



**HOP  
ABOARD!**

An exciting indoor adventure for 3-6 year olds  
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# HOP ABOARD!

I had no idea it was even there.  
I couldn't quite believe  
I'd not noticed it before.  
Hiding behind the door to  
the cupboard  
under the stairs.

Tall.  
Taller even than me.

A surfboard?  
A dancing partner?  
A giant skateboard?

Whatever it was, it needed  
further investigation.  
I dragged it out of the cupboard.  
It went CLANG!  
Luckily no-one noticed.



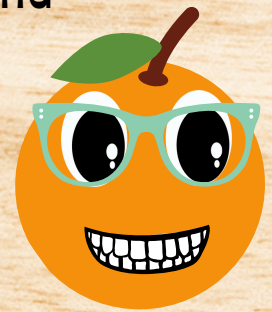


# KITCHEN FAIRGROUND

A helter skelter has appeared in the kitchen.



Peter Potato Peeler and Wendy Whisk join the queue behind Bertie Banana and Ollie Orange, all ready to get dizzy going round and down, round and down.



Excitement builds, everyone is happy!

The washing machine fairground ride starts up.  
'Who wants to have a go on the roller-coaster?'  
Wheeeeeeeeeeee!

The bright shiny lights inside are so inviting. All the buttons light up and the drum can hold all kinds of toys and vegetables!

The microwave hums as the round floor inside spins and cutlery all get in for a go!

Yay for the kitchen fairground!  
So much fun when no one else is around!



by Aimee Hester






# PIRATE LIVING ROOM


I need to find the treasure.

I take a boat and approach the island.



Three more steps and I am here.  
The map is in my pocket, but I have  
memorised it since forever.

I find the ruins of a fortress.  
A bit more, then a bit more.  
The treasure is here!



But not so fast! The island shakes!  
Bbrrrrrrruuumm!  
Volcano!



by Lucia Burtnik

# STAIRCASE TOBOGGAN

Peering,  
Shuffling,  
Toboggan manned!

Leaning,  
Sliding,  
Clasping hands!

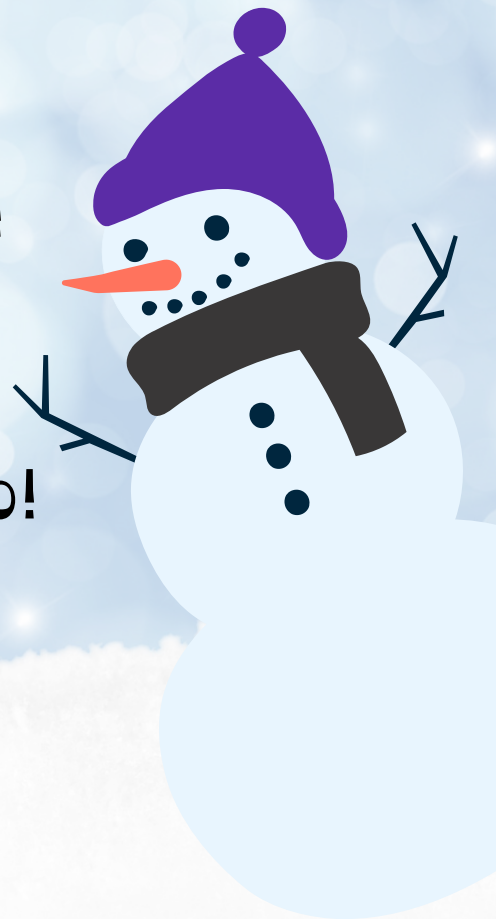
Swooshing,  
Hurtling,  
Quite unplanned!

Jolting launch,  
My head goes bop!

Rattling,  
Clanging,  
Sudden stop!



by Paul Lawless



# BATHROOM SWAMP

When I'm in the bathroom everything gets wild  
I howl! I am a Amazon Warrior

The swamp's beckoning  
Lugging the porridge oats up the stairs  
Bumpty, bumpty, bumpty!  
Pouring the oats into the bath  
Slosh, Slosh, Slosh!

The shower curtain sticks to me,  
The green bamboo tugs at me.  
Wriggling into my swimming costume  
The board is my slide into the goo of the swamp.

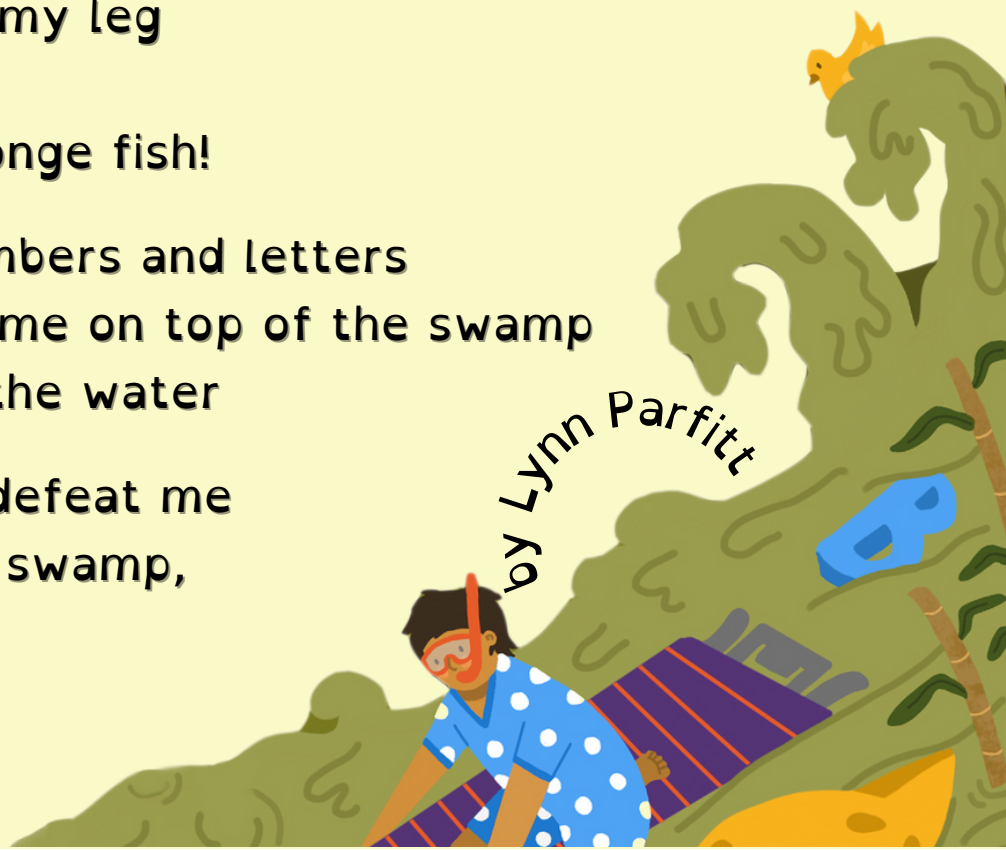
Disappearing under the swamp water  
Glug, glug, glug!

My goggles stick with swamp goo  
I breathe through my snorkel  
Something touches my leg  
I fight it off.

It's a dangerous sponge fish!

I fight the foam numbers and letters  
That float towards me on top of the swamp  
I whip them out of the water

Not today will you defeat me  
I'm in charge of my swamp,  
This is my kingdom!



by Lynn Parfitt



# Bedroom Disco

Pushing the door open, peeking inside

This is where the adults hide

The secret land you don't often explore

The wardrobe opens welcoming,

You dive in

Muffled music soft cloth kisses your face

as you delve deeper into the clothes

The music grows louder as you land on to the dance floor

Disco lights flashing to the beat

You look down at your bare feet now roller skates

You catch your reflection in shiny toe caps before the  
standing mirror

Sparkly rainbow glasses and a big mop of candy floss hair

You touch it...sticky!

You taste it... yummy!

So sweet and delicious just like the fairground makes it.





by Julia Williams

Your roller skates start to dance to the music  
‘Whoah!’

You spin round and round and round  
Stretching out your arms, now wearing a sequined jacket  
Light bounces off you like

Fantastic fireworks and spectacular sparklers

Flecks of light from the disco ball

Like sprinkles on a giant cake

The music is soooooo grooooooovy!

You hadn’t even even noticed your partner in crime

Leaning against the wall, taking their time

Dressed to impress, dancing all night

You move together with music hands held tight

Spinning, swirling, breaking beats sweet song


You dance until exhausted, all night long

Time to go








## INTERGALACTIC BEDROOM




It's a spaceship dodging asteroids!  
Landing stage waving round  
On the floor it lands with a POUND!  
Hopping on, the engines start  
Off to explore the twinkling stars



Zoom! Zoom! All round the room  
Captain Kiddy is on the move  
Dodging here  
Swooping there  
Asteroids are everywhere!



Lights are flashing by  
Alarms go BZZZ!  
Racing round Ted and Fluff  
Pillows flying  
Nappies too  
I'd like to land there  
What about you?



Once you're done  
The day is through  
The space station  
Calls out to you  
Sneak it underneath the bed  
Hide it next to Fluff and Ted.

by Jacob Bouyer





**Hop Aboard!** was written collaboratively by members of the BS13 Creative Writing Group.

It was created during meetings in February and March 2021 to create a new children's story which was shared with local BS13 children through local children's centre staff.

We commissioned an illustrator, Liv Rose Whitfield to create images for our story.

**Brave Bold Drama** was established in 2013.

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Ever been exploring  
in your own home?

A young child finds a mysterious  
object under the stairs. They take  
it from room to room, transforming  
the object each time with the pure  
power of their imaginations!

This playful story was collaboratively written  
by a community creative writing group based  
in south Bristol, working with theatre and  
community arts company Brave Bold Drama.