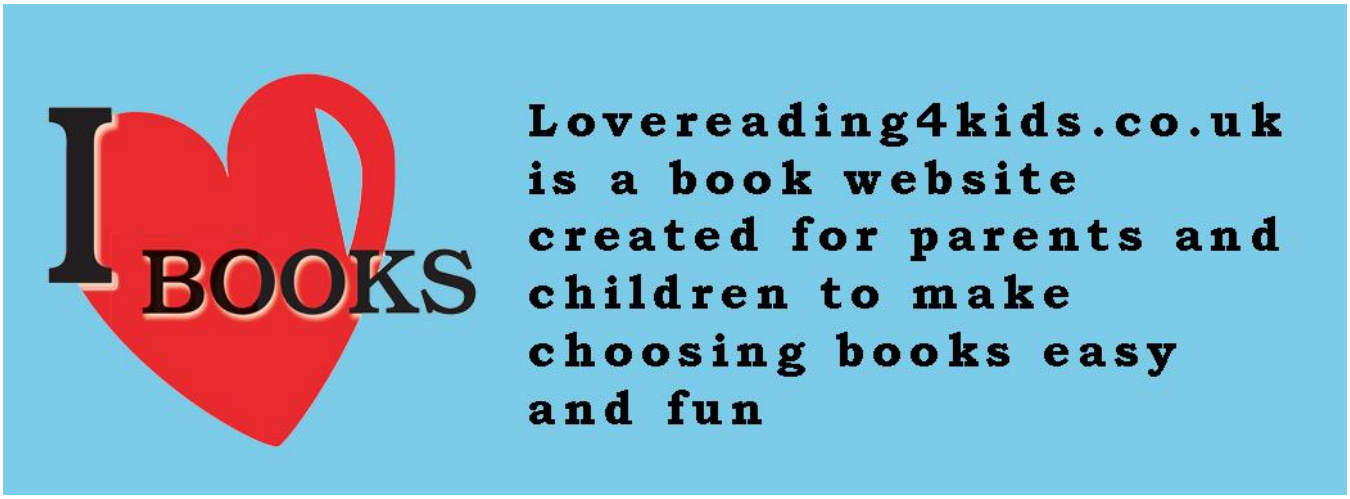

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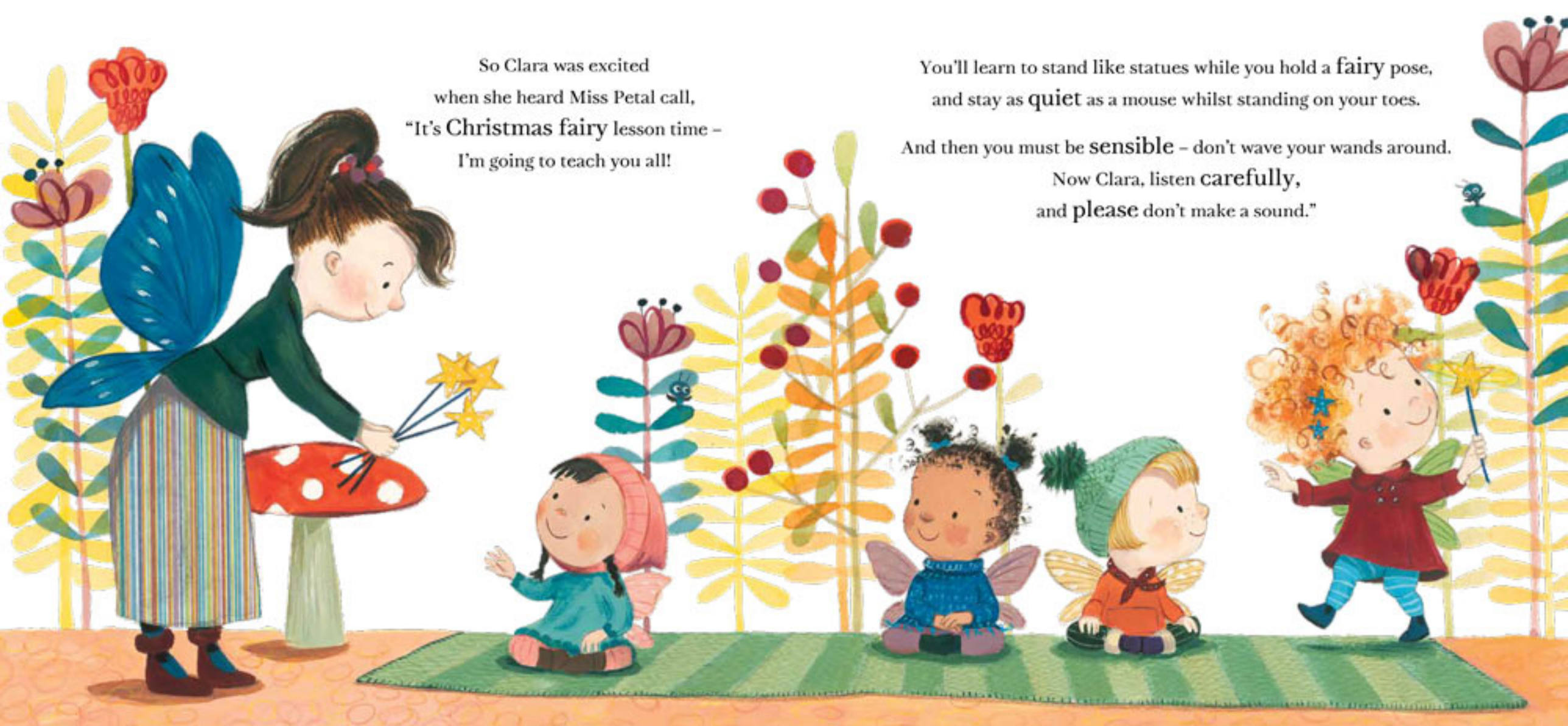
Clara was a chatterbox,
a fairy full of fun.
She loved to sing and dance
and bring a smile to everyone.

And every day at fairy school
she wished that she could be
a proper Christmas fairy
on a sparkly Christmas tree.



So Clara was excited
when she heard Miss Petal call,
"It's **Christmas fairy** lesson time –
I'm going to teach you all!

You'll learn to stand like statues while you hold a **fairy** pose,
and stay as **quiet** as a mouse whilst standing on your toes.

And then you must be **sensible** – don't wave your wands around.
Now Clara, listen **carefully**,
and **please** don't make a sound."

"We'll practise hard all term
and then you'll show me what you know.
And afterwards I'll take you to
a **special** Christmas Show.

You'll see a bluebird singer with a **lovely** cheerful song,
and some **very** funny penguin clowns are going to come along.

Next a **graceful** ballerina swan will dance and pirouette.
I'm sure the Christmas Show this year is one we **won't** forget!"

"But first," Miss Petal said,
"you'll practise standing in your pose.
Remember to stay very still
and not to scratch your nose."

So Clara balanced on one leg,
but gave a little **giggle . . .**

. . . which turned into a **wobble** and
became a **great big wriggle!**

"Now fairies," said Miss Petal,
"stay as quiet as can be.
And think how **happy** you will feel
when you are on a tree."

So Clara tried her **very** best, but somehow it went wrong . . .
Her quiet happy thoughts became a **hum** and then a **song**!