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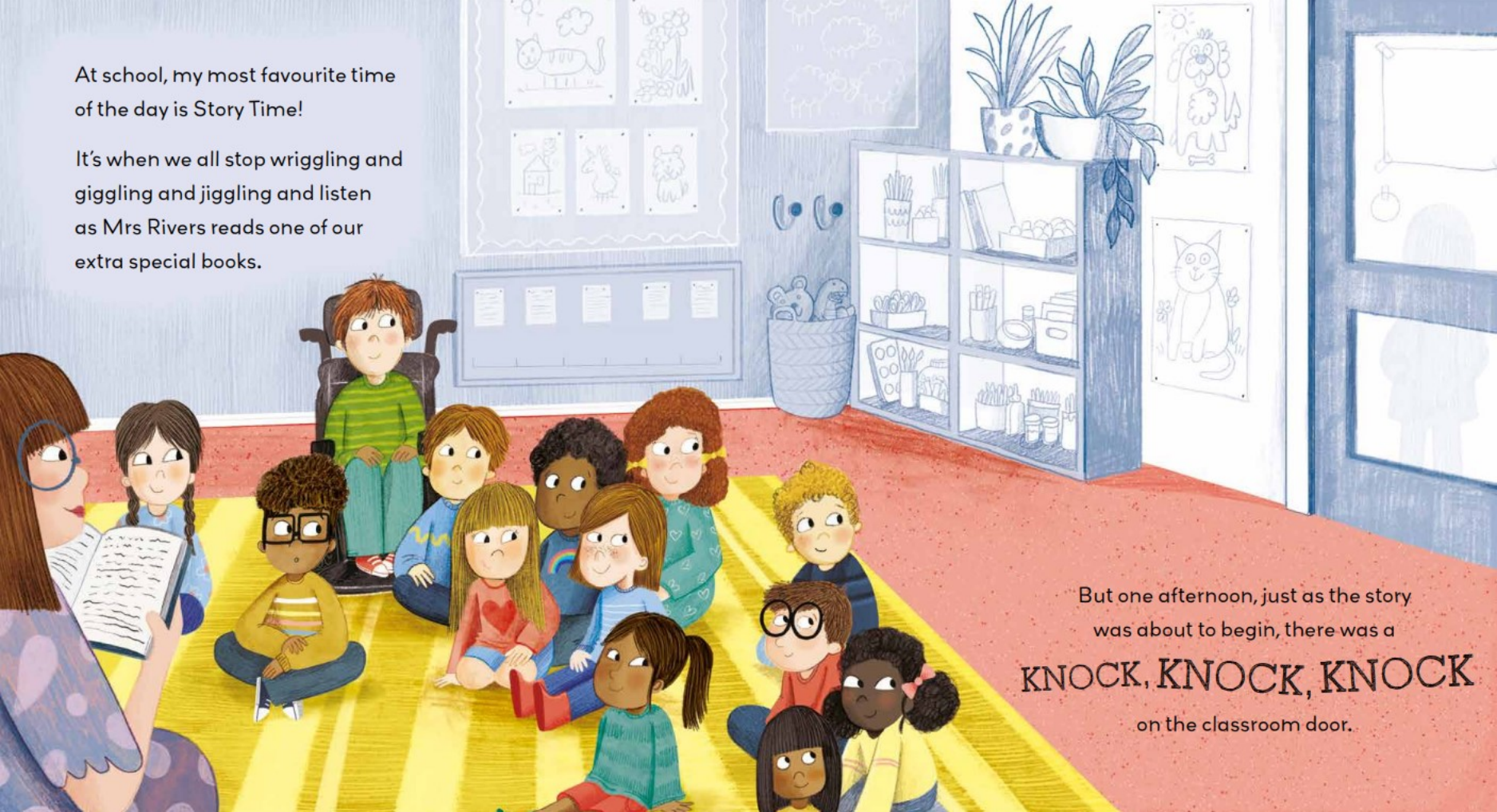
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The Girl at the Front of the Class

Inspired by a true story

At school, my most favourite time
of the day is Story Time!

It's when we all stop wriggling and
giggling and jiggling and listen
as Mrs Rivers reads one of our
extra special books.



But one afternoon, just as the story
was about to begin, there was a
KNOCK, KNOCK, KNOCK
on the classroom door.

Mrs Rivers opened the door, and standing there was a girl with eyes as wide and as golden as a tiger's, and face as pale as a glass of milk, and hair as shiny as a mirror.



"Children," said Mrs Rivers.
"This is your new classmate.
I want you all to welcome her
and be her friend."

Everyone smiled and waved
at the new girl, but she only
stared at the floor.

