# COSY CLUB

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#### WHERE THE MAGIC LIVES

Hello and welcome to Adventure Island.

The days are finally beginning to get a little longer here on Adventure Island and already there are signs of new life returning as snowdrops begin to nod their little heads and daffodils break through the thawing ground.

In Winter, the woods are very quiet although the squirrels still play up in the branches overhead and, if we're very lucky, the deer family can be spotted against the tree line.

Bonnie and Eppie like going out in the late afternoon to watch the sun setting over the distant hills and, as the sky turns dark, we say goodnight to the Minpins, The Poggle, Grumpa and all the other inhabitants of Adventure Island. Then we head for home, normally for a cup of tea, a biscuit and a mini dog treat if there are any left in the Treat Box.

I hope that all of you have found some joy in the little corners of life like we have. The year ahead still remains uncertain, but together I know we can uncover small moments of joy and the connection of Happy Talk and time spent together. Play and imagination have an infinite richness and it is my belief that play is going to be critical as we navigate 2021, not just for children, but for us as adults too...

Keep playing, Greg:)

# "Joy is not made to be a crumb..." MARY OLIVER



# ADVENTURE ISLAND

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#### ADVENTURE ISLAND AWATTS!!

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 the number that is one more than 4. Can you see it?

12345



Why not send your drawings and photos of your adventures to Scruff and the Gang? We can add them to the pages in the magazine so everyone can see the magic!!







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!!

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





#### A BIG HELLO FROM GREG!!

Greg has just been chatting with the Bog Babies. The Bog Baby Bus has broken down, so the Bog Babies need a replacement while it is being fixed.

Can you help Greg choose a new way for them to get around?



















The Bog Babies like the skateboard. They want to have a go but how many Bog Babies might fit on it and I wonder what the passcode will be to make it go forwards? Eppie thinks the passcode is this, but she can't read it. Can you help her?

# pop hop hop pop











### ALL ABOARD THE SKATEBOARD

Yes! The passcode worked and the Bog Babies are off! Here they go! Through the wood, out the gate, down the lane and now here comes Big Hill! They will be going very fast so they all need Bog Baby Helmets that are in the Magic Mustard Tin.



The helmets that fit the Bog Babies are sizes 2, 4, 6 and 8. Which ones can they wear? I wonder what is the smallest sized helmet you can see? Maybe that would fit a Minpin! And I wonder what size comes after 8?













HELP! The Bog Baby skateboard is going faster and faster! We'll need to help them before they crash!



To stop the skateboard we'll need to sing the Stopping Song. Go, go, go!!

#### WOBBLY BOBBLY BICYCLE

Wobbly bicycle going down the street Saying "Hell-ay" to everyone we meet Wobbly bobbly bicycle as happy as can be That's the life for you and that's the life for me!

Wobbly bicycle going down the lane Saying "Hell-ee" to the Sun and to the Rain Wobbly bobbly bicycle as happy as can be That's the life for you and that's the life for me!

Wobbly bicycle going down the path Saying "Hell-oy" to Duck sat in his bath Wobbly bobbly bicycle as happy as can be That's the life for you and that's the life for me!

Wobbly bicycle going down the road Saying "Hell-igh" to Froggie and to Toad Wobbly bobbly bicycle as happy as can be That's the life for you and that's the life for me!





The Pet Portal has appeared on Adventure Island!! It enables you to send your pets to join the adventures here

I wonder who will pop up this month?

Oh wow! It's Tabitha and she belongs to Sarah. I wonder what Tabitha is dreaming about?



Tabitha LOVES sleeping in boxes. In fact, it's her favourite thing to do. If she could, she'd sleep in a box all day and all night! This is her Best Box, the one that is the most comfortable. She curls up really tight and dozes off sometimes you can hear her snoring!

She's dreaming about all the boxes she'd like to sleep in - some are tiny, just right to squeeze into, others are HUGE and have plenty of room to stretch out so that she can be really long from top to tail. In her dream, she also has her friend, Lionel for a sleepover. Lionel is a Teddy Bear who lives on top of the wardrobe. When people aren't around, Lionel sneaks down and finds Tabitha so that the two of them can doze and daydream together!!



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!





Tabitha wants to find the perfect box to sleep in. She knows that the best box has a 'quiet' word on the side of it. Can you spot the one box she might choose? Which boxes would be the most noisy, I wonder?



Maybe you could invent a way for Tabitha to get some sleep in any of the noisy boxes? I wonder what you can create for her so that she can dream? Tabitha says thank you!!!!!





Having fun watching the adventures on Adventure

Island TV?

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

You could be like Tabitha and have a Box Adventure!

Next time a big box arrives, why not ask if you can use it to play in? Big Box Play is a great way to go on an adventure without going anywhere!

You'll definitely need a drink with you, and perhaps it's better to have a cup with a lid. I wonder why?



What do you think will happen to your box if you spill water in it?!



And certainly take pencils and pens with you to draw and write inside the box too! I wonder what your password will be to start the engine of your box? Mine will be:





I wonder where you'll go on your Big Box adventure? I think I'm going to fly to the Moon in mine so I can say hello to the Moonpins. They'll love my Big Box and will want a turn in it. They'll have to know the Curious Countdown though, but if you look really carefully, you'll spot that two numbers are missing!!

10 9 7 6 4 3 2 1 0





Brahms the Robin and Thimble the Christmas Mouse brought story dreaming to Adventure Island and today it's Brahms' turn to try. I wonder what little story he will dream for us?

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!

Here we go!

#### a mouse eating pizza

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



My mouse is white and she has a teeny pink nose. Can you see the mouse in your mind?

My mouse is called Magdalena, and she is scurrying along the floor behind a big blue sofa and she's looking for food to nibble. Can you see her scuttling really quickly across the carpet? She is super quiet as she makes her way.

Now can you see the kitchen? On the red tiled floor someone has dropped a slice of pizza. Can you see the pizza? I wonder what topping it has? Mine has cheese and a black olive on it.

As quick as a flash, Magdalena has got the slice of pizza in her tiny mouth and is running back out the kitchen and now she has it back behind the blue sofa! Clever mouse!

I wonder who she will share the pizza with. In my mind, I can see an orange and black tiger, a grey kangaroo and a green tortoise. Oh no! The tiger has just gobbled all the pizza! Who can you story dream behind the sofa? What three animals are there? And will they share the pizza?!

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...





# HURRAY FOR FROEBEL!

Yay! Froebel is here and as we know, he LOVES building and playing, just like you, me, Bonnie and Eppie!

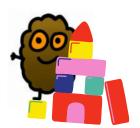
Today, Froebel wants to play Hedgehogs. When his friend, Bugle the Snail shouts out "Hedgehog", Froebel has to curl up in a ball just like a hedgehog!

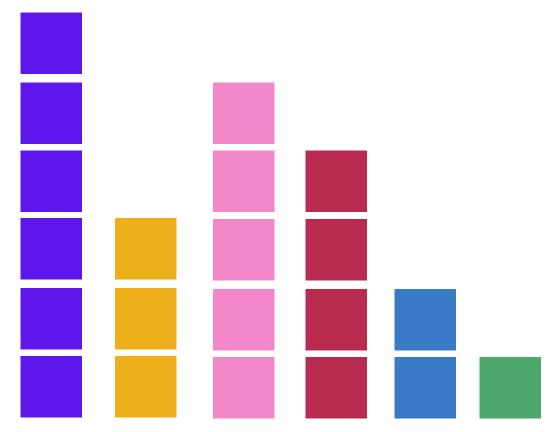
Bugle is very forgetful, so we need to remind him when to shout "Hedgehog"! When Froebel treads on 'h' that's when Bugle has to shout. Here we go!!!!





Froebel has been really busy building this month. He's been exploring tower building, but he's a bit puzzled. He wants to put them in order from shortest tower to tallest tower, but he can't work it out! What order should the colours go in?





Uh oh! Here comes Gustave and he's stomping and crashing about on Adventure Island! We need to tell Froebel to put a forcefield over his towers otherwise Gustave will knock them down!

To activate the forcefield, we'll have to spot the missing number between 1 and 9. Can you see which of the muddled up numbers below isn't there? Tell Froebel as quick as you can!!



1 3 2



6 8 9



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!



I wonder which one is your favourite? Bonnie likes Waffle, and Eppie likes Billie because she can fly! Greg's favourite is Orwell because he has a super long green neck, just right for reaching things that are high up!





The Dinky Dinosaurs love to dance while they move around Adventure Island. When they do, they sometimes sing and this song is the Dinky Dinosaur Diggety-Doo!

Dinky Dinosaur Diggety-Doo!

Jump around like a kangaroo

Flap your arms, stamp your feet

Move your head to the beat

Jump up high, bob down low Stamp and step as you go Flap your arms, stamp your feet Move your shoulders to the beat

Play the trumpet, bang the drum Wiggle your fingers and your thumbs Flap your arms, stamp your feet Move your elbows to the beat

Roly poly, tap your nose Knees up high, then tiptoe Flap your arms, stamp your feet Move your hips to the beat

Chicken in a basket, say hello Use your elbow to touch your nose Flap your arms, stamp your feet Diggety-Doo, now go to sleep!

1 2 3 4 5 7 8 9

Egg rolls along behind the rest of the Dinky Dinosaurs. They aren't really sure what's inside Egg, but whatever it is, it likes music!!

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Disaster!!! Waffle has got herself trapped in the Doughnut of Doom! Help!! How can we get her out?

Billie thinks they should count up in 2s to 10. Let's give it a go...



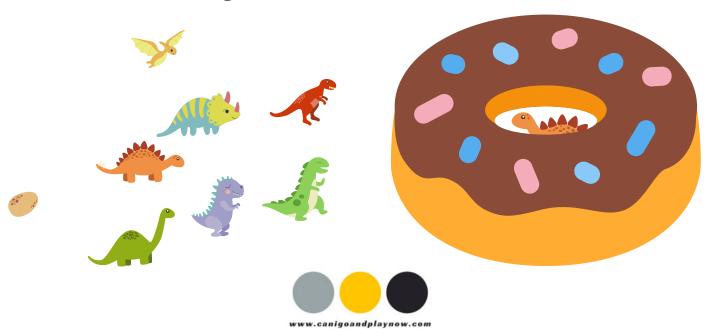
No, that didn't work. Spud thinks there's a password...

## floop

No, that didn't work either. Buddy thinks that we all need to say the number ten backwards...

Did that work?!

If not, how will you rescue Waffle?!!





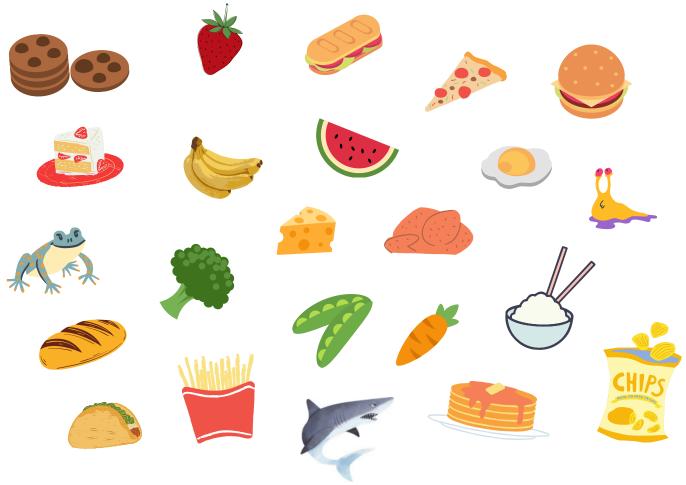
Hurrah! We rescued Waffle from the Doughnut of Doom!

To say thank you, Waffle has made a Dinky Dinosaur picnic and you're invited!

You can only have ten things on your plate. Which ten things would you choose. Which one thing would you NOT choose!!







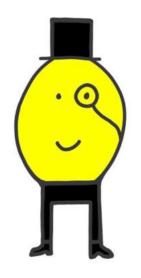
Did you choose the frog, the slug or the shark?! I hope not! Now we need to tell Gustave that the picnic is ready. We'll need to shout the password to him. 1,2,3... go!!!

# A slug in a fast red car!





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



a huge wave crashing a large plate smashing

a red chicken sitting on her eggs

a cup of tea pages of a book turning

a tiny duck quacking

a leaf going for a walk

a stripy sock being put on a foot

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 rain falling outside? I wonder what sound snow makes when it lands on the ground?





#### 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?













#### pop flop plop mop

#### smee tea flea bee

#### goat boat float chicken

#### stamp camp lamp dog

#### beak week peek seek

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!





Eppie has discovered a tin in at the bottom of the Minpin Tree and inside it were these passwords. I wonder who left them and what they might be the passwords for? I hope it's not a Trick Trap from Grumpa!



hoop

## jump in the hoop of doom

The hoop of doom! Oh no! We must make sure that the Minpins don't jump in it! To make the hoop of doom disappear, we'll need to finish this rhyme:

Pickled eggs and strawberry jam
All mixed up with bits of ham
Stir it, pat it, put it in a pot,

The bell goes 'ding' when it's nice and \_\_\_\_



Why not draw the hoop of doom and send it in to the Gang? We'd love to see it so we can show it to the Minpins.



#### BRAHMS THE ROBIN

Brahms the Robin is here and he's been chirping and singing all day today. He went to the Singing Saucepan and found a brand new song and he'd love to share it with you.

Why not sing along together?!



#### MERRY MERRY MARMALADE

Merry merry marmalade, butter and toast These are the things that I love most!
They go for walks down by the sea
Jump in the waves then home for tea.

Merry merry milkshake sitting in a jug
This is the drink that I'd like to hug!
She goes for a wander up and down the street
Saying hello to everyone she meets!

Merry merry mango, apple in a glove
These are the things that I really love
Chasing all the clouds away, dancing with the sheep
Wave to the Moon then home to sleep!

An apple in a glove!? I wonder why that's in there?!





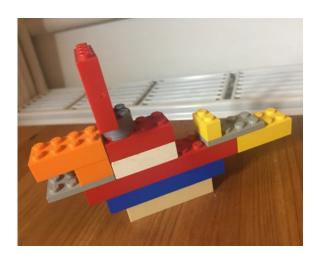






#### Welcome to Titch's Building Club!

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 Minpins want to go sailing on the sea, so they have asked Titch to build a smart boat for them. Titch decided to use just a little bit of Lego for the job - sometimes she doesn't need lots to build with! It has a sail to catch the breeze and it is thin so that it can speed across the waves.

To launch the Minpin Boat, the Minpins will need the passcode. It is a secret sentence. I wonder if you can read it together so the Minpins can set sail?!

# skip hop jump and clap



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





#### WHO'S ON THE ISLAND TODAY?

#### JOEY

Joey is an old dog who sometimes comes to Adventure Island to play with Bonnie and Eppie, as well as the Minpins and the Poggle. He loves fetching sticks and chasing squirrels just like Eppie! He also likes curling up on the sofa in the evening and listening to the radio. At night, he dreams about flying to the Moon to play with the Moonpins - he really is a lovely dog! He also likes singing this song while he plays...

#### FOLLOW YOUR NOSE

Follow your nose, follow your nose Follow, follow, wherever it goes Hang on a minute, what's that you say? It looks like the perfect Following Day? Yes! It is, so follow, follow, please do Just make sure you're wearing your Following Shoes! And don't forget your Following Hat, Your Following Fox, your Following Cat. In fact, just remember your Following Zoo Because all of the animals will come with you They love to follow wherever you 'goes' Just you and them and your Following Nose. Your nose though is following somebody too A dog called Joey and he's calling to you To come and join him, to come and to play Because a day with Joey is the best kind of day. So come and follow, he's leading the way Over the hill and far away Into the magic of being together Playing and running, no matter the weather So follow, so follow, Joey's barking "hello" Here he comes, it's time, so follow, let's go!



Joey was a real dog who passed away and is missed by his owner very much. I promised her that I would story dream him on to Adventure Island so that she would know he was happy with the Minpins, the Badger Rabbit and all the other characters. Next time you go to Adventure Island, maybe listen out for his happy barking - he loved to play just like you and me....







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?

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Look at its little face! It's Hemingway, the jam doughnut. Eppie told Greg all about him last week and now he's popped up onto Adventure Island to come and play.

Hemingway loves listening to stories about dinosaurs while he drinks blackcurrant squash through a straw. His favourite dinosaur is the Ankylosaurus because of its tail and armoured skin. When Hemingway is safely tucked up in bed at night and all cosy, he falls asleep dreaming about being a great big Ankylosaurus crashing around being happy!

Hemingway would love to know if you have a favourite dinosaur? If you do, why not draw it and send it to Hemingway so he can take a look and maybe he might dream about being your dinosaur too!!



Why not Happy Talk about dinosaurs. How many do you know and which ones would you like to be? Which would you rather meet - a dinosaur as big as a doughnut or a doughnut as big as a dinosaur? Why?!





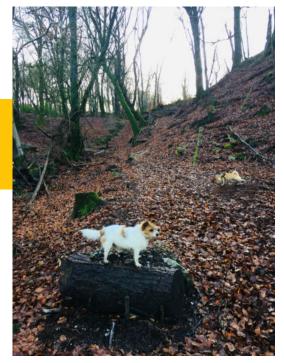
#### THE SECRET SYMBOL

TO THE MESSAGE CENTRE!

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



The snow came to
Adventure Island and we
found these tracks in the
snow. Bonnie thought
they were secret
symbols left by the Bog
Babies, and Eppie
wondered if they were
from the Bombadils. I
wonder who you think
left them and where
they lead to?



Bonnie found the Learning Log and decided to stand on it to see what she could learn! It told her that double two is equal to four. Bonnie doesn't know how to write the number four so perhaps you could show her and hide it somewhere for her to come and sniff out!!



Bonnie clambered up a tree and spotted a secret sound. Do you recognise it? I wonder who left it there? Greg thinks it was Hoddy Dod, the giant!



Eppie discovered a Poggle Portal at the base of a tree! The passcode to get in is the word 'delicious' but for the portal to open, she needs to story dream something that is delicious too. Can you help her?



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 TIPTOE TREE

Bonnie found this tree in the woods while she was sniffing...

This tree is right at the edge of Adventure Island and when we got closer to it, we could hear some sounds coming from it! In fact, it was giving us instructions about how to walk!

Let's have a listen together and why not follow what it says?



# "Tiptoe!" "Hop!" "Jump!" "Stop!" "Heels!" "Flamingo!" "Flap!" "Chicken!" "Hedgehog!"



Parents - why not join in with the Tiptoe Tree? It might feel a bit embarrassing to begin with, but it's okay. Maybe let your child lead the way! The Tiptoe Tree is about connection and being together. Perhaps chat about different ways of walking and put a little sequence together!





#### THE TEATIME ASSORTMENT OF JOY...

ADVENTURE ISLAND TEEMS WITH JOY.

GREG, BONNIE AND EPPIE ALL BELIEVE THAT CHILDREN

DESERVE A CHILDHOOD THAT IS AN ADVENTURE HUMMING

AND BUZZING WITH THE MAGIC OF STORY AND WONDER.

HERE'S A REFLECTION OF THAT WORLD - WE HOPE THE

PHOTOS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES...















WHY NOT SEND US
PHOTOS OF YOUR
ADVENTURE ISLAND JOY?
WE LOVE SEEING WHAT
YOU'VE BEEN UP TO!!





# 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



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

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

Who has the smallest number? Grumpa or Noodle?









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