

The Gigantic Turnip

A colorful illustration for a children's book cover. In the foreground, a man with a grey mustache and round glasses peeks over a large, pink and white striped turnip that is partially buried in dark brown soil. The turnip has a small green worm on its top. Behind the man, a massive green leafy plant grows from the top of the turnip, its leaves reaching towards the top of the frame. In the background, there is a simple farm scene with a wooden fence, a red-roofed house, and a green tree under a light blue sky.

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This book without words supports Phase 1 of the phonics programme *Letters and Sounds*. It is also in *Lilac* band, following book bands for guided reading.

About this book

The Gigantic Turnip is based on a traditional Russian fable. An old man plants a seed which grows into a gigantic turnip. He is unable to pull up the turnip on his own, and even when he is helped by the old woman (his wife?), the girl (their daughter?), the dog and the cat, he is still unable to pull it up.

Only when a tiny mouse joins them to help are they able to pull up the turnip, by all working together.

Sometimes, even the smallest and seemingly least important person can make the biggest difference!

Read the book with the children, talking about each picture as you look at it.

Talk about the book

- Look at the pictures in the book. Who helped the old man try to pull up the gigantic turnip? Name all the people and animals in the order in which they helped.
- Even working together, they couldn't pull up the turnip, until the little mouse joined in to help them. Did the little mouse make all the difference?
- Is there a lesson that we can all learn from this story?



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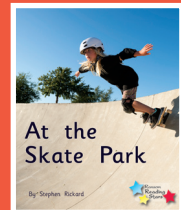
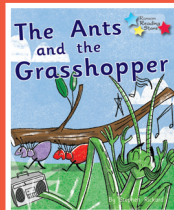
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This book links to Aspects 1 to 3 of *Letters and Sounds Phase 1* - General sound discrimination.

In particular it supports the following strand:

- Talking about sounds (developing vocabulary and language comprehension)

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