

What to do today

IMPORTANT! Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and with any weblinks or use of the Internet required.

1. Story time

Read and enjoy *The Billy Dogs Gruff* by Ruth Merrittens and Jackie Abey.

- Ouch! Do you feel sorry for the crocodile having his mouth stuck open like that? Why/not?

2. Comparing stories

Think about *The Billy Goats Gruff* and *The Billy Dogs Gruff*.

- On *Comparing Gruff Stories*, write things that are the same in both.
- Write things that are different in the stories.
- Write a punctuated sentence saying which story of the two you prefer.
- Use the word *because* to explain why you like that story best.

3. Writing a letter

Read *A Letter from the Goats to the Troll*.

- On the *blank letter page*, write a letter from the dogs to the crocodile, beginning *Dear Croc*.
- Politely ask the crocodile to let you cross the river by the tree branch.
- Explain why you want to go to the other side of the river.
- Say what you'll do for the Crocodile to make it up to him.
- Add a P.S. message after your signature.

Now try this Fun-Time Extra

- On *The Other Side*, draw what the dogs get up to after they have crossed the river.

Comparing Gruff Stories

Things that are the same in both stories	Things that are different in the stories

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A Letter from the Goats to the Troll



Dear Troll,

Please can we use your
bridge?

We have no food to eat and
are very hungry. Did you hear our tummies rumbling last
night?

We saw that there is tasty grass opposite our field but need
to cross the stream to reach it. It looks delicious!

We will walk quietly over the bridge and make sure our
hooves are very clean, so we don't make a mess.

Love from,

The Three Billy Goats Gruff

P.S. We will make sure there is plenty of grass left for you!

On the Other Side

