

Down by the Cool of the Pool

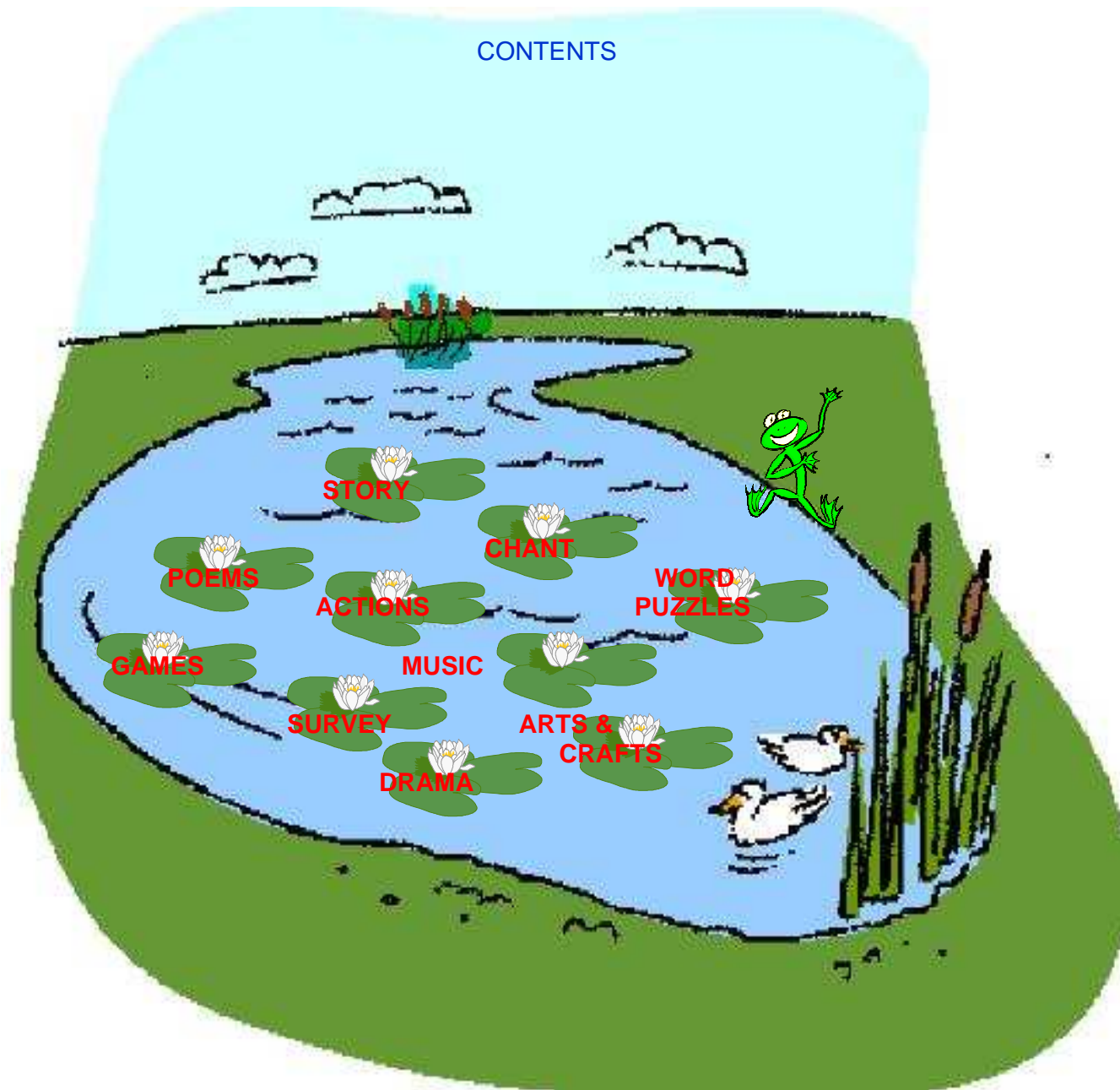
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“Down by the Cool of the Pool” is a rhyming text written by Tony Mitton. Join Frog and his farmyard friends as they dance around the pool. Flip and flop, splish and splash, stomp and stamp! This little story has lots of noises for children to have fun with. It’s guaranteed to make them all laugh!

The BritLit Primary kit has been designed for use with **Down by the Cool of the Pool**, published by Orchard Books. It was chosen not only for its fun language and rhyming text, but also for the actions it encourages children to do. The kit integrates a range of activities for young children beginning to learn English.

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<u>Activity</u>	<u>Summary</u>	<u>Activity Focus</u>
Introducing the animals	Using flashcards to introduce the animals	Speaking, learning the new vocabulary
Colouring cards	Learning the animals by colouring	Vocabulary, colouring, listening
Mouth the words	Working on pronunciation saying the words silently	Speaking, vocabulary
Kim's game	Using flashcards to practice the animal vocabulary	Vocabulary, memorising, speaking
Pelmanism / Memory	Using flashcards to practice the animal vocabulary	Vocabulary, memorising, speaking
Bingo	Playing Bingo to practice the animal vocabulary	Vocabulary, listening
Wordsearch puzzle	Practicing reading the vocabulary	Reading
Unscramble the words	Writing the animal vocabulary	Writing
Crossword puzzle	Practicing writing the animal vocabulary	Writing
Matching	Matching the words to pictures	Reading
Colour the animals	Practicing the vocabulary by colouring the animals	Writing, vocabulary, colouring
Secret code – Favourite animal	Using a code to write the names of the animals	Writing
Multilingual Picture Dictionary	Learning the animals in different languages	Writing
Action poem: "Frog Hops"	Acting out a poem	Listening, speaking
Introducing the animal actions	Using mime to introduce actions	Listening, miming
The Pool Action Chant	Chanting and miming	Listening, reading, miming, chanting
Game: Frog says ...	Following instructions through a game	Listening, doing actions, reading
Dialogue	Completing short dialogues	Reading, writing, listening, speaking
Game: Everyone, Splash-Splash	Following instructions through a game	Listening, doing actions
Game: The Pool Game	Matching the pictures to the sentences	Reading, cutting, sticking

Game: The Splish-Splash Race	Following instructions through a board game	Reading, doing actions
Outdoor game	Following instructions through a game	Listening, doing actions
Song: Ten Frisky Animals	Singing and miming	Listening, reading, miming actions, singing
Poetry Time	Creating a poem after another	Listening, speaking, writing, performing
Listening and ordering	Listening to the story and putting the animals in order	Listening, sequencing
Listen, cut and stick	Listening to the story and sticking the animals in the correct place	Listening, reading, cutting, matching, sticking,
Playback	Listening to the story and saying it along to the recording	Listening, speaking
Another ending	Listening to the story and discussing alternative endings	Listening, speaking
<u>Cross-curricular:</u>		
Maths: What's your favourite animal?	Doing a survey in class	Listening, speaking, writing, making a bar graph
Music: Play that animal	Creating a song for an animal using a recorder	Listening, guessing the animal
Arts & Crafts: Making a book	Making a book about the animals	Drawing, colouring, cutting, writing
Arts & Crafts: Making animal masks	Making masks for the animals	Drawing, colouring, cutting
Drama: A play	Performing the play	Speaking, listening, performing, making crafts