



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.

by Gill Simmons

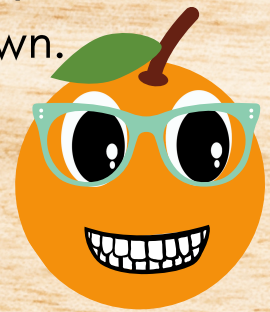


KITCHEN FAIRGROUND

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?'

Wheeeeeeeeeeeee!

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!





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!

Bbbrrrrrrruuumm!

Volcano!



by Lucia Burtnik



STAIRCASE TOBOGGAN

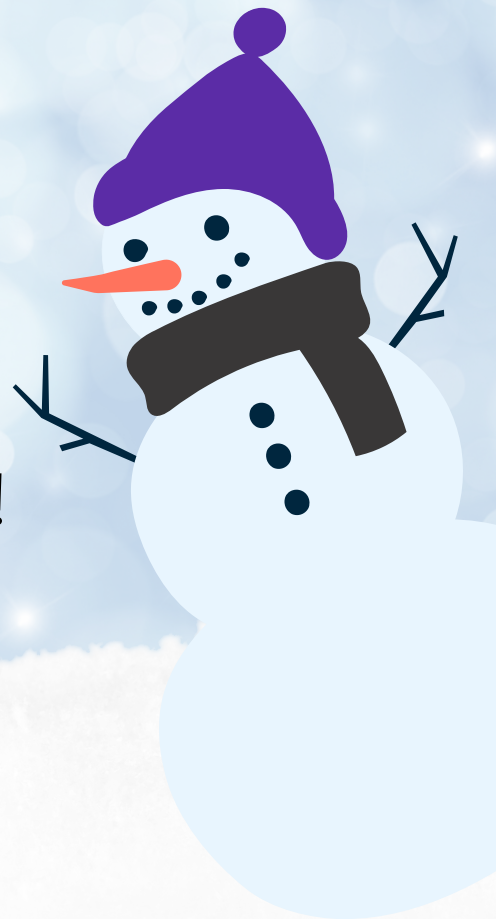
Peering,
Shuffling,
Toboggan manned!

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 groooooovy!


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
imagination!

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.