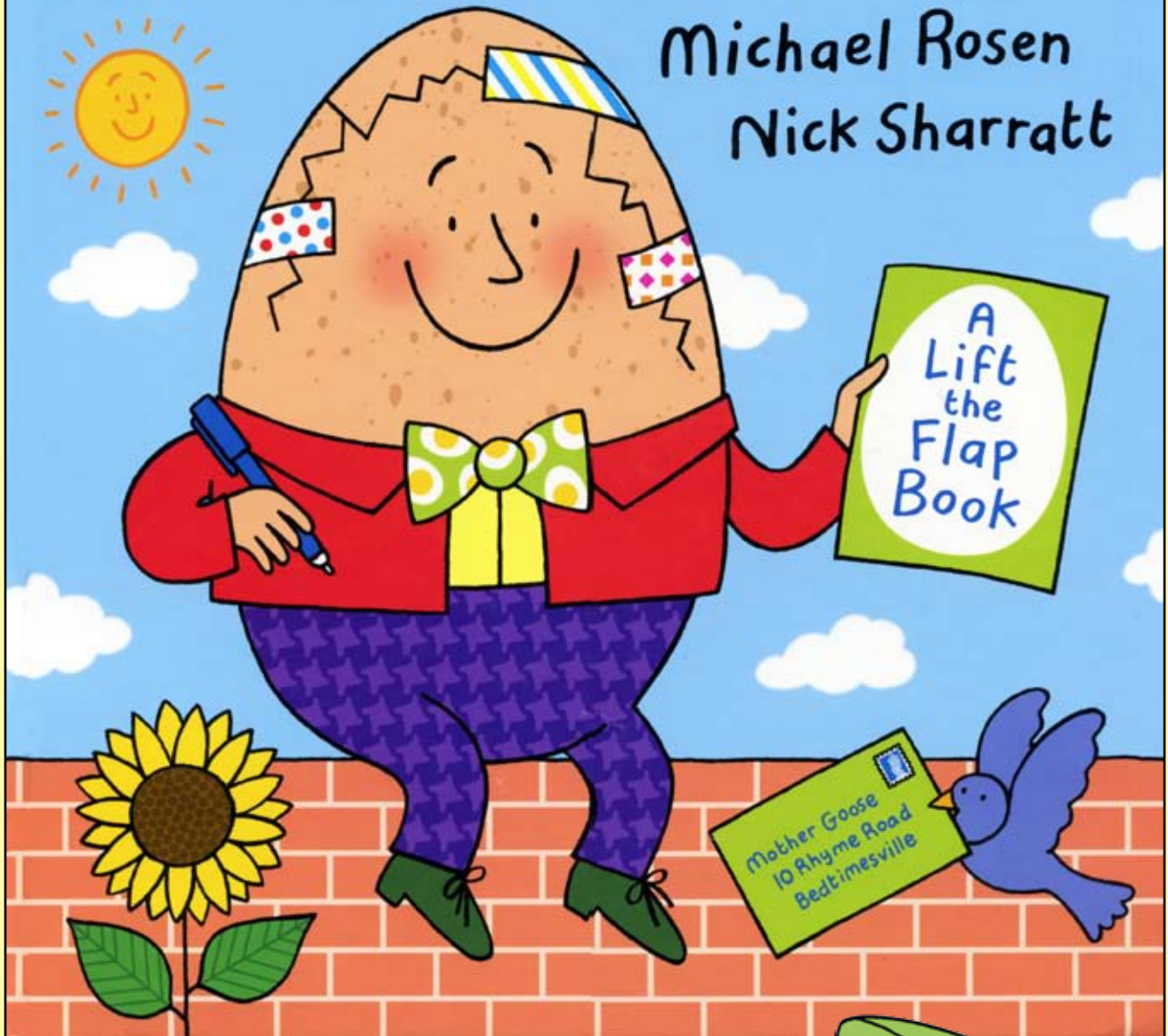


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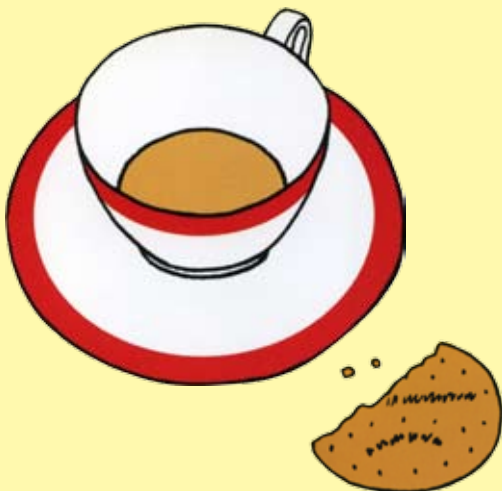
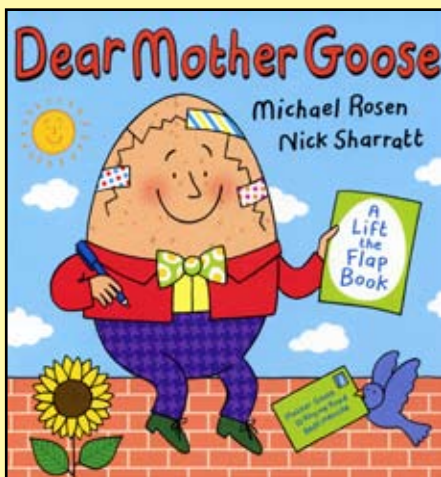
**“Dear Mother Goose, every time  
I climb the water spout, it rains  
and I get washed out”** Incy Wincy Spider



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<b>Case</b>	Welcome to Reading
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<b>Publisher</b>	Walker Books



## Using this book in your classroom

### Quick summary

In this delightfully funny lift-the-flap book, nursery rhyme characters write to Mother Goose asking her advice on a range of personal problems. How can Miss Muffet enjoy her curds and whey without being bothered by spiders? How can Jack jump safely over the candle-stick without burning a hole in his trousers? What can Incey Wincey spider do about getting washed down the water spout? The answers to these and many other problems are given in Mother Goose's funny letters, and illustrated in hilarious lift-the-flap artwork by Nick Sharratt.

### Story themes

This book has themes of **friendship** and **problem-solving**.

### The story session

#### 1. Introducing the story

Start by asking if the children know the rhyme 'Humpty Dumpty'. Say the rhyme together. Flip through the book and talk about some of the other characters, and say their rhymes. (If you need the words, they are under the characters' letters.) Introduce the idea that in this story, the characters all have problems which they ask Mother Goose to help them solve. Ask: "What kinds of problems do you think the nursery rhyme characters might have?"

#### 2. Reading the story

Read the whole story to the children. You could ask for volunteers to help you lift the flaps. After reading each letter, ask: "What do you think Mother Goose will say to help this character?" Children could look at the pictures under the flaps for clues.

#### 3. Follow-up

- Say: "How do you think Mother Goose felt at the end of the story? How did her friends feel?"
- Say: "Which part of the book did you think was funniest? Why?"
- Think of another nursery rhyme that the children know – for example, Little Bo Peep, Little Jack Horner or Three Blind Mice. What problems might these nursery rhyme characters have? What would Mother Goose say to them? Together, write a letter from a character such as Little Bo Peep, and write Mother Goose's reply.

### Did You Know?

- Michael Rosen is a renowned poet, broadcaster and performer. He is the 2007-2009 Children's Laureate.
- Nick Sharratt is one of the best-loved and most recognisable illustrators working today. He has written and illustrated over 40 books.



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