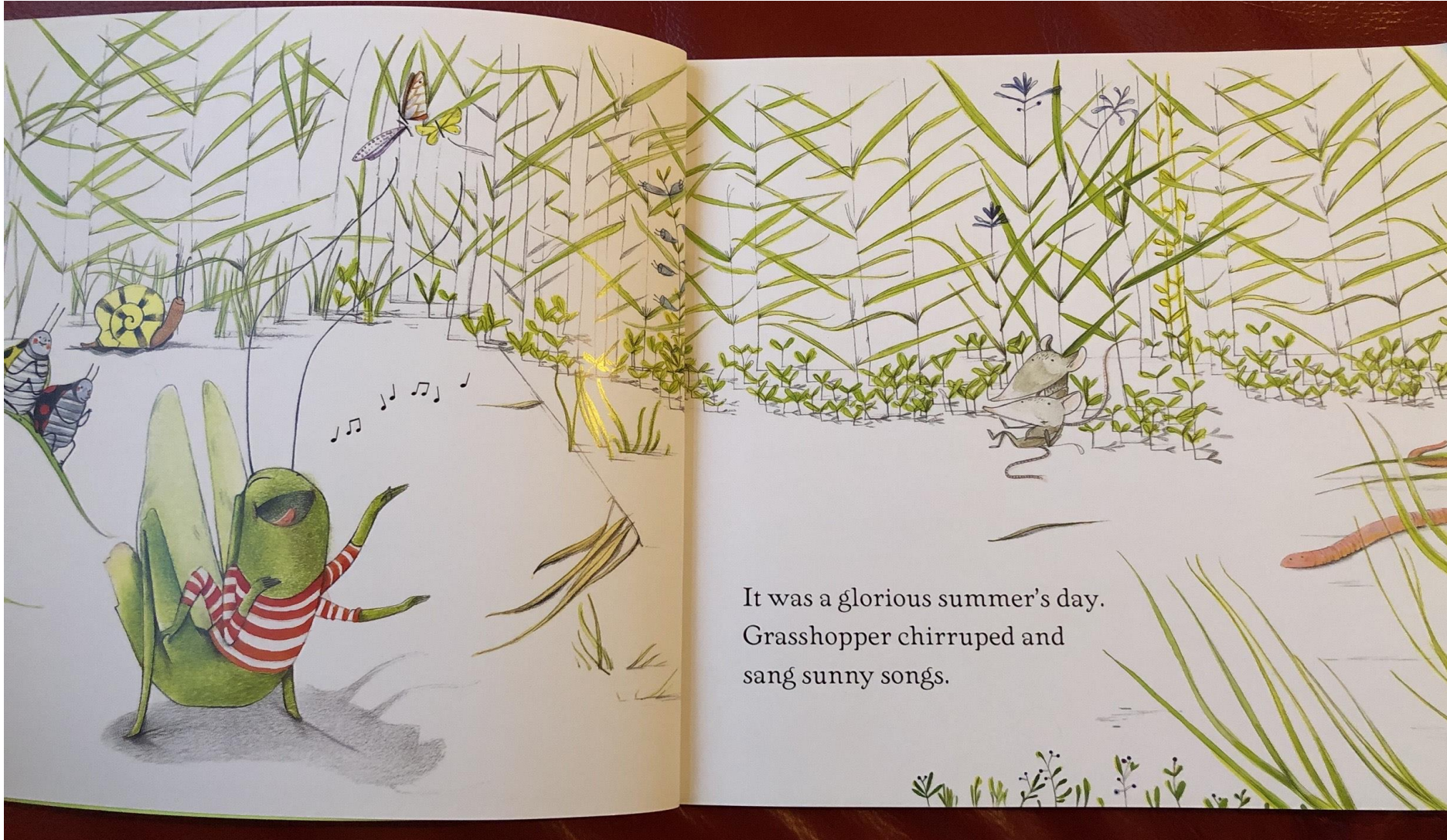


This is a book you can read and enjoy with your child at home. At the bottom of every page you will find questions and activities to do, you can even add your own to the list. You can read the whole book or you may prefer to read a page or two a day, spending time answering questions and doing the activities. It is entirely up to you and your child. Please have lots of fun and aim to complete this book in one week.




It was a glorious summer's day.
Grasshopper chirruped and
sang sunny songs.

What do you like about Summer?

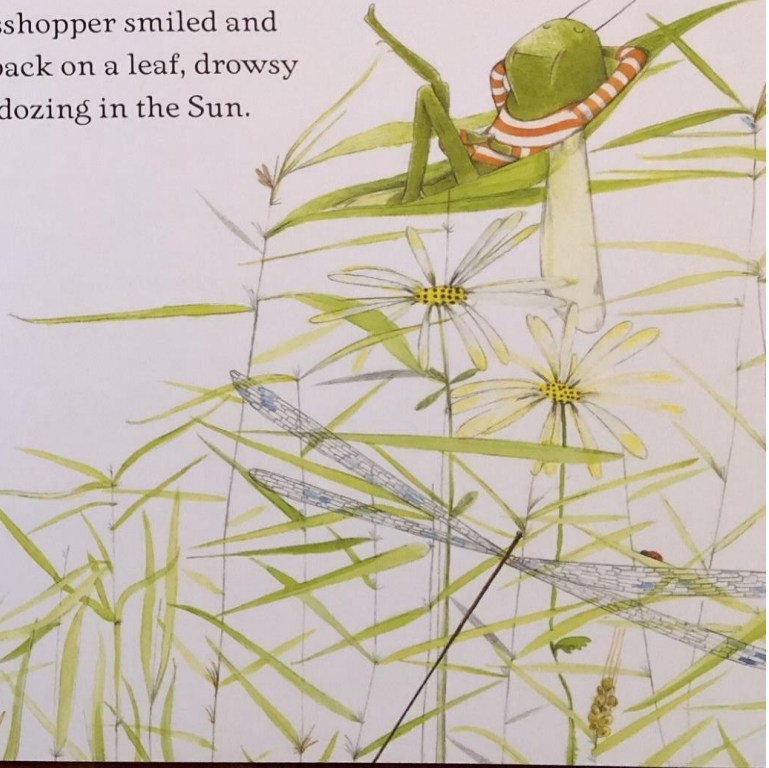
Use your Noticing Nora eyes. What minibeasts can you see on this page?

Grasshopper is happy what other words can you think of for happy? (you could maybe look at an online dictionary or one that you may have at home)



Ant was too busy to sing.
He huffed...
...and he puffed...
...and he g-r-o-a-n-e-d...

as he hauled food away
to his winter store.



Grasshopper smiled and
lay back on a leaf, drowsy
and dozing in the Sun.

Ant was working (encourage your child to say hard)

Grasshopper was (encourage you child to say lazy, relaxing)

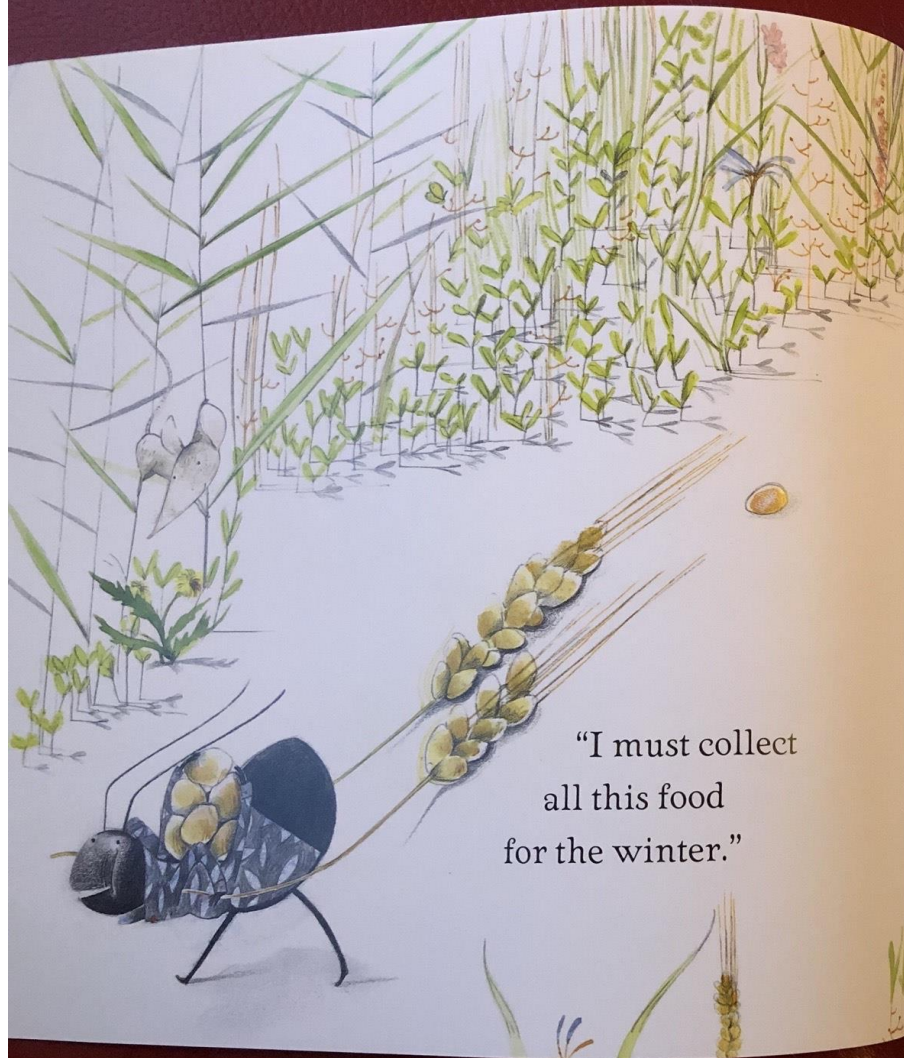
Why do you think ant is putting away food in his winter store? (because he is hungry, because in winter plants will not grow so he will have no food etc. Let children think and prompt where necessary)

What does haul mean? (use an online dictionary)



When have you had to work hard?

When have you had to use your Persevering Pirate muscle? (riding a bike, drawing a picture, helping mummy with the dishes etc)



"I must collect
all this food
for the winter."

"But winter is ages away,"
said Grasshopper.

"Enjoy the sunshine
with me while you can!"



Use your Imagining Imp muscle. Imagine what it's like to be a Grasshopper.

Can you pretend to hop like him? Count how many hops you can do.

Can you pretend to collect food? (they could be stones or sticks) see where you imagination takes you. You could do this activity indoors or outdoors. Remember to wash your hands. 😊



"Winter may seem ages away," Ant replied,
"but it will come all too swiftly."

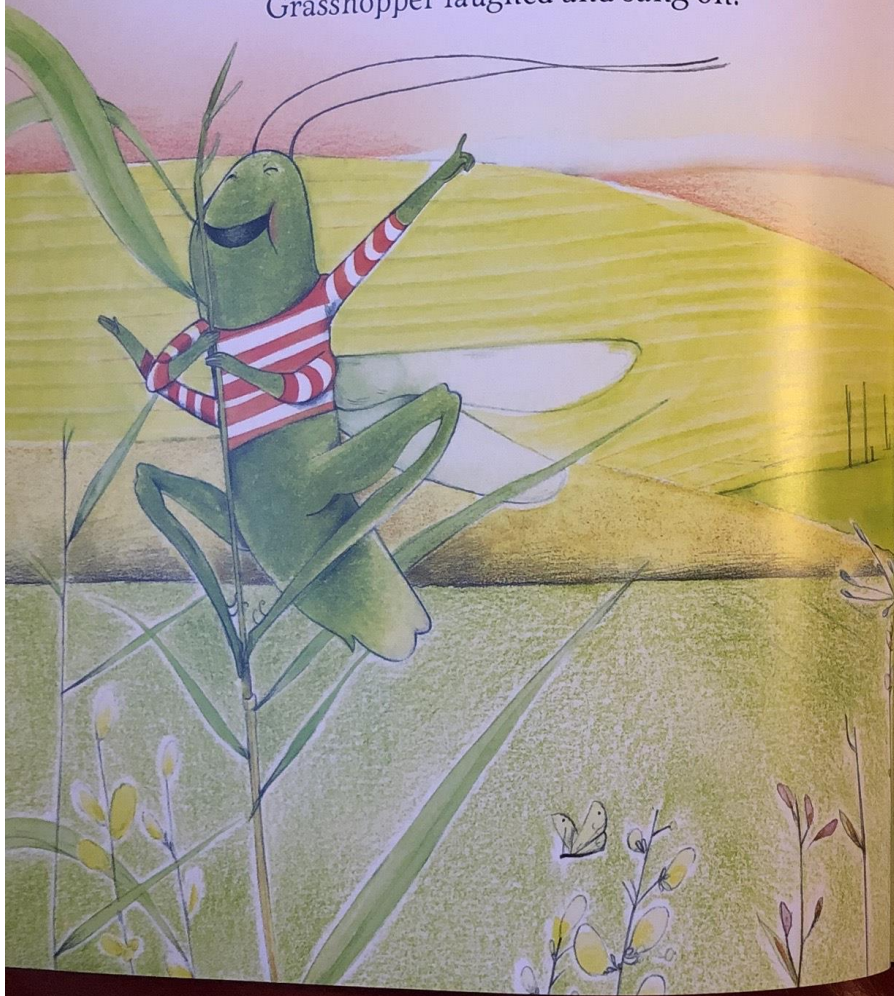
"If you don't work now...
...why, when the Sun has long gone and the Earth
is sleeping, you will be cold and hungry."



Do we always get sunshine?

What happens to trees and plants in Winter?

Grasshopper laughed and sang on.

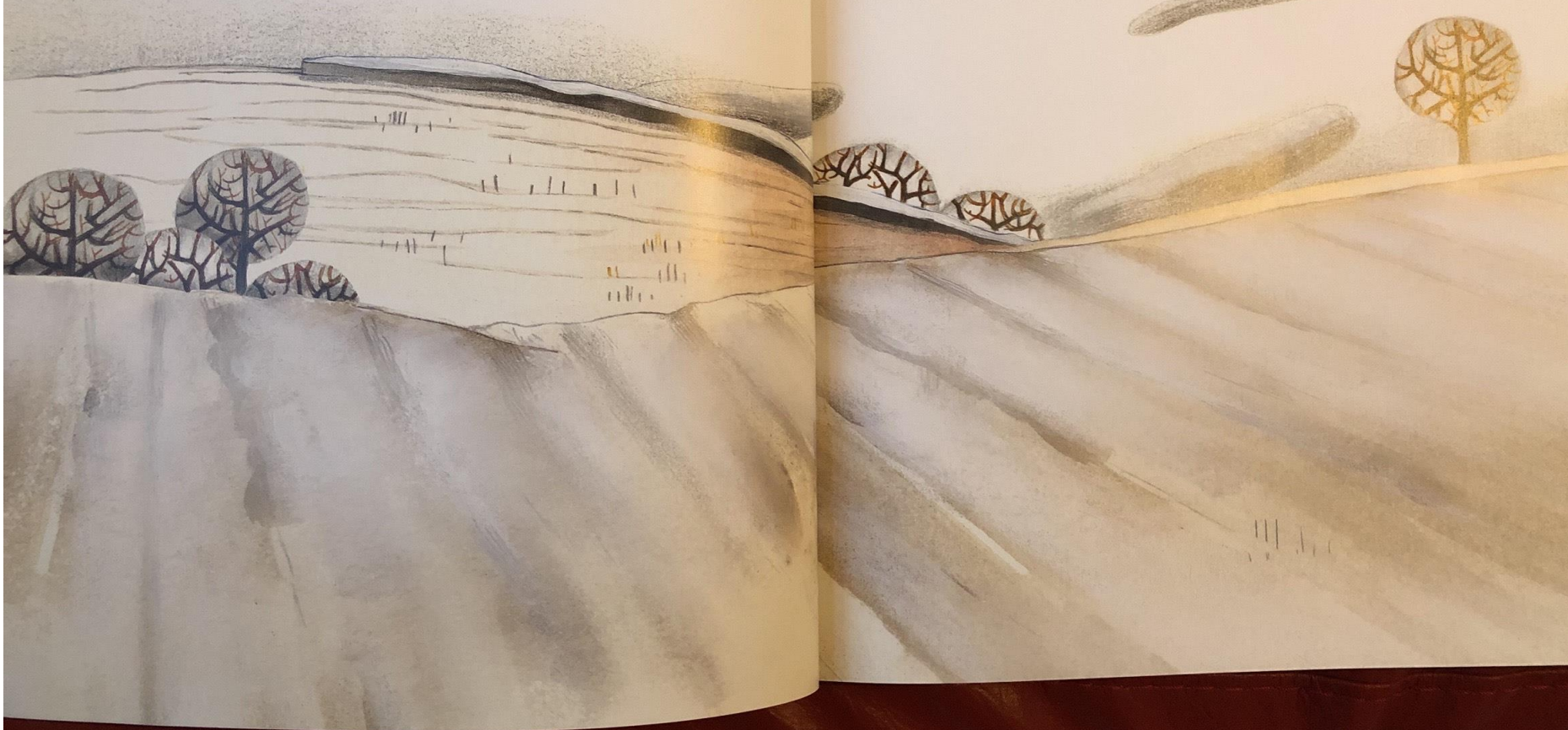


Ant huffed...
and he puffed...
and carried more corn.



The Grasshopper didn't listen he carried on singing. Have you ever not listened?
Predict what might happen to Grasshopper in Winter.

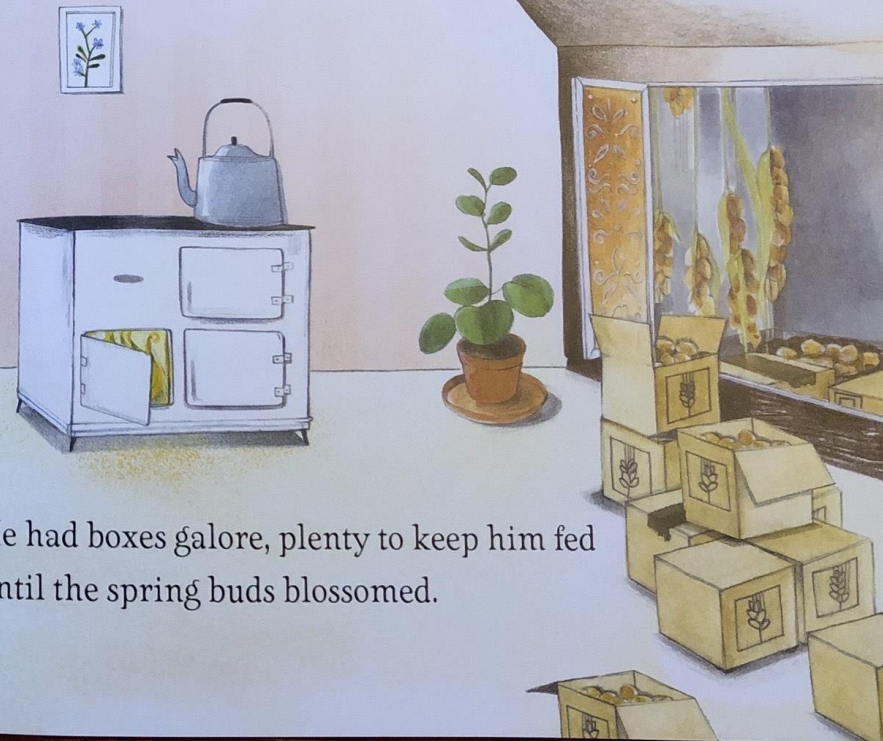
Sure enough, winter crept over the Earth.
Trees stood bare against the bleak sky.
Snow dusted the fields.



Can you pretend to feel cold? Shiver with your arms wrapped round your body.



Tucked up snug in his
little home, Ant looked at
his food store and smiled.



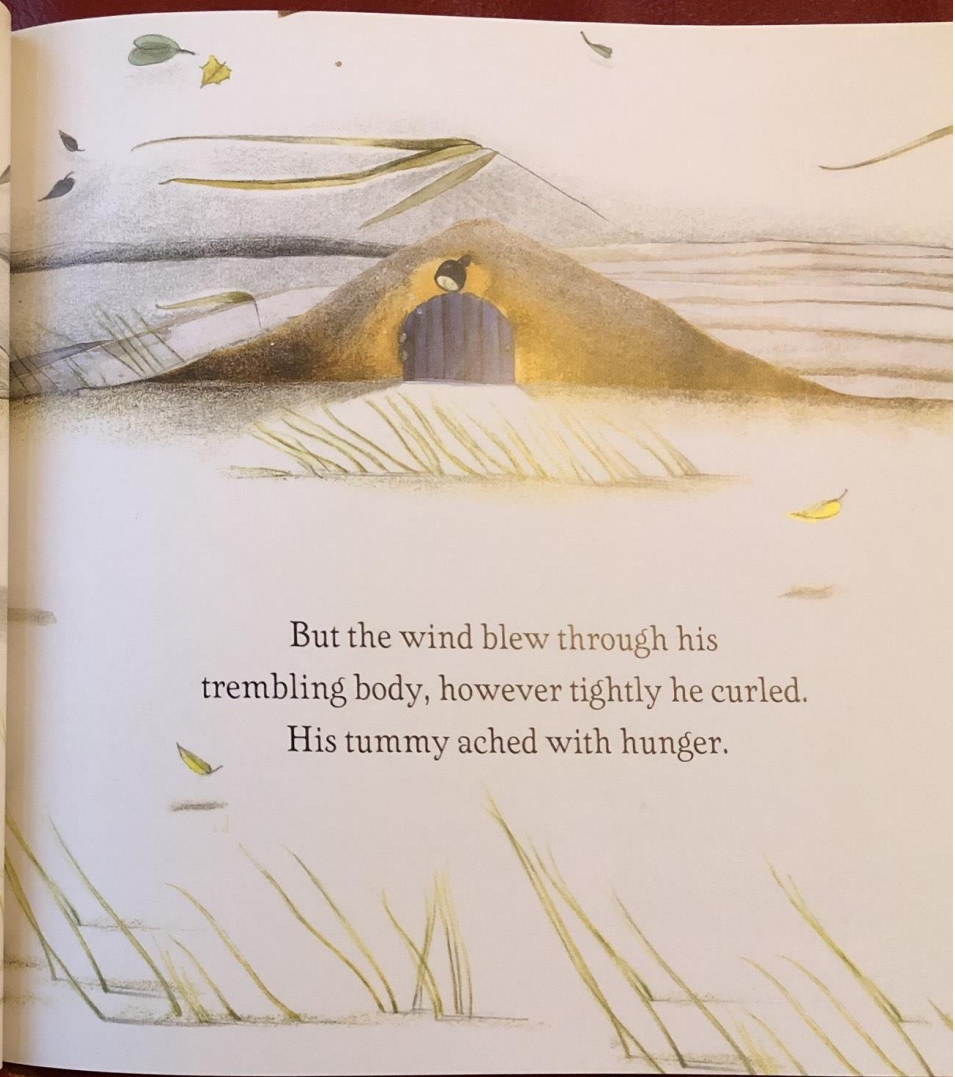
He had boxes galore, plenty to keep him fed
until the spring buds blossomed.

Use your Noticing Nora eyes. What can you see on the page?
What does galore mean?

Outside, in a blustery gale,
Grasshopper scrunched himself up,
trying to shelter behind a leaf.



But the wind blew through his
trembling body, however tightly he curled.
His tummy ached with hunger.



It is now (encourage child to say winter)

Look at Grasshopper. How do you think he is feeling? (ie cold, lonely, sad). Could you think of other words for sad?(use an online dictionary)



At last, he fought through the wind
to Ant's house. "Ant! Help!"
Grasshopper shouted.

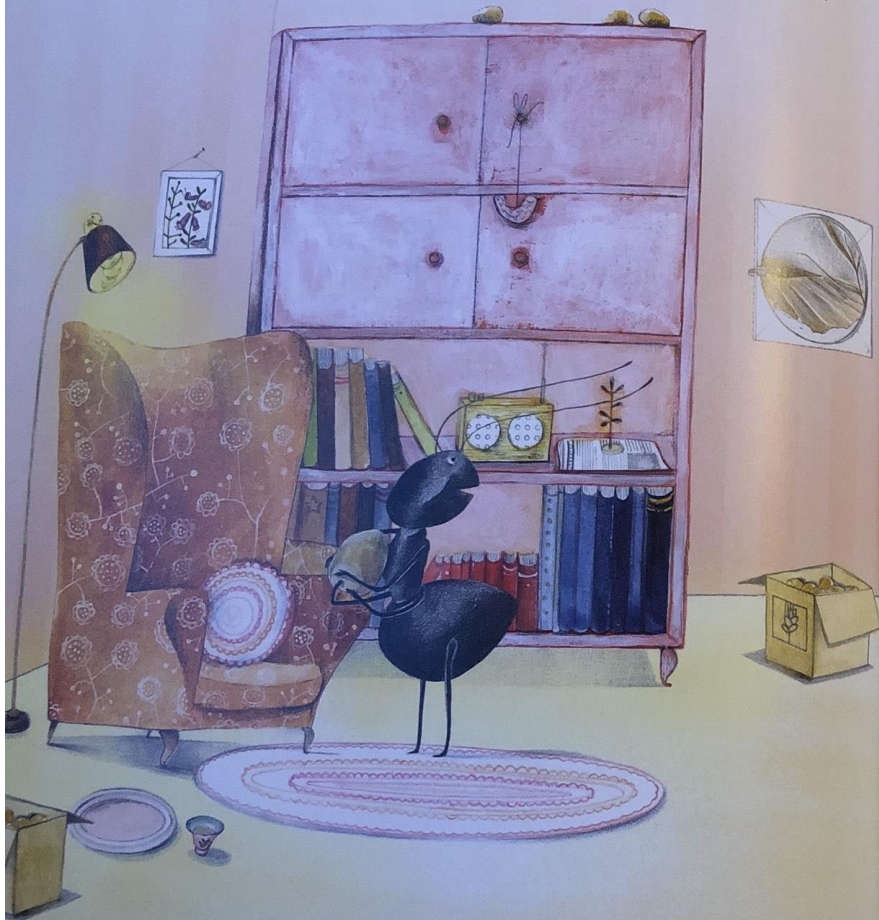
Ant poked his head
outside his door.



"Grasshopper! You look frozen," he cried.
"Come inside and get warm."

Ant was very (encourage child to say kind, helpful, nice, thoughtful,
compassionate etc)

"Thaw out by the stove," said Ant, "and I'll make supper."



Grasshopper beamed.
He could almost taste
the toasted corn already.



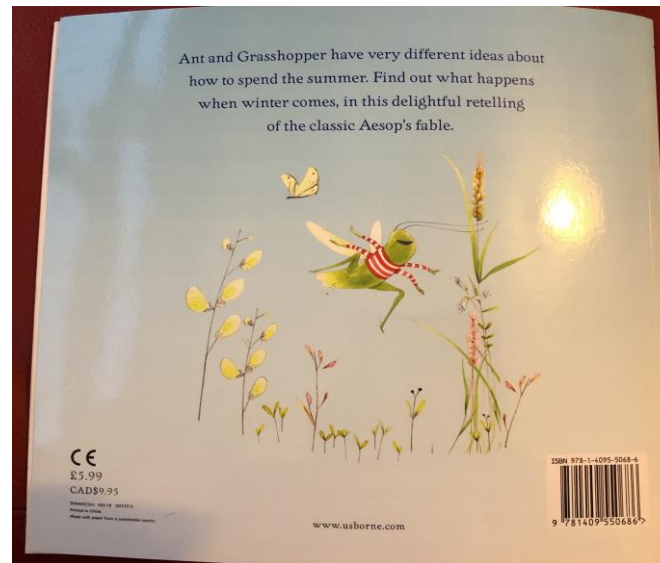
"Thank you kind, clever Ant,"
he said, basking in the heat of the flames.
"I promise, next summer, I'll work too!"



What does beam mean?

Why was Grasshopper thankful?

Will you remember to say thank you?



✓ **Other activities you could do**

- What is your favourite minibeast? Draw a picture and write some facts or label.
- What is your favourite place to visit in the Summer? (ie the beach, the park etc). Draw a picture and make a list of things you might see there.
- Can you find red words in the text? (ie the, I, he, to, you, be)
- You could draw pictures or write outdoors with chalk, paint etc
- Hot seating. Get your child to become a character from the story. They can choose to be ant or grasshopper. Use your Questioning Queen muscle and ask where, what, why, when and how questions. You can then let your child ask you questions. Be in character and make this fun.