



Christmas Stickers

It's that time of year again and you can add that Bag Books feel to your own Christmas Cards with our range of Christmas Stickers. The stickers can also be used to seal envelopes or to wrap up presents.

We have two ranges available: 20 small gold stickers for £2 per sheet or 12 larger contemporary stickers for £3 per sheet. The important thing is that each sticker represents a donation to Bag Books.

Order at www.bagbooks.org/stickers.html or call us for an order form.

Workplace Pensions

Bag Books has been chosen by the Department for Work and Pensions and the Pensions Regulator to illustrate the new small employer Workplace Pensions Auto Enrolment campaign. The TV adverts feature a larger than life "Workie" character and a link to the www.workplacepensions.gov.uk website. The film on that website was shot

at our craft workshop and includes a clip of former Dragon's Den star, Theo Paphitis tinyurl.com/bbpension

Our Chief Executive, Dean Casswell, is shown below helping to launch the campaign in Piccadilly Circus with Baroness Ros Altmann, Minister of State for Pensions.



Thanks Annington

We are please to announce that property company, Annington, have decided to support our work across the UK. Their funding will enable us to visit 30 more Special Schools over the coming year.

We wish all our readers a very Happy Christmas

Storyline is published two or three times a year and is available in email and print versions. If you would like to change the format you receive in future please contact us.

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Storyline

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Multi-sensory stories for people with learning disabilities



Training Pack Updated

Our training pack has been updated and the DVD now includes six new films of complete storytelling sessions. The new films include a session with children who have PMLD, a class with children who have SLD, three stories with adults and a session with children at an ASD school. In total the DVD now has ten films totalling over 100 minutes of demonstration sessions.

The DVD is accompanied by an updated 20-page training notes booklet. The training pack consists of a DVD and ten copies of the booklet and costs £150. It can be ordered from www.bagbooks.org/otheritems/training-pack/72

We can also run full-day training sessions, which include a copy of the pack, for £425.



"Rick and Sally were walking their dog Patch, when suddenly, he ran off!"
 from Lost In London.



"Alice took out her violin and said, 'Listen to this!'"
 from Band Rehearsal.



"I most certainly don't moo like a cow!"
 from What Am I?



"Let's have an ice cream to celebrate!"
 from A Day At The Seaside

Do-It-Yourself Range extended

A year ago we launched a new DIY range of free multi-sensory stories aimed at parents/carers for home use on a one-to-one basis. In 12 months over 600 people have registered on our website, over 3,800 sets of instructions for the five initial books have been downloaded and the demonstration storytelling films have been viewed over 1,000 times. We have therefore decided to expand the range and have added two new titles:

- **The Three Little Pigs.** The three pigs each build a house but the big, bad wolf tries to blow the houses down.

- **The Secret Ingredient** Sabrina decides to make a chocolate birthday cake for Anika but she needs to pay more attention to the ingredients.

All seven DIY stories can be downloaded from www.bagbooks.org/bookshop/diy

The pdf contains the storyboard, instructions, suggested items to use and a link to watch an example film of the story being told. The storyteller will need to gather the items themselves but they are things that many people will already have or which can be found easily and cheaply.

Mallard, The World's Fastest Steam Engine

We have just finished constructing our biggest ever multi-sensory book. It's a one-off commission for The National Railway Museum in York featuring 19 separate multi-sensory elements. Because it won't be going into production we didn't have as many compromises regarding construction time as in a regular story and some of the items took days to construct. We would particularly like to thank



our woodwork volunteer, Tony Robertson, who logged 411 hours on it. Tony is in the first photograph, second from the left, displaying some of his pages to our staff and volunteers.

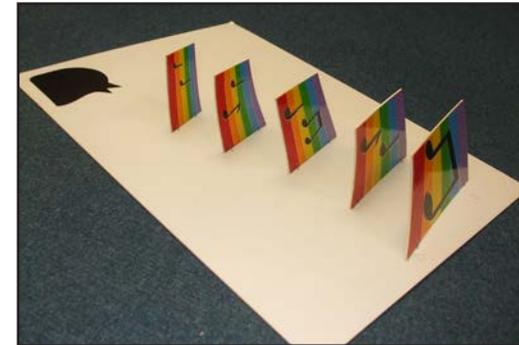
The story was trialled at The Livity School in Streatham and the children loved it. The completed book was delivered to the Museum at the end of November and their team of Explainers will all be trained in its use.

Learning To Fly 1

We are just putting the finishing touches to our latest story "*Learning To Fly*" which will be published in January.



It tells the story of a Robin from hatching in a nest to taking its first flight. The storyboard rhymes and it is suitable for all ages.



Learning To Fly 2

Alan Hewitt decided to surprise his partner, Joanne Wells, with a new experience as her birthday present - a tandem parachute jump. After the initial surprise, Joanne decided to use it as an opportunity to raise money for Bag Books and together with matched funding from her employer Liverpool Victoria she was able to donate £640. Many thanks Joanne.



Double thanks to Kingston-upon-Thames



We were proud to have been selected as the President's Charity Of The Year by the Kingston-upon-Thames branches of both the Inner Wheel and Rotary clubs. Our Chief Executive, Dean Casswell, gave talks to both clubs and they organised a joint visit to our craft workshop. Earlier in the year we also ran a craft day at the home of one of the



Inner Wheel members. The clubs held many fundraising events for us and Dean is shown above after collecting cheques from the outgoing Inner Wheel President, Chris Hickson (left) and outgoing Rotary President, Lynda Rowland (right). The two clubs donated over £4,000 and we made many friends during the year. Many thanks.