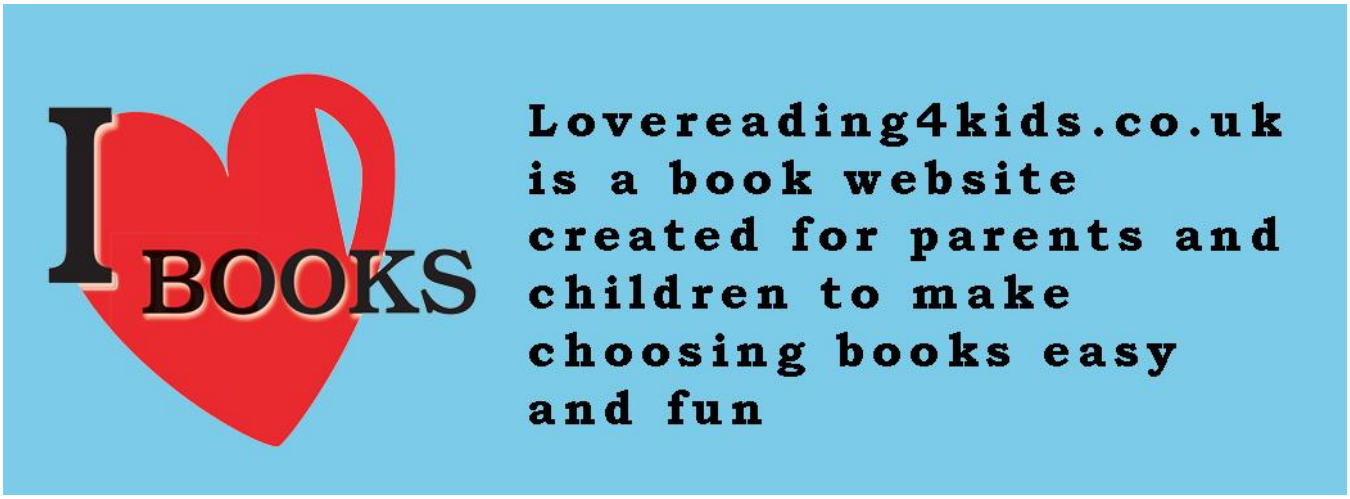


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One Saturday, in the middle of June,
on a bright and windy afternoon,
all the creatures by Piggyback Wood
were getting ready – as fast as they could.





There was only a short time left to prepare
for the birthday party at Badger's lair.
At the top of the invitation it said:
Will guests please arrive with a hat on their head.





Of all the creatures on Piggyback Hill,
busiest of all was Candy Stripe Lil.
"Oh dear," she sighed. "There's so much to do,
and the party begins at a quarter past two."

