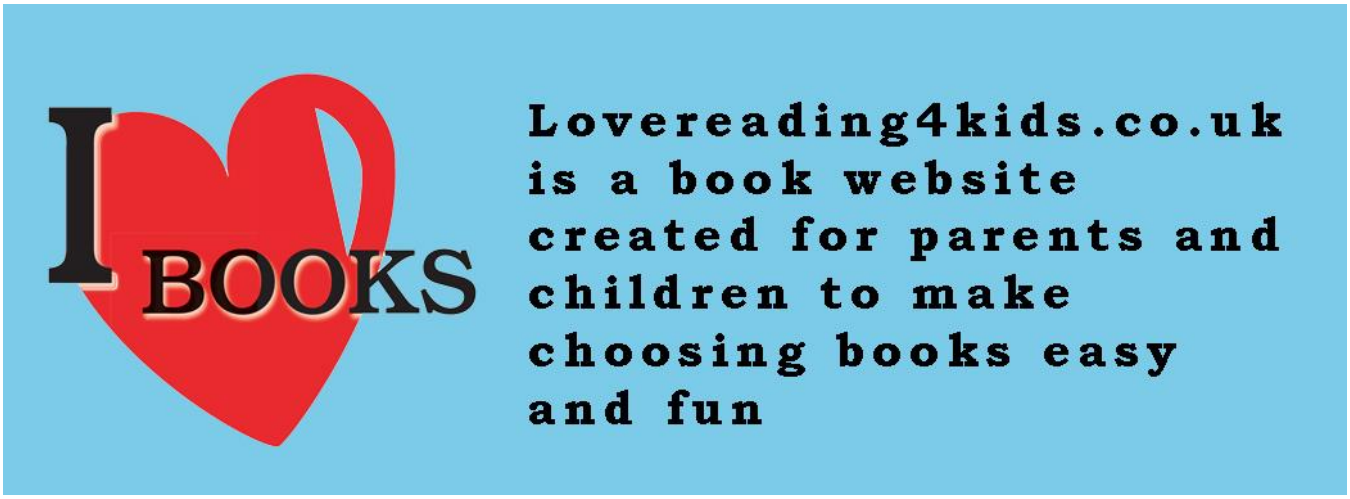


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Can you see him? My kitten?

His long whiskers shimmer!

He's so good at digging

(but he's not a good swimmer).

Imagine him, quick!

Have you imagined enough?

Oh good! You can see him!

It's Squishy McFluff!


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As the sun rose one morning,

at the end of July,

And fluffy clouds drifted

across the blue sky,

Ava danced round her room,

shouting: ‘Hip, hip, hooray!

‘It’s holiday time!

And we’re going TODAY!’



Mum packed the clothes,

Baby Roo packed a teddy,

While Dad said (repeatedly):

'Are we all ready?!'

Ava waited and waited,

among all her stuff,

With her invisible kitten,

Squishy McFluff.



At last, they set off,

all so happy and merry,

Loading the car and then

boarding a ferry.

Their holiday started at

quarter to three,

When they dropped off their bags

and went straight to the sea.

Ava arranged all her

buckets and spades.

Mum had a parasol,

Dad wore his shades,



And Roo, as she chomped on
the grains in her hand,
Pulled a face when she realised
you shouldn't eat sand!



Well, far too excited
to lounge in the sun,
Ava said: 'Squishy!
Let's go and have fun!'
'Er, suncream!' called Mum.
'You don't want to get fried!'
'But Squishy HATES suncream,'
Ava replied.

