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## WHERE THE MAGIC LIVES

Hello and welcome to Adventure Island.

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable Christmas break in spite of the challenging circumstances, but above all, I hope you and your family are all safe.

It feels very strange to have left 2020 behind - it will be a year that will live long in the memory, but I also believe it is one to try to leave behind and now look forward from. There will certainly be plenty to look forward to on Adventure Island and your continued company will be lovely to have as we share the magic together.

Bonnie and Eppie have certainly had a good Christmas with lots of treats and fresh air out on walks. Eppie had a new name tag for her little black harness and Bonnie got a new hairbrush. They both seemed very happy with their gifts!

The cats, Yoda and Orla aren't bothered by Christmas and spent most of their time slinking about and dozing, but they were still good company when they decided to give it. Zoomer spent pretty much all of Christmas sleeping in her dog bed, but that didn't stop her from barking at Next Door Neighbour Cat when she got a chance - she has quite a strict diet, so there were no special titbits for her, though I think she managed to sneak one or two when we weren't looking.

Finally, I hope you managed to get to see the Thimble the Christmas Mouse episodes on my YouTube channel - if not then why not take a look. The Christmas Mouse pops up across the year so we can enjoy her adventures at any time!

Keep playing, Greg :)



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# ADVENTURE ISLAND

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## ADVENTURE ISLAND AWAITS!!

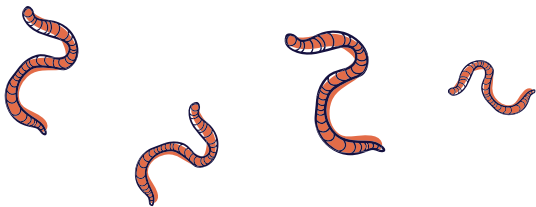
A WORLD INSIDE THIS WORLD...

Adventure Island is a World to step into, a place where there are problems to solve, characters to meet and places to go. All of us can adventure there. Its door is open to all. We just need to believe and then it will show itself to us. I hope you can feel the magic in your hearts together - come and join us...

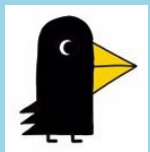


## HELLO FROM SCRUFF!

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 5 worms to make my worm porridge - do I have enough?



If you're in the Adventure Island Plus Club or Adventure Island Family, then you can send your ideas, drawings and stories to Scruff! Look out for this colour box in the pages ahead for ideas...!





# COSY CLUB AUDIO

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 or enter the link into your search engine. It'll open the door to The Great Big Story Cupboard - see you there!!

<https://vimeo.com/496439988/7bfff4d417>



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







# A BIG HELLO FROM GREG!!

Greg was looking for the Minpins to wish them a happy new year, but they are hiding! Greg knows that they are in things beginning with the secret letter - t

Can you help Greg spot where the Minpins might be hiding?  
There are 5 of them...

t



Did you spot tap, toilet rolls, toothbrush/paste, telephone, tomato?



Can you think of somewhere else that the Minpins might be hiding? Somewhere beginning with t? Maybe they are hiding under your toast or inside your t-shirt!!





# THE PET PORTAL



MARV



LENNY

A Pet Portal has appeared on Adventure Island!! It enables you to send your pets to join the adventures here - Greg can't believe it - the Pet Portal just popped up by the Humming Tree and two cats arrived! Their names are Marv and Lenny and they've been sent by Emily Taylor in Oxfordshire.

I wonder what Lenny is dreaming of? Eppie thinks that he's dozy daydreaming about drinking cups of milk and dunking biscuits in. Bonnie isn't sure but she guesses that maybe Lenny is dreaming about being all snug by a big fire while it rains outside. Cats don't like the rain - Lenny definitely doesn't!

Marv is looking up at the Moon as he thinks he's spotted the Moonpins' little space rocket shooting through the sky. He'll probably wake Lenny up and ask him to go with him on an adventure to find them. Marv loves spending time with the Moonpins. They tickle him under his chin and go for rides through the trees on his tail. Lenny won't though - as soon as Marv finds the Moonpins, then Lenny will slink off and sleep somewhere - clever Lenny!!



**Why not send a photo of your pet to the Gang through the Pet Portal? We can do a little story dreaming about them!! Here on Adventure Island we love animals - every single one!**



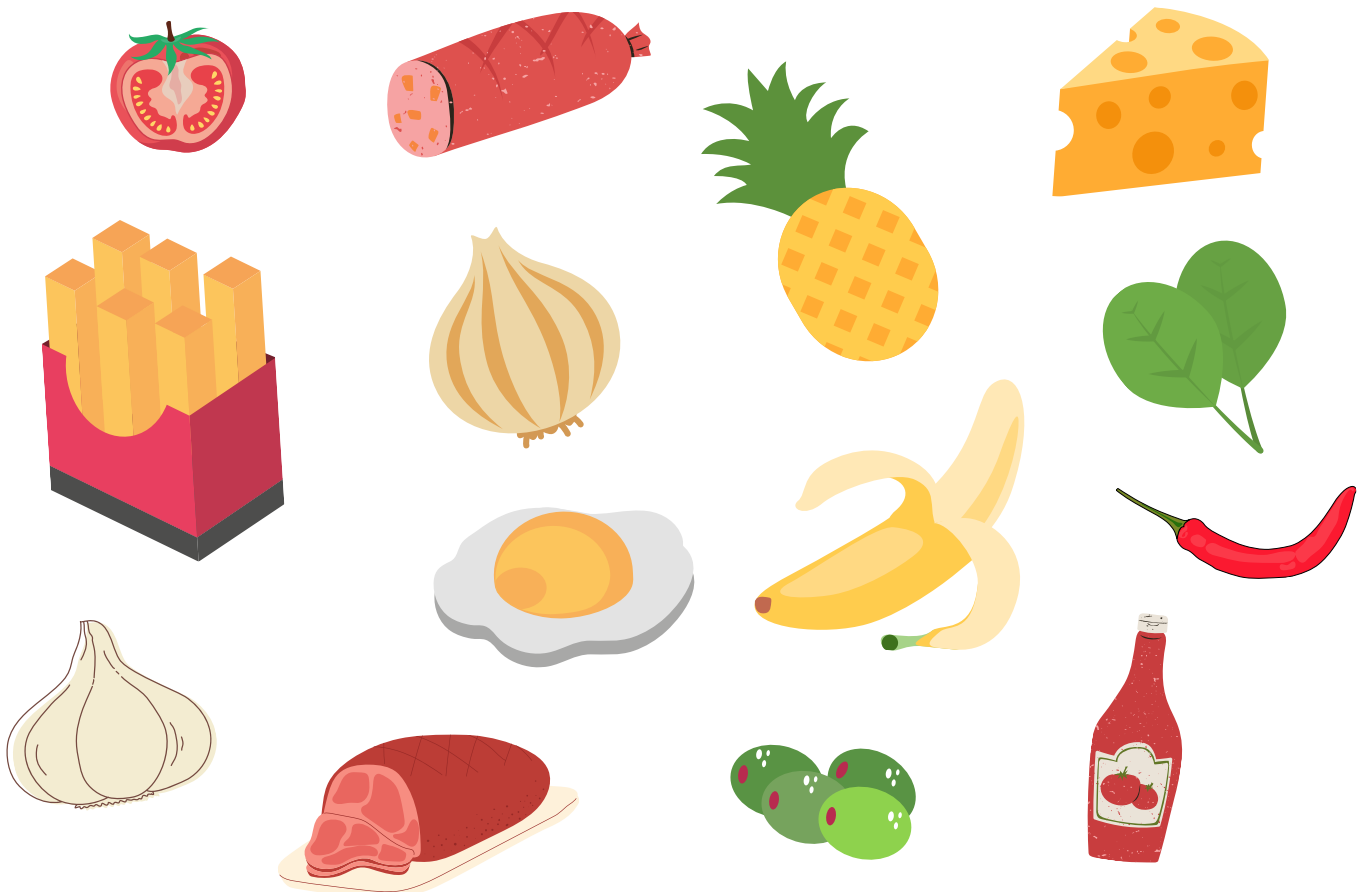




# LENNY'S DREAM

While Marv is playing with the Minpins, Lenny has taken himself off, curled up and fallen fast asleep. Sleeping is his favourite thing to do, and when he does it, he likes to dream about pizza!!

Lenny wants to put five things on his pizza. Which five things should he choose? He'd like one that rhymes with the word 'peg'. Can you spot it? The rest are up to you - just make sure you only choose five for him!!



How many of these toppings would you choose for your pizza? Would you have slices of banana on yours? Or olives? How about chips on a pizza?!



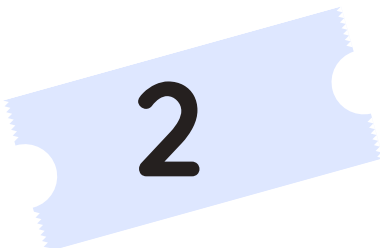
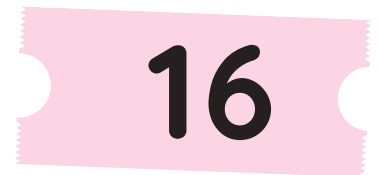
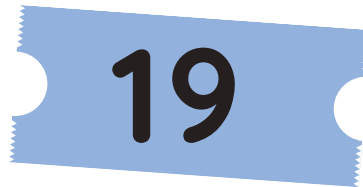


# MARV AND THE MINPINS

Lenny is dreaming about pizza - Marv meanwhile is having a great time with the Minpins, taking them for rides around Adventure Island on his tail!

The Minpins need a Tail Ticket to ride on Marv's tail. The Tail Tickets have a number between 1 and 10 on them. Can you find the Tail Tickets below so that Titch can ride on Marv's tail? There are four of them and will have one of these green or red numbers on...

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10



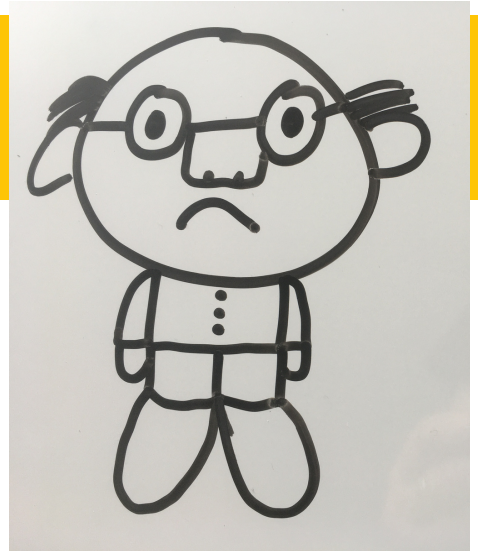
Did you spot them? 3 8 4 2 and 9 are all Tail Tickets! Which ticket would you like to have? The Minpins love the number 9 so they always want that one!







# HERE COMES GRUMPA!



Uh oh! The Minpins were having such a good time riding on Marv's tail that they have woken Grumpa! We need to send him back to sleep again, otherwise he'll put the Minpins in a Trick Trap!!

To help the Minpins send Grumpa back to sleep, we'll need the Lullabicycle. When we pedal it, it makes soothing music, but we have to make sure we pedal the right one! The Lullabicycle has a word beginning with Grumpa's letter on it - g

Can you spot it below? Once you have, then count to 10 and pedal your feet as fast as you can. The Minpins need your magic!!

spot



plop



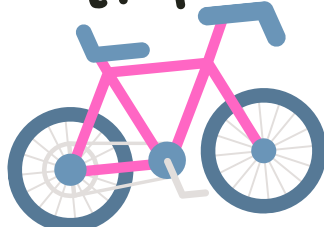
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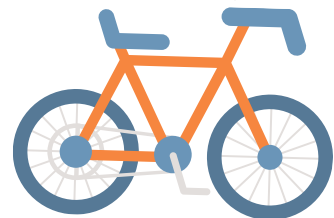
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trip



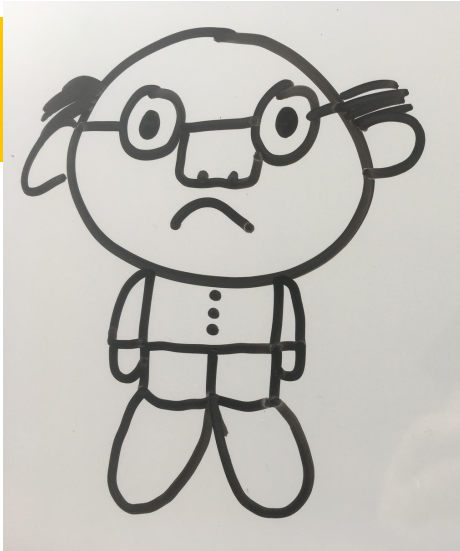
clap



Did you spot it? Yes, it's the green Lullabicycle! Now, pedal as fast as you can - send Grumpa back to the Land of Nod!!!

Parents - remember that reading is not a test. You can do it together and chat about each word. When do we gulp? Have you ever tripped over? Can you clap five times and can you see any twigs on your way to the shops?





# GRUMPA'S TRICK TRAPS

Grumpa is having a lovely time while sleeping, because he's dreaming of all the Trick Traps he's going to leave...

He's going to send the Trick Traps out of his house using things that can fly. Can you spot which things he'll use?



Did you spot: bird, plane, helicopter, ladybird, butterfly, space rocket and wasp? Imagine if cats could fly? What about cars? Maybe one day, cars will be able to fly - if they could, where would you like to fly to? Bonnie would like to fly to Cloud Kingdom to play with the Cloudigans and Eppie would love to go to the Moon to see the Moonpins!

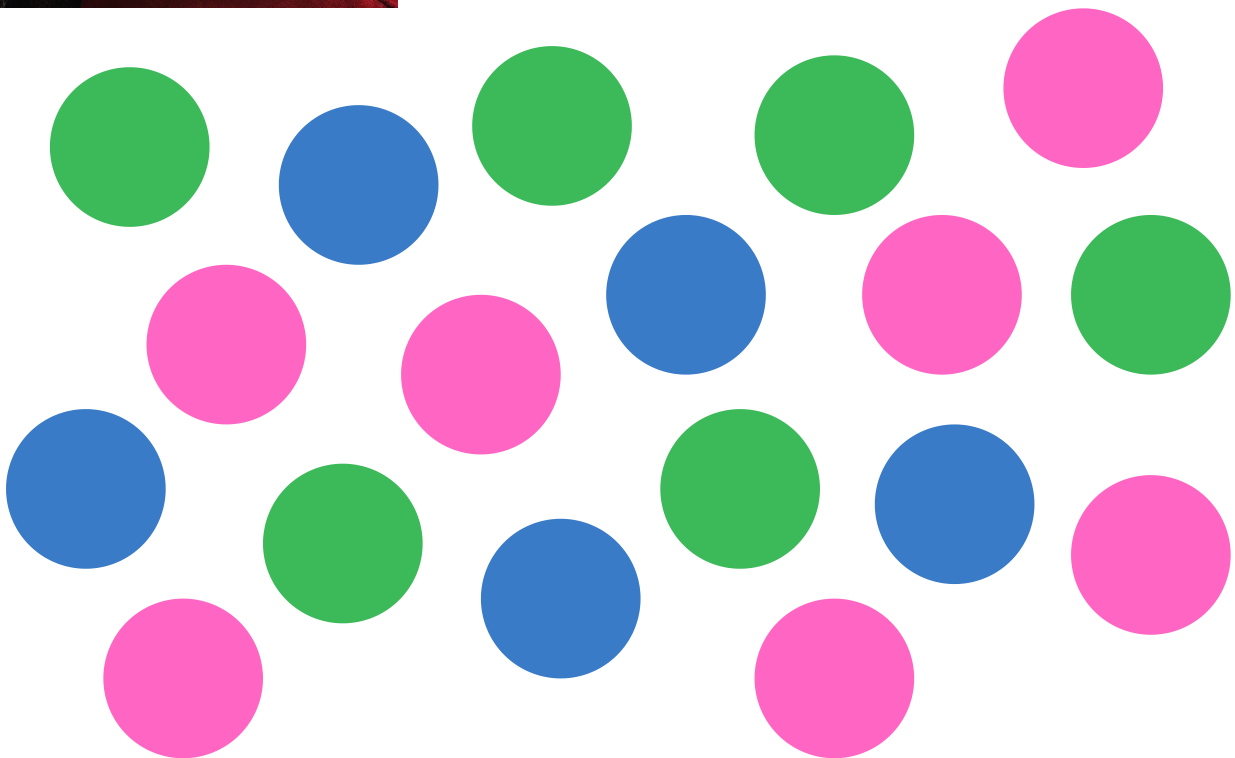




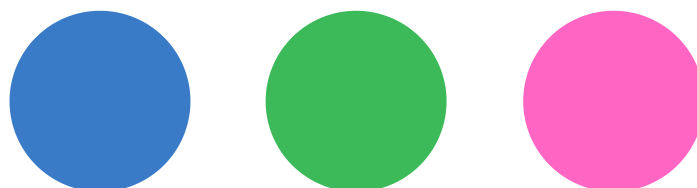


## BONNIE'S DREAM

While Grumpa is dreaming of putting out Trick Traps for the Minpins, Bonnie is fast asleep dreaming about how she will rescue the Minpins if they get trapped! She knows that there's a secret passcode to release the Minpins but she needs your help to remember it..



The code is the number of blue Minpin Money coins, then the number of green coins and then the number of pink coins. Can you count how many of each colour to work out the passcode?





# SLEEP TIGHT GRUMPA!

Grumpa is fast asleep and is dreaming of all the Trick Traps he's going to leave for the Minpins. Marv and Lenny need to sneak past him without waking him up - the longer he sleeps, the less time he has to put his Trick Traps out!

We have to step on the slabs that have quiet sounds on them. If we step on a noisy sound then Grumpa will wake up! Can we make our way across the slabs while Grumpa snores... There are six slabs we can step on - start on the blue slab...

squeak

boom

sigh

hum

dink

ping

rustle

bang

crash

thud

smash

roar



Squeak, dink, ping, rustle, sigh, hum should get you across! Why not chat about all the sounds and think about what might make each sound. Also can you roar or crash quietly?





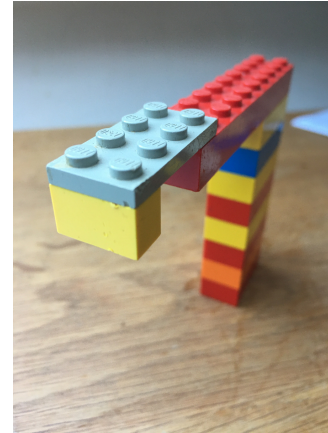
# YOUR VERY OWN ADVENTURE...

Having fun watching the adventures on Adventure Island TV?

**Why not go on your own adventure?**

You might want to go and look for Smeech!

You will definitely need some kind of detector to tell you if you are near her. Sometimes she asks Grumpa to put down a Trick Trap and we don't want to end up in one of them!! This is one that Titch made from Lego - you'll need the passcode to make it beep...



# 100

The passcode!



Take a bag with you to collect any litter you find on your adventures - Smeech seems to drop her litter all over the place so keep your eyes peeled!.

Don't forget to take the Pick-Me-Ups with you. You can tell them you are going to find Smeech using the Pick-Me-Up Portal - I wonder where yours is? Mine is here...



# boo!

If you do find Smeech, then you can trick her by shouting boo - she'll run off and take her litter with her!

The co-adventure includes you as an adult too! It may feel strange to play, but in time it can become second nature. You may be self-conscious, but just hold on to the fact that by playing and chatting with your child, you are connecting to them in a very deep way. It doesn't have to be a long adventure - maybe just long enough to wonder with one another and spark the joy of make-believe. Try not to pressure yourself either. Little bits of play-full-ness can go a long, long way...

Happy adventures!







# STORY DREAMING...

Story Dreaming is brand new to Adventure Island. It was brought here by Thimble the Christmas Mouse and Brahms the Robin.



Thimble is going to 'story dream' an image for us to put in our heads. We can then imagine what will happen and dream a little story about it!

Let's give it a go.

## a cat sitting in a car



Can you see a cat in your mind? I can.

My cat is black and white. I wonder what colour your cat is?

My cat is called Floella and she has a pointy yellow hat on her head. Is your cat wearing a hat? Or maybe gloves? Maybe your cat is wearing a coat?

Now can you imagine your cat sitting in a car? My car is bright green and my cat is driving it. What colour is the car in your mind? I wonder where your cat is driving?

My cat is driving to go and see her friend, Milton who is an orange elephant. Can you see Milton in your mind? I wonder how big he is? My Milton is teeny-tiny and he is eating a yoghurt. Some of the yoghurt has splatted on the floor.

Have you ever splatted yoghurt or dropped it on the floor? Can you remember where you were when you did? What is your favourite flavour of yoghurt? The Minpins love banana yoghurt and the Poggie loves peach melba!

I wonder where Milton and Floella will go when they meet up? Can you story dream it in your head?

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.

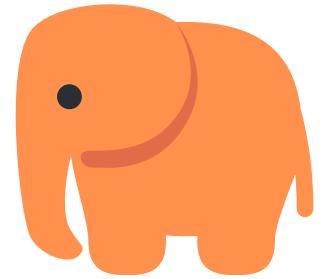
Story dreaming shows children that story belongs to them and that we can be story dreamers together - give it a go. There's no right or wrong, your story can take you anywhere...



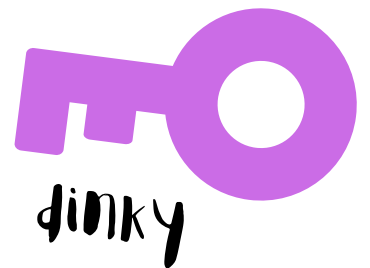


# MILTON THE ORANGE ELEPHANT

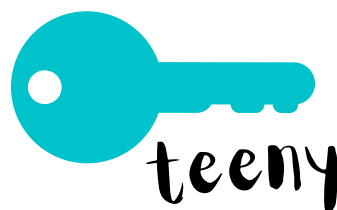
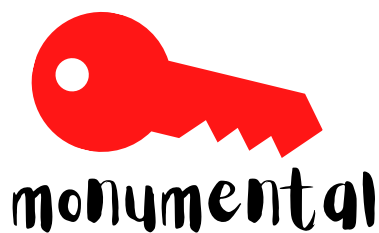
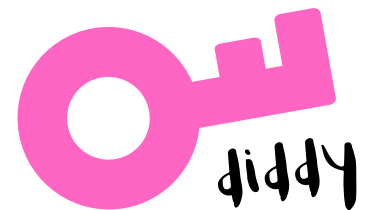
Look! It's Milton - we story dreamed him on to Adventure Island! He's really tiny for an elephant. He's looking for a spoon to eat his yoghurt with, but it's in the Magic Mustard Tin.



Milton needs the passcode to open it. Below are keys with words next to them. Milton needs to find four keys that have words which mean 'small'. Can you spot them? I wonder which one you will use to open up the Magic Mustard Tin?



enormous



Bonnie thinks that the four words are: miniature, dinky, diddy and teeny.

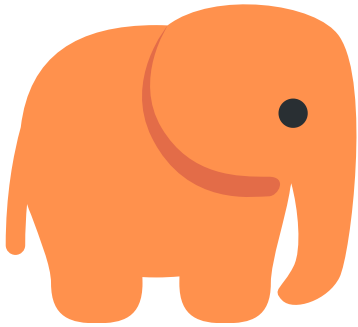
Is she spot on? Eppie thinks so!

I wonder what colour the spoon is inside the Magic Mustard Tin? And I wonder how many spoonfuls it will take Milton to eat up all of her yoghurt?



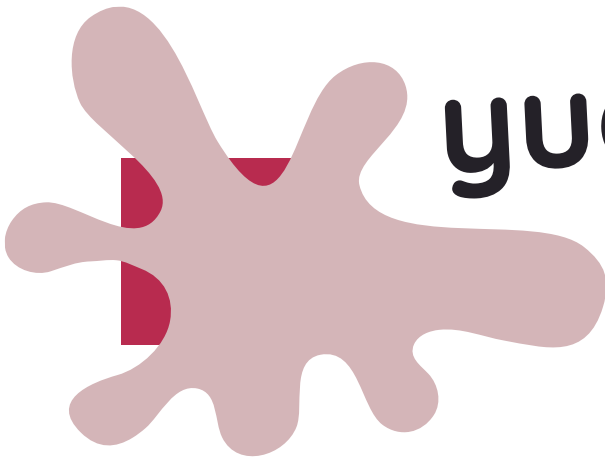


# SPLAT!! SPLAT!! SPLAT!!

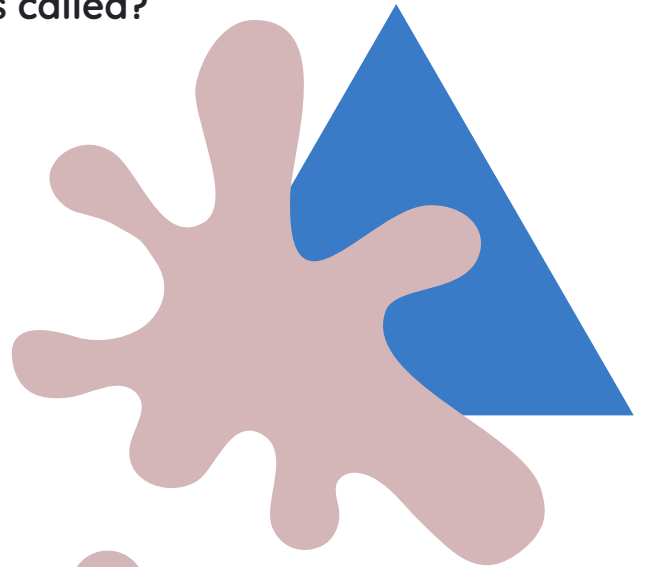


Oh no! Milton got so excited about eating his yoghurt that he dropped his spoon and splatted yoghurt all over his shape carpet! Can you work out which shapes he's splatted his yoghurt on? How do you know?

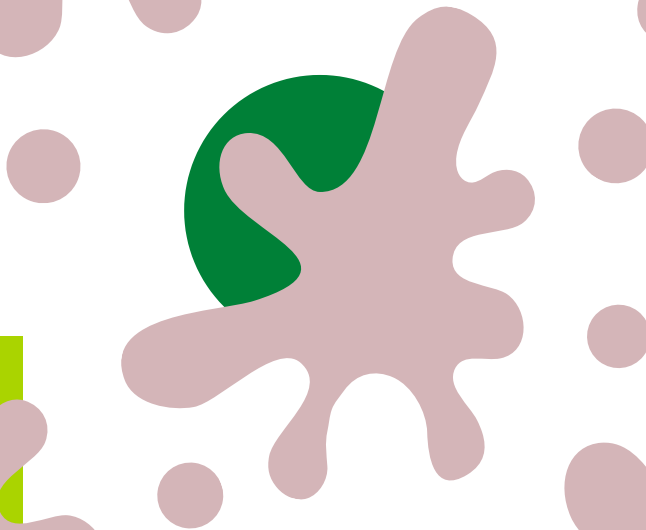
There should be a triangle, a square, a circle, a rectangle and one more with five sides - I wonder what that shape is called?



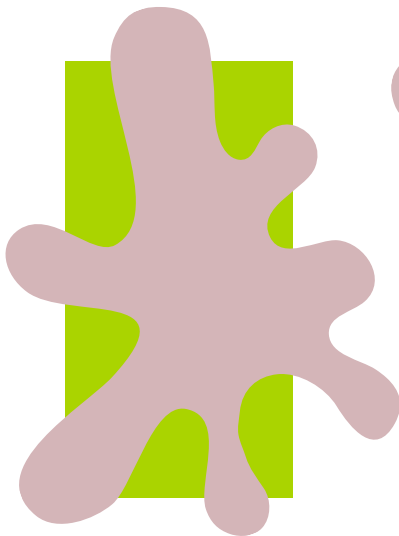
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splat



drop



spoon



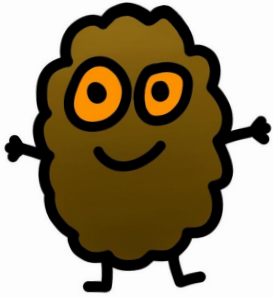
It's called a pentagon!







# MEET FROEBEL...

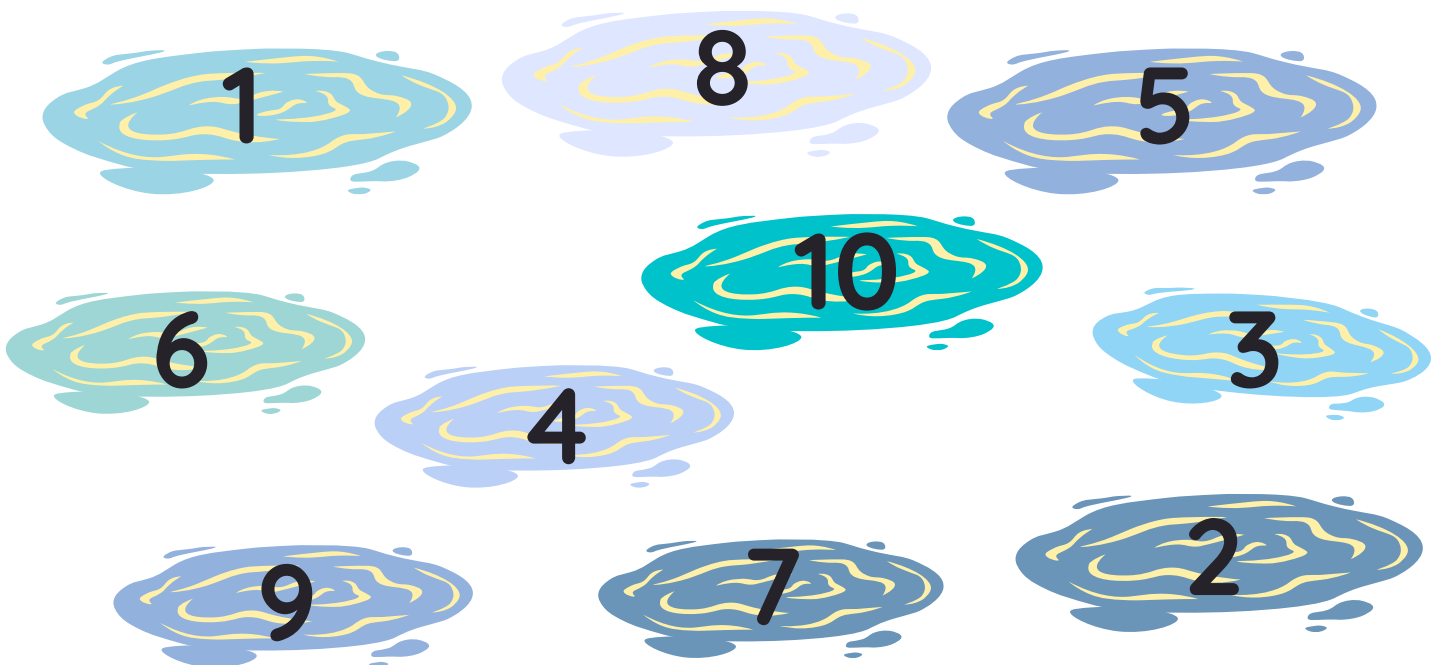


Just like you, Milton loves spending time with friends. One of his best friends is Froebel, a Bog Baby, who loves coming up from underground to play.

Today, Froebel wants to play a splashing number game with Milton, but Milton is a bit unsure about what order numbers go in. Is he spot on? Take a look... Something doesn't look right!

1 2 8 4 5 6 7 3 9 10

Froebel is going to count to 10 while Milton splashes in the puddles below in the right order. Can you help him? Ready, steady, go!!



If there was one more puddle, what number would Milton splash in? What is one more than 10, I wonder?



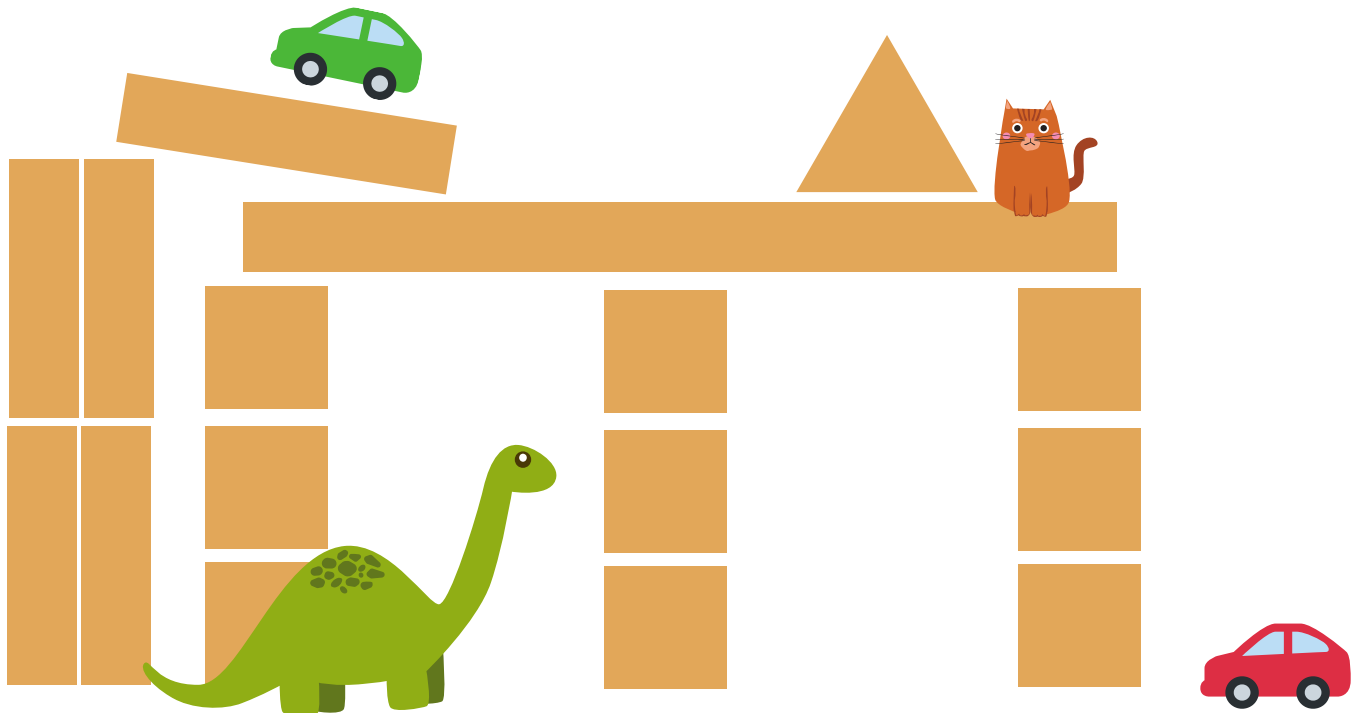


# FROEBEL'S GIFTS

More than anything, Froebel loves to play with wooden building blocks because he can story dream them into anything he wants them to be.

He likes little wooden blocks and big wooden blocks and he's happy to play with them inside and outside.

Do you like playing with blocks? I wonder what you can build with them?



Froebel has built a bridge for the cars to go over so they can get past one of the Dinky Dinosaurs. The cat on the bridge will only lift the triangular block for the cars to get across if they know the passcode.

Can you help the cars get over the bridge! What number has the blue car parked in front of?

100 200 300  500

There's a ramp at the end of the bridge. As the cars go up and zoom off the end, they shout a word. Can you read it together?

zoom!





# BRAHMS THE ROBIN

Brahms the Robin has been singing his little heart out in Winter and he has been outside Greg's window chirping and chittering as merry as can be. He's even taught Greg a new song called A Little Bird Told Me and he asked if Greg can share it with you...



## A LITTLE BIRD TOLD ME

A little bird told me in the lane  
Jump up high then jump again  
Turn around and tap your toes  
Wiggle your nose and say hello... hello!

HELLO!

A little bird told me on the hill  
Jump up high then stand still  
Turn around and tap your knees  
Wiggle your nose and count to three... 123

123!

A little bird told me on the farm  
Jump up high then flap your arms  
Turn around and tap your head  
Wiggle your nose then go to bed!

zzzzz!

I wonder if you've seen Brahms while out and about? If you see him, remember to say hello and maybe sing his song to him!!

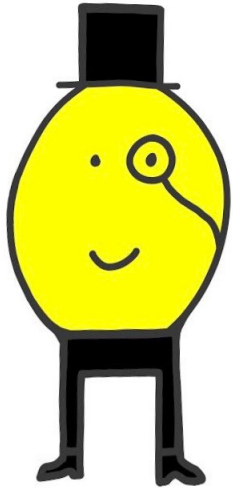






# WHAT HAVE YOU HEARD, FRANK LEMONCURD?

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



**a chicken clucking**

**a squirrel crunching nuts**

*a plane flying up in the clouds*

*a pair of glasses*

**clothes drying in the wind**

*a plaster being pulled off*

**a newspaper crinkling**

*a firework whooshing and banging*

**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.**

**Can you hear any birds singing? Make yourself really quiet and see if you can hear them? I wonder what they are saying to one another?**





# 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?



ding bing sing ring

go slow flow trip

stir whirr her plop

run sun fun bun

sack stack crack jump

Remember - show, not tell. We are just sharing the joy without expectation of reading this 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!





# ADVENTURE ISLAND PASSWORDS

Brahms the Robin has found a secret letter right by his nest. He thinks that Next Door Neighbour Cat has left it for him as the password to get on to Adventure Island. Can we help him - it looks like there's more than a letter!



a dog in a basket

A dog in a basket? I wonder what they look like? Can you picture a dog in your head? What colour is your dog? Mine is brown and has a green collar. She's about to go to sleep in her basket and she'll dream all about eating cheese on toast. I wonder what your dog is doing in their basket?!



Why not draw your dog and send it in to the Gang? We'd love to see it and maybe there's a passcode so that your dog has sweet dreams - I wonder what it is?.





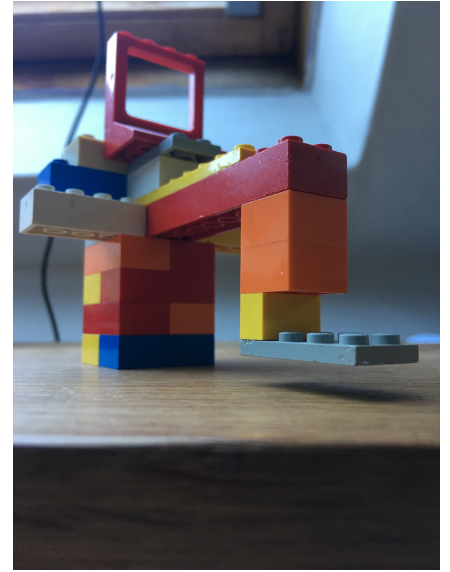
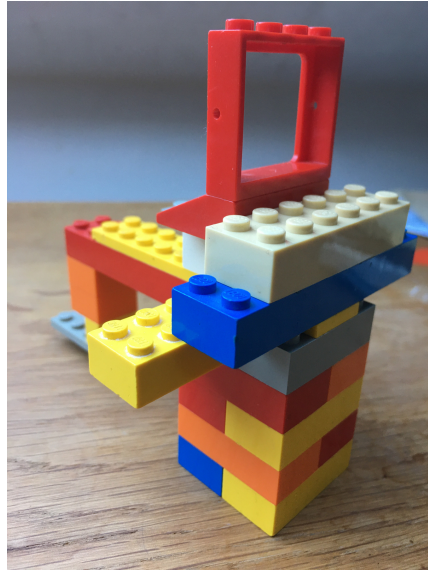
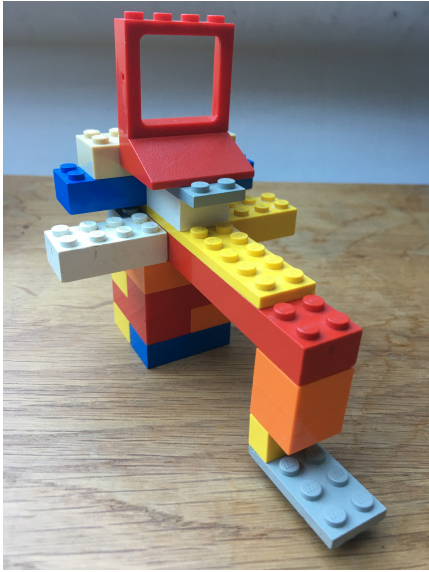


# TITCH'S BUILDING CLUB



## 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 Pick-Me-Ups have asked Titch to make them a 'Sucker-Upper' so they can use it to pick up all the litter that Smeech the goblin has dropped. It'll need a passcode to make it work - can you read what it is?

Once it's started, the Sucker-Upper works like a Hoover and goes round sucking up the litter! I wonder how it moves because I can't see any wheels. Do you know? Maybe you could build a way to help the Pick-Me-Ups get all the litter off Adventure Island - I wonder what your passcode will be to make it start?

plip  
plip  
plop



Why not take a photo and send it to the Gang? We'd love to see what you come up with!!





# WHO'S ON THE ISLAND TODAY?

## MILLIE THE HORSE

It's Millie the Horse! Isn't she beautiful? I love her smart saddle and purple blanket - I guess she'll be super cosy in it over Winter. Millie likes to trot on Adventure Island and sometimes she gives the Minpins a ride. One time she even gave a ride to Grumpa to cheer him up - clever Millie! When she trots, she says this little rhyme...

## CLIP CLAP CLOP

Clip clap, clip clap clop  
Who's that going to the shop?  
A happy fox in a scarlet coat  
Sailing in a motor boat!

Clip clap, clip clap clop  
Who's that going to the shop?  
A donkey sipping orange juice  
While chatting with the Golden Goose!

Clip clap, clip clap clop  
Who's that going to the shop?  
A chicken wearing purple socks  
While dancing on a cardboard box!

Clip clap, clip clap clop  
Who's that going to the shop?  
A horse called Millie eating cheese  
While juggling with some frozen peas!

Clip clap, clip clap clop  
Who's that going to the shop?  
It's Spinny Jim and Auntie Flea  
Let's join them for a cup of tea!







# 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! Look, it's Greg and Eppie's shadows! Do you like it when you see your shadow? Greg likes it when his shadow is really long and stretched as he feels like he's a giant stomping around looking for golden coins. Eppie likes her shadow because she likes to think it's a new friend to play with and chase!

If you make your own shadow in the sunshine, why not wave to it - it will wave back to you! You can do a dance together too as your shadow will copy everything you do. I wonder whether you always have a shadow? What about when it's night time? Do you have a shadow then? If not, I wonder where your shadow goes??!



Why not make up a shadow dance together next time you're out with one another. It can be real fun watching your shadows dance with you and you can even take turns jumping over each other's shadows too!!







# THE SECRET SYMBOL

TO THE MESSAGE CENTRE!

**The Message Centre can bring the joy  
to early learning and you can too...**



Bonnie and Eppie found the Spider Web Tree - can you see how it's roots look a bit like a spider web? I wonder how big the spiders are that live there? I'm not sure I'd like to meet them, though they might be friendly!

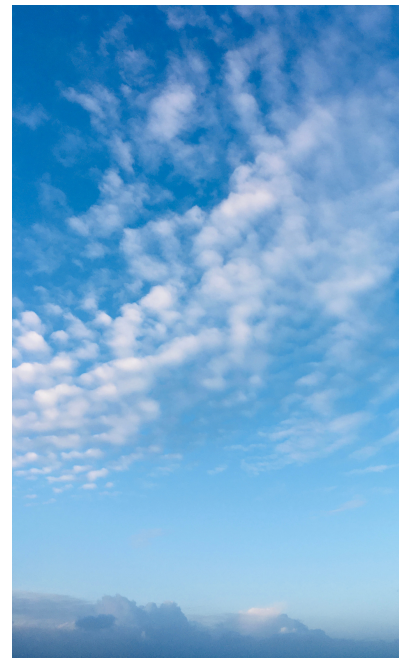


I wonder what treasure Eppie is digging for? She's sniffed something - I wonder what it can be? Maybe it's a golden coin or a dog treat or maybe it's a hidden portal to the Poggie!



The Cloudigans are very thin today - maybe they've run out of rain to send down. They look like they've come together to play and chat. Maybe next time you're out and about give them a wave hello - they love it when we spot them and say hi!

This stone mushroom is like a Tiny Town - I wonder who lives there? Maybe the Bombadils or the Minpins? Or maybe little ants that rush and scurry around! I wonder if they'll leave tiny messages for us somewhere? We might need a magnifying glass to read them if they are super tiny!



**Have a look around to see if you can find any great message  
portals. They are often right there in front of your nose!**







# EXPLORE ADVENTURE ISLAND...

THERE ARE MANY WONDERFUL AND MAGICAL PLACES TO BE FOUND ON ADVENTURE ISLAND. LEARN MORE ABOUT THEM AND THEIR MAGIC. SOMETIMES NOT EVERYTHING IS WHAT IT SEEMS...

## THE LOCKED-UP PORTAL

Eppie found this really special portal while out on adventures...

Wow! Look at this portal - it's got bars across it and it's either keeping something in or keeping something out!

Greg was worried that there might be something dangerous in there, but then Bonnie remembered...



It's the Locked-Up Portal - it's where the Bombadils keep all their tools when they go to bed at night time. They don't want Grumpa or Smeech taking them, so they store them here in the Locked-Up Portal so they are nice and safe. They even have a passcode to put a forcefield around it. The passcode is:

2 4 6 8 10

Just don't tell Grumpa or Smeech!



Parents - children need to experience some malevolence within stories and Adventure Island is no different. Grumpa and Smeech represent mild 'threat' that the children need to work together to overcome - they are not there to scare children. more to show them that they need courage in the world...





# 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*







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**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's lots of Minpins so they need a big number!!*

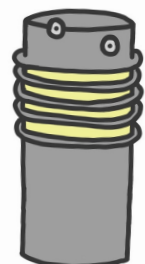
**10 The Moonpins** *The 1 looks like a rocket and the 0 looks like the Moon :)*

Who has the smallest number?  
Grumpa or Noodle?



1

6





# YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

## **What do the Bombadils like to grow in their garden?**

The Bombadils love growing all things, but they especially enjoy growing white flowers. Maybe next time you are out and about, see if you can spot a white flower - it'll be a reminder that the Bombadils have been nearby!

## **What did Greg get for Christmas?**

Greg isn't really worried about presents - he just wants Bonnie and Eppie to be happy. Every day spent with them on Adventure Island is enough for Greg! He does like Christmas dinner though especially roast potatoes and parsnips!

## **Does Grumpa like Christmas?**

No, he doesn't! He's far too grumpy for Christmas and he definitely doesn't buy anyone gifts! In fact, he puts out more Trick Traps for the Mimpins and flies around in his plane looking for them! He does give one person a gift actually - Smeech, and he gives her more litter to go and drop!!

## **Where was Thimble the Christmas Mouse on Christmas Day?**

She was with Yoda the Cat! They spend the day together and share a Christmas dinner of cheese, milk and golden baked seed cake. They even pull a cracker together and sing and dance in the afternoon before sitting down on the Story Sofa and having a dozy daydream. This year, Yoda invited Next Door Neighbour Cat round though he had to promise not to chase Thimble!!



## **Got a question for the Adventure Island Gang?**

Then send it to Greg, Bonnie and Eppie. They love hearing from you and they'll make sure that the other characters get to hear too, including Zoomer the Number Dog and Bob the Brick!!





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