



Think Big!

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Synopsis:

Humpty Dumpty and his nursery rhyme friends are discussing what they want to be when they grow up. Humpty wants to be a boiled egg, but his friends are encouraging him to think bigger!

"You could be an artist!" said Little Boy Blue.

"Look for clues and become a detective!" said Little Bo Peep.

"Buy a pair of football boots and become a footballer," said Wee Willy Winky.

Will Humpty think big and reach for the stars?

Author Bio

Kes Gray is a bestselling, multi award-winning author of more than 70 books for children. He eats Ideafakes for breakfast, spreads silliness on his toast and lives in a place called Different.

Oi Frog!, Oi Dog! and Oi Cat! are a top ten bestselling series. Oi Dog! won the 2017 Laugh Out Loud Picture Book Award and was shortlisted for the Sainsbury's Children's Book Award and the British Book Awards in 2016, amongst others. It also won the Teach Primary New Children's Fiction Award, MadeForMums Award, Bishop's Stortford Picture Book Award and Portsmouth Picture Book Award. Oi Cat! was the Independent Booksellers Children's Book of the Season and Oi Goat! was the number one bestselling World Book Day book in 2018.

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Illustrator Bio

Nathan Reed has been a professional illustrator since graduating from Falmouth College of Arts in 2000. Recent books include How to Write Your Best Story Ever and the Marsh Road Mystery Series. His latest picture book written by Angela McAllister, is Samson the Mighty Flea.

He was also shortlisted for the Serco Prize for Illustration in 2014. When he's not illustrating he can be found with his two boys and a football on Peckham Rye Common

Curriculum Links

English—Foundation

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Theme: Nursery Rhymes

Look at the cover of the book.

- What do you think the book will be about?
- Look at the back of the book, does that give you any more clues?
- Can you recognise any of the characters on the back of the book?

Find the nursery rhymes that go with the characters in the book.

Read them and learn the actions (where applicable)

- Humpty Dumpty
- Tom Tom the Piper's Son
- Three Blind Mice
- Jack Be Nimble
- Baa Baa Black Sheep
- Wee Willie Winkie
- Mary Mary Quite Contrary
- Little Bo Peep
- Little Miss Muffet
- Cat and the Fiddle
- Goosey Gander
- This Little Piggy
- Incey Wincey Spider
- Jack and Jill
- Little Boy Blue
- Old Kind Cole
- Little Jack Horder
- Georgie Porgie
- Cow That Jumped Over the Moon



Theme: Dreams

In this story, the nursery rhyme characters talk about all of the things they could be or do when they grow up.

This story reminds us that everyone has dreams and that it is important to believe you can do whatever it is you want to do.

See the words on the cover of the book:

Believe and You Can Achieve

Write this quote on the board, and discuss.

What do these words mean? Can you really be anything?

Could you be a cat?

So, apart from becoming something else entirely, you have the chance to do whatever you want to do in the future, if you want it and are willing to work for it.

Ask students to share some of the things they might like to do when they 'grow up' and why?

Remember that this is a fun activity...make sure the students know that what they want to be 'when they grow up' will change a lot in the years to come.

As a teacher, talk about the other things you wanted to be when you were still at school.



Additional Resources:

Big Book Of Nursery Rhymes 9781786171627 **NEW Due March 2019**

Ladybird Favourite Nursery Rhymes 9780241371459

When I Grow Up —Andrew Daddo 9780733333422

When I Grow Up—Tim Minchin 9781742764955

