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## SYLLABUS

### Vocabulary areas

family, parts of the body, animals,  
house and garden

### Grammar and structures

Present simple and continuous

Past simple (regular and irregular forms)

*Had to* for obligation

*Can/Could* for ability

*There was / There were*

Comparative and superlative adjectives

## PICTURE DICTIONARY

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to dig



fur



grumpy



jewels



pot of gold



to pour



ice cream



sunset

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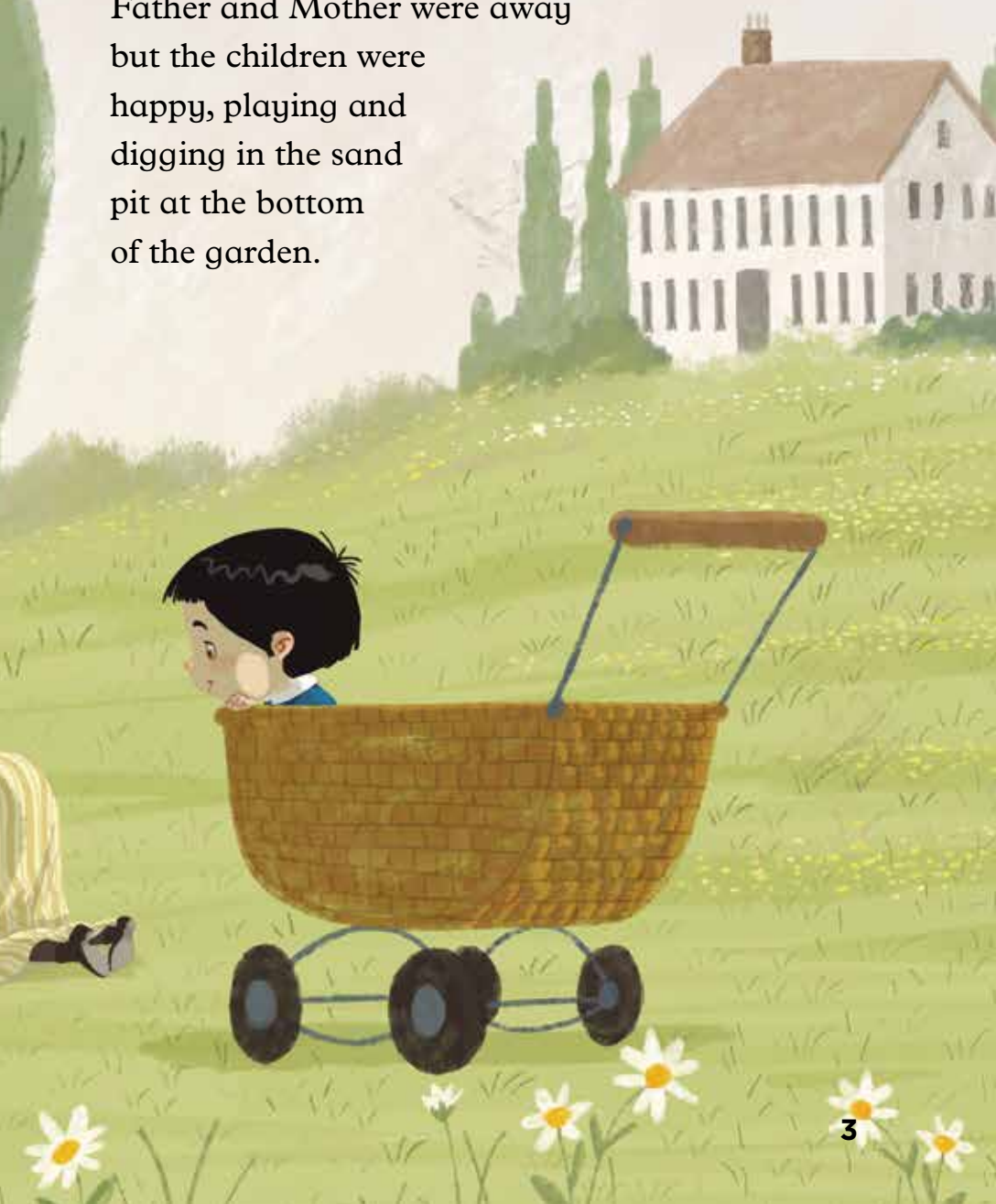
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Retold and activities by Jane Cadwallader

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At the time of our story the five children were at home with their nanny, Martha, and the cook. Father and Mother were away but the children were happy, playing and digging in the sand pit at the bottom of the garden.



▶ 3 One day the children were at the sandpit when suddenly Anthea said, ‘Oh! Look! What a strange animal!’ It had lots of fur, hands like a monkey and ears like a bat. But the strangest thing about it was its eyes. They were on long horns like a snail’s. ‘I beg your pardon! I’m *not* a strange animal! I’m a Sand Fairy and I can give you one wish every day.’ The children looked at the Sand Fairy in surprise. ‘Wow!’ said Robert, ‘A wish every day?’ ‘Yes,’ said the Sand Fairy, ‘but the wish goes away at sunset.’




The children looked at each other. Their hair was as yellow as the sun and their eyes as blue as the sky. They were all very beautiful! The Lamb began to cry.

Lamb!  
Don't cry!  
It's only us!



The children were very hungry, but what could they do? They went to sit under a tree until the sun went down and the wish went away.



Oh good!  
You look like Anthea  
again!



The children looked at the pots of gold.  
‘Wow!’ said Cyril, ‘We can buy lots of  
things!’



They went to a shop  
to buy ice creams.  
But, oh dear!

Sorry. That  
money is no  
good.



The children were very hungry and thirsty but what could they do? They went to sit under a tree until the sunset and the wish went away. Then they walked slowly back home.

