**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. It’s story time**

Read and enjoy the Hamilton story, *Chicken’s Bad Dream* by Ruth Merttens and Jackie Abey. Use the suggested *Reading Strategies* to deal with any new and tricky words you meet.

**2. Answering questions about a story**

Look at the questions in the clouds on *Tell Me About It*.

* Read each question. Think about your answer.
* Tell someone in your family what you think.
* If you can, take Chicken’s Big Challenge and write your answers down in your neatest handwriting on the *Answers* page.

**3. Describing scary animals**

Think about all the slightly scary animals that Chicken sees in her dreams.

* Pick one animal that you thought was a bit scary too.
* On *Scary Animals*, draw the animal and write a sentence saying what it looks like. Use really good words to describe your creature.
* Write another sentence saying why it is quite a scary animal. Use the word *because* in your sentence to explain why you think the animal is quite scary: *I think a snake is scary because it...*

**Now try this Fun-Time Extra**

* What good ideas do you have for someone who is a bit worried about going to bed? On *My Bedtime Advice*, draw pictures and write captions for each piece of advice you have. (Leave the light on, don’t shut the door, cuddle up with a teddy, etc.)

**Reading Strategies**

When you come across a word you don’t know, use these strategies to help you read it!

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| **Sound out** the word  *First strategy to use!* | |
| Break words into **syllables**  e.g. *go-ing* | Look for s**maller words** within words  ***be****-fore* |
| **Skip** the word and read the rest of the sentence to work out what it says | Did the sentence you read **make sense**? |
| Use the **pictures** | Remember the text |
| **Remember Key Words**  is the to and with I am | |

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**Answers Page**

**Scary Animals**

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**My advice if you are a bit scared at bedtime**

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