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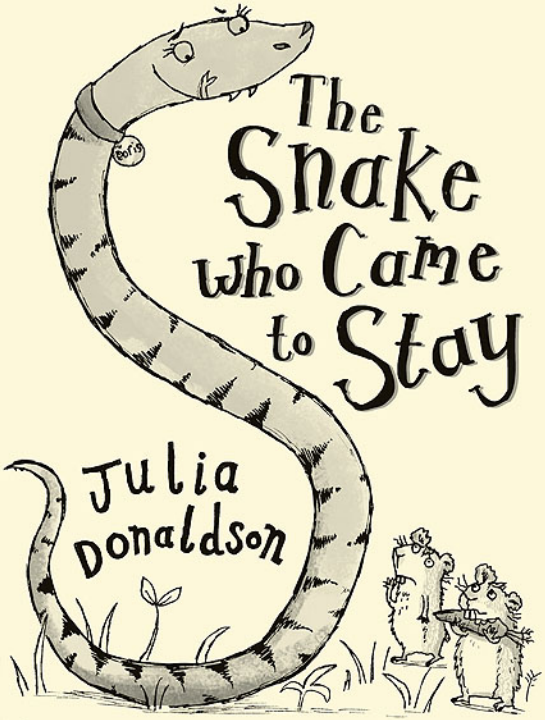
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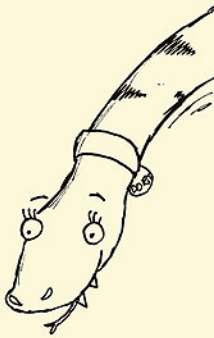
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Miltonbank Primary School



Chapter 1
Holidays for Pets

"A snake?" said Mum. "A snake? No, you're not looking after a snake."

"Oh, please, Mum," said Polly. "It's only for the holidays."

Polly knew what Mum was like. Sometimes "No" could turn into "I'll think about it".

"Doris is a very nice snake," said Polly. "I've met her. She's not poisonous. Oh, don't be mean, Mum!"



"Mean!" said Mum. "What a cheek! I've said yes to two guinea pigs, a bird and a whole lot of goldfish! I just don't fancy a snake in the house."

"But where else can Doris go?" asked Polly. "She can't go on holiday with Jack. And we're not going away. Oh, go on, Mum!"

"Well ..." said Mum, "I'll think about it. But I want you to take that notice down from the front gate."

The notice on the gate said –



Polly smiled as she took the notice down. She knew Mum. “I’ll think about it” almost always meant “Yes”.