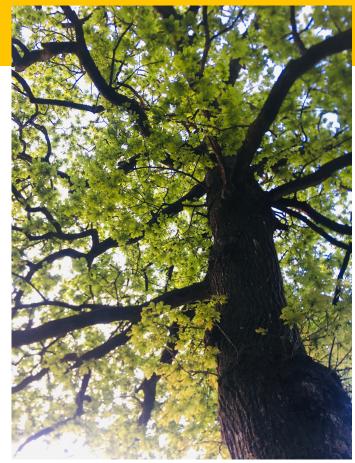
and adventure...



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 three eggs with matching numerals on them. Can you spot them below?





Yes! It was the three with 6 on them! I wonder what's hatching inside them? Imagine if there were baby dinosaurs inside! Look out, Scruff!!!







If you'd like to add to the adventures and listen to Greg sing the rhymes and tell the story from this issue, then why not scan the QR code below. It'll open the door to The Great Big Story Cupboard - see you there!!



Why not sing or hum along with Greg and Scruff? Whatever you chose to do, enjoy the magic!





Greg has been very tired this month. Bonnie and Eppie keep finding him fast asleep! They will need to wake him so that all three can go on more adventures. Can you help them? Take a look at the objects below. Which would you use to wake Greg up with a jump?



















Greg definitely woke up and now he's run out of the house and down the lane! To call him back, say the phrase below - why not read it together?

fish and chips and pots and pans

Here he comes! He's heading back to the house. Oh no! He's disappeared!! Where can he be?





He's fallen down the Great Big Hole! Why didn't Greg look where he was going?! Let's go and see if we can get him out. I can hear him calling from the bottom of the hole. He's singing. Let's listen to Greg while we invent a plan to help him. It's a Minpin song...



Great Big Hole
Great Big Hole
Has anybody fallen down a Great Big Hole?

It's time for breakfast Cornflakes in a bowl Has anybody fallen down a Great Big Hole?



It's time for lunch Let's eat a sausage roll Has anybody fallen down a Great Big Hole?



It's time for tea
With a tiger and a mole
Has anybody fallen down a Great Big Hole?

It's time for bed
Pyjamas on patrol
Has anybody fallen down a Great Big Hole?

Great Big Hole
Great Big Hole
Can anybody get me out this Great Big Hole?



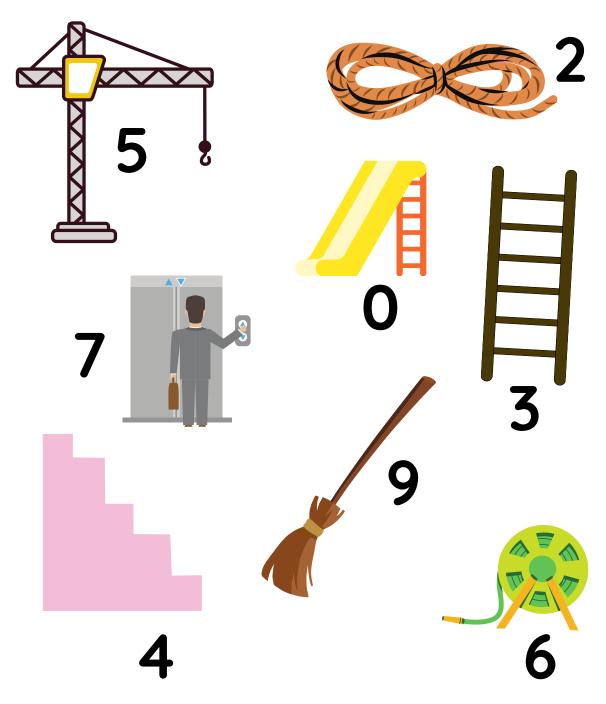






GET GREG!

Right, let's get Greg out from the Great Big Hole. Which of these should we use, I wonder? The one that will work has a number that is one more than 8 next to it. Can you spot it?



Yes! It was the broomstick! It had the number 9 next to it which is one more than 8. We got Greg out of the Great Big Hole. However, someone is not very happy about us using the broomstick....

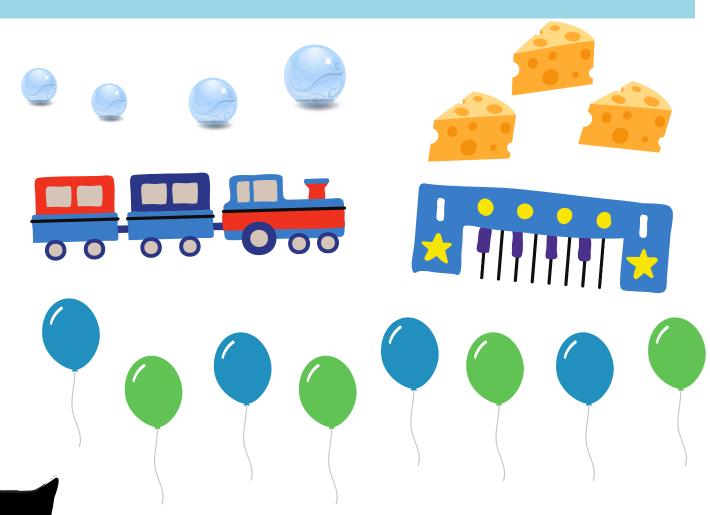




While he was down in the Great Big Hole, Greg rummaged around in the dark and picked up some things from the floor. Now he's back in the daylight let's take a look at what he found...

I wonder what you see?

This is an opportunity to look at objects and chat about the maths you can see together. You might see the pattern in the row of balloons or the total number of wheels on the train or the number of yellow buttons on the keyboard...



Someone is still not very happy about us using the broomstick to rescue Greg... They are purring very crossly so perhaps it's a good idea to say hello and see if we can calm them down...





BINGO THE WITCH'S CAT

It's Bingo the Witch's Cat!
No wonder she was so
cross about us using the
broomstick! We'd better
give her a saucer of milk to
say sorry before she tells
the Witch....







Bingo is really good at magic spells because she spends her time with the Witch and has learned what to do. She can make things disappear. Look at the numbers 1-10 below - can you spot which ones Bingo has vanished?

12 * 45 * 78 * 10

Bingo can also make things turn upside down with the flick of her long black tail. Look! She's turned the words below upside down!! Can you read them together? It's tricky!!

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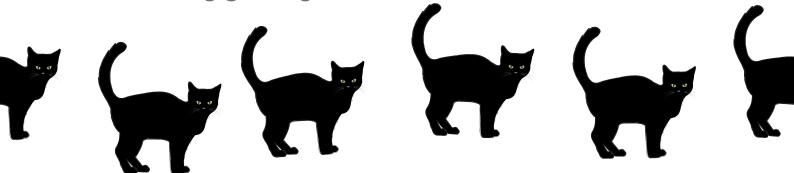
The Witch is calling Bingo so that they can go and make some potions together so Bingo needs to say goodbye. Before she leaves us she wants to tell us the recipe for Poggle Potion. If we dip our finger in it we can move super fast just like the Poggle - yes!!

To make it we need three of every ingredient. What can you see?





As she scampers off, Bingo sings a song. Let's sing it with her as we say goodbye!!



Chomping cheese
Tasting toast
Nibbling nuts and nougat
Biting biscuits
Crunching crisps
While saying he-ha-hoo-ha!

He-ha-hay
He-ha-hoo
Let's crunch and gulp our tea
Munch, munch, munch on our lunch
He-ha-hoo-ha-he!

Scoff, scoff, scoff the lot And wash it down with juice Set the table, ring the bell And.... gobble like a goose Or a troll...





On Adventure Island, if you listen very carefully, you'll hear the Dinky Dinosaurs. They are tiny dinosaurs that think they are bigger than they really are!

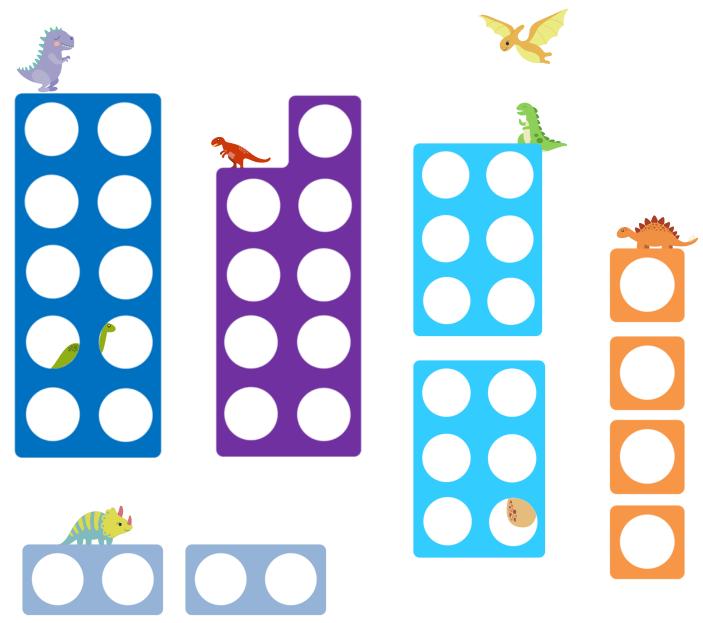


The Dinky Dinosaurs have just found a Great Big Hole! They're not sure what's at the bottom so Billie has offered to fly down and take a look. I wonder what she'll find?





ooh! Billie has found some Stinky Cheese with holes in at the bottom of the Great Big Hole and now all the other Dinky Dinosaurs have come down to take a look too!



What can you see? And can you spot Egg hiding somewhere? I wonder which colour of Stinky Cheese has the most holes? There'aslo something else at the bottom of the Great Big Hole...







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

















This is a painting by Magritte. I wonder why the two men are floating in the sky? And I wonder what they are looking at? There must be something exciting on the other side of the hill or coming down the road - what might it be? And how will the two men get back down to the ground?

The Dinky Dinosaurs are off to look at more Magritte paintings - why don't you look at some together and see where Happy Talk of wondering together takes you? Don't forget to story dream!!





Waffle has made up a song about the Magritte painting. Let's sing it together!

Floating in the Sky

Floating in the sky Floating in the sky Minding my own business Way up high

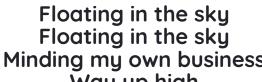
Looking over there Without a care

Pickle and a pie Minding my own business Way up high

Looking over here Looking over there Floating through the clouds Without a care

I can see the top Of the houses down below I can see the treetops And where the birds go

Looking over here Looking over there Floating through the clouds Without a care



Looking over here Floating through the clouds

Jam and cream and mustard



















Welcome to Titch's Building Club!

Titch is a Moonpin who is the best builder on Adventure Island. If anyone wants something building then they always ask her to do it!







The Dinky Dinsoaurs have asked Titch to build them a Great Big Hole Exploring Robot to investigate what else might be down the Great Big Hole. The robot has a yellow scanner on its arm which beeps when it finds something and an orange camera on the other arm to take a photo of it. It has grey wings on its back and a flashing light on its head so that the Dinky Dinosaurs can see where it is in the dark!

It's a brilliant robot but will only work if the Dinky Dinosaurs can say the password:

bing bang bong bing bang bong!



I wonder if you can build your own Great Big Hole Exploring Robot? I wonder what yours will look like and how it will work?





The Great Big Hole would be great to story dream with. Eppie thinks she's going to story dream what might live inside it and Bonnie thinks she'll story dream about the Poggle having a Poggle Party down there! Let's see what we can story dream together. Brahms and Thimble can't wait to find out! Here we go!



The Great Big Hole

Can you see a great big hole in your mind? I can.

It's very wide and very deep and when you look down it's all dark. I'm going to shout down the Great Big Hole - "Hello!" Can you hear the word echoing back to you? "Hello! Hello! Hello!"

I'm going to be very brave and climb down the Great Big Hole. I can see a long red ladder and I'm going to use it to clamber down. Here we go - down, down, down. Can you see yourself clambering down the ladder, your feet and hands on the rungs as you go? I can.

It feels cold down the Great Big Hole and I'm almost at the bottom. 3,2,1, yes my feet are now on the floor. I know what I need - a torch. I'll reach into my pocket and there one is. Mine is blue. I wonder what colour your torch is? Click. it's on and now we can look around. There doesn't seem to be much here. A broken bottle, an old welly boot and a puddle of mud. I'll pick up the welly and take it back up the ladder. Here goes! Up, up, up! Back into the daylight. I'll switch the torch off - click - and now let's tip the welly upside down to see if anything falls out..

Yes! Three gold coins have dropped out of the welly! I wonder who left them there? I'll put them back in and drop the welly back down the Great Big Hole. Ready? 1,2,3 and drop! CRASH! The welly landed at the bottom. "Thank you!" booms a Great Big Voice from down below. I wonder who said that?! Who do you think might be at the bottom of the Great Big Hole? And I wonder why we didn't see them with our torch!

Parents - story dreaming is a way of exercising the 'muscle' of imagination. It isn't about 'can you do it', it is more about showing children that it is possible and that you can story dream about anything you wish and wherever you are.

Story dreaming shows children that story belongs to them and that we can be story dreamers together - give it a go. There's no right or wrong, your story can take you anywhere...





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?













hen ten pen den

dog log hog tent

up pup cup ding

flop stop hop bop

night light sight fright

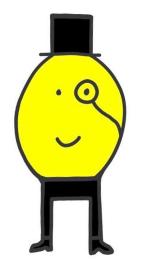
Remember - show, not tell. We are just sharing the joy without expectation of reading the words. The Moopin Rhyming Club is about rhyme. If you're child points to letters or wants to read the words then share that joy too.

You might even like to make up your own!





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



a car starting a motorbike revving

jam on toast

a bee buzzing in the grass

a flag flapping in the wind

a stick snapping

a light being switched on

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 in the kitchen?





ADVENTURE ISLAND PASSWORDS

The Great Big Hole has popped up some messages from underground. I wonder if we can read them together?



kitten

kitten in a red basket

Kitten in a basket 1,2,3

Playing with a ball of wool
And climbing up a tree.
Kitten in a basket

4,5,6

Cleaning her kitten fur With tiny little licks.

Kitten in a basket

7,8,9

Dozing in a daydream
Out in the bright sunshine.
MIAOW!



THE MAGIC MUDLARKING BELL

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



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?

123

It's Tippy Toes' Typewriter! Tippy Toes uses it to type messages so that the inhabitants of Adventure Island know which dances to do! Eppie told me all about these messages the other day. When you spot one you have to follow the instructions on the message and do the dance. It's even better when music spills out of the Singing Saucepan and then you can follow the step of the music.

Even Grumpa loves to dance when he finds one of Tippy Toes' messages from the Tippy Toes' Typewriter. Let's see what message Tippy Toes has typed for us today...

tap tap tap
bob bob bob
clap clap clap
jump jump

jump let's go!



NUMBERS!!!

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

- Windy Dindy Imagine his mouth blowing away the Cloudigans
- 1 Grumpa There's only one Grumpa!



- 2 Bonnie and Eppie Two little dogs
- 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!!

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

8 The Badger Rabbit

Imagine the Badger Rabbit crawling through the two holecll

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

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

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Is the Badger Rabbit's number in the blue passcode? If not, whose numbers can you spot on it?! Is Grumpa's number in the passcode? If not, he's going to be extra grumpy!!





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We'll see you there x