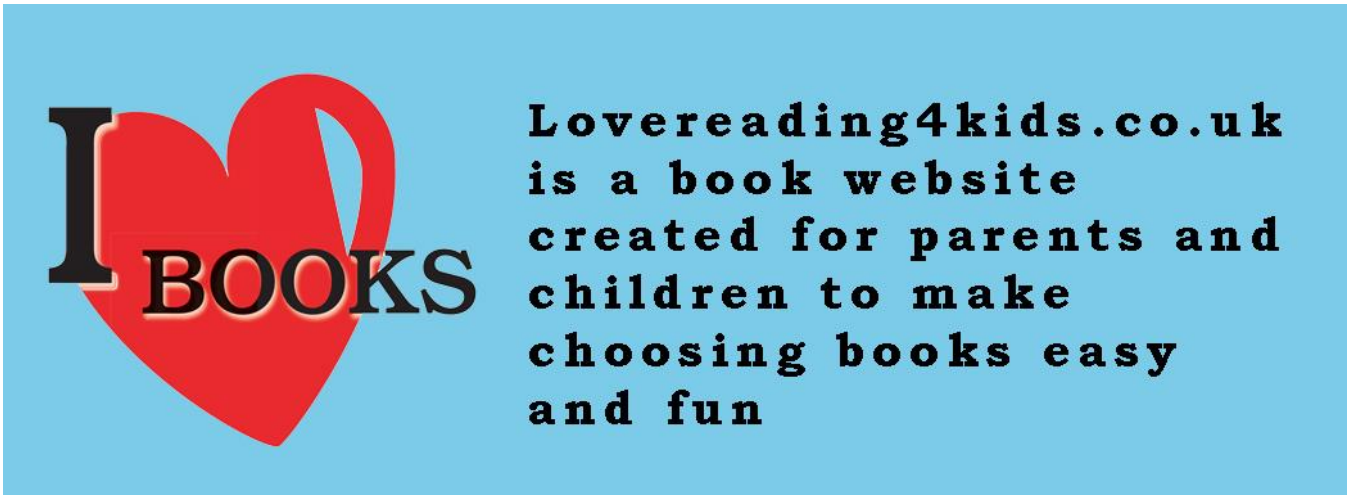


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Miss Betsy Bear
runs a baking school,
Deep in the forest where it's airy and cool.
Each spring bear cubs travel from far and wide
To learn how to bake at Miss Betsy Bear's side.



On Monday the bears make a simple sponge.
They find butter and sugar – then take the plunge!
Three eggs are cracked carefully into each bowl.
A light, fluffy mix is their very first goal.



The bears fire their ovens; they whisk and they cream.
Puff goes the flour and **Shhhhhh** goes the steam.
The pots and pans clang; the kettle starts to sing.
Whoops! There's the timer . . .

DING-A-LING-LING!







On Tuesday the bears make a hearty pie.
They all go out searching for good things to try.
There are sweet, juicy berries for the bear cubs to pick.
And slippery salmon to catch if they're quick!



The bears fire their ovens; their silver spoons gleam.
Puff goes the flour and Shhhhhh goes the steam.
The pots and pans clang; the kettle starts to sing.
Whoops! There's the timer . . .

