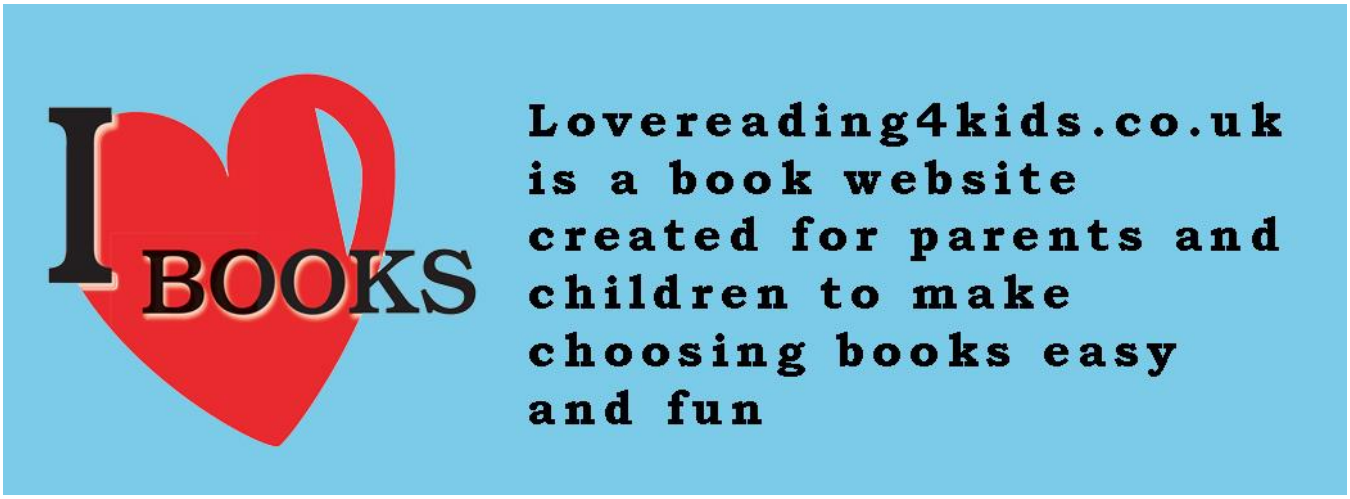


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For my husband Jake, and our two little fairies Aurelia and Evangeline x – Jennie Poh

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The Fairy World

The Superfairies of Peaseblossom Woods use teamwork to rescue animals in trouble. They bring together their special superskills, petal power and lots of love.



Superfairy Rose

can blow super healing fairy kisses to make the animals in Peaseblossom Woods feel better.

Superfairy Berry

can see for miles around with her super eyesight.





Superfairy Star

can create super dazzling brightness in one dainty spin to lighten up dark places.



Superfairy Silk

spins super strong webs for animal rescues.



Chapter 1

The Spring Clean

The cold wind and snow of winter passed over Peaseblossom Woods and the warm spring sun now shone brightly over the trees.

Flowers bloomed.

Birds sang.

Bumblebees buzzed.

While the Superfairies prepared busily for an exciting new season of animal rescues, all the animals of Peaseblossom Woods were slowly waking up from a long, cosy winter sleep…

"Yawn!" snuffled Susie Squirrel.

"Gosh, I'm so very hungry!" squeaked Mrs Mouse.

"Oh! What a lovely long sleep that was!" mumbled Mr Badger.

"Splish-splosh!" went Toby Otter, as he flopped into the river.

"I'd like to explore!" giggled Basil Bear, rubbing his bleary eyes.

The Superfairies were spring cleaning their home inside the cherry blossom tree.

Rose was in charge of organizing their wardrobe. She sang cheerfully as she washed all their pretty spring petal dresses, and arranged their ribbons and dainty shoes.



"Roses and lilies, violets too. Blossom so pink and bluebells so blue. Doo-be-doo-be-doo, flowers so true."

From time to time, she dreamed up some new dress designs, which she immediately doodled on her Strawberry computer.

"I'll show these sketches to the others later," she decided.

Meanwhile, Silk was dancing as she tidied up in the bedroom and dusted the furniture with a feather duster…



She could hear Rose's song and soon joined in:

"Blossom so pink and bluebells so blue…"

Over in the storeroom, Berry was sorting through the supplies of honey, herbs, fruits, vegetables and berries left over from the cold winter months.

She wrote labels for the jars and boxes:



Berry began to hum along to the song as well…

"Doo-be-doo-be-doo, flowers so true…"