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NON-FICTION:

Journalistic writing – A tricky day for the truth by Rebecca Wallis.

A magazine-style feature exploring the history of April Fools' Day and describing some of the most famous – and the funniest – tricks of all time. Complete with an April Fool story newspaper cutting.



Information text – Let's hear it for the daffodil! by David Clayton.

A guide to the flower which has become a symbol of Spring, with details on its history, its uses and its significance in literature – from ancient Greek myths to Wordsworth's classic poem. Download the complete 'I wandered lonely as a cloud' from TLC Online.



Recount – Some pig! by Philip Ardagh

A comical recount of the part played by an unsuspecting pig during a siege at the ancient fortress of Carcassonne in AD 795, plus the origins of some common sayings and phrases.



Brain-tickling puzzles

by Helen Watts
Three alphabet and word puzzles, including some famous sayings about spring to decipher. A downloadable answer sheet is available at TLC Online.



Reviews

Book reviews by Nathan Green, age 12, and Georgia Yeomans, age 9. Plus Editor's Pick.



NARRATIVE:

Humorous short story – Three Foolish Fishermen

by Maggie Pearson.
Illustrated by Daria Petrilli/Beehive Illustration.

A cautionary tale of three sea fisherman whose foolish desire for gold leads them to a watery end.



Traditional tale – The Prince and the White Eagle

by Richard Monte.
Illustrated by Vladimir Aleksic/Beehive Illustration.

In this mix of legend and folk tale, Richard Monte explains the founding of Poland and how the eagle came to represent this beautiful country.



POETRY:

Shape poem – Springburst by John Travers Moore.

A seasonal poem in the shape of a flower coming into bloom – to be read from the bottom up!



Humorous poems and word play – A triple helping of April Fool,

featuring *April Fool in School* by Ian Bland.
Three fun little poems, perfect for April Fools' Day.



Poems in other forms – Cry Wolf by Eric Finney (after Aesop). Illustrated by Steve Way.

Aesop's ancient fable gets a modern-day twist with a mix of rhyming verse and comic strip presentation.



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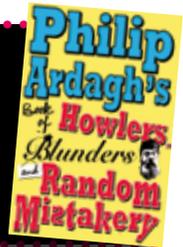


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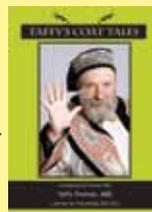


This month @ TLC Online -

Celebrating storytelling



In January this year, Taffy Thomas, MBE, was awarded the honorary position of the nation's first Laureate for Storytelling. A compilation of some of the storyteller's favourite tales has been published in paperback by The Literacy Club. **Taffy's Coat Tales** (£7.99 pbk, ISBN 978-0-9564716-0-4) is a 96-page collection to be treasured by both children and adults. The book is available to order from www.theliteracyclub.com



To complement the book, a range of FREE literacy resources are available to you on the TLC website. These include: **Three Tales from Taffy's Coat** – Audio versions of *The Clever Wish*, *The Cobblestone Maker* and *Coyote and the Fire Witch*, told and performed by Taffy.

The Magic Beans – A sentence sequencing game linked to the first of seven special gifts given to Taffy as part of his Laureateship. Look out for more games in this series in the coming months.

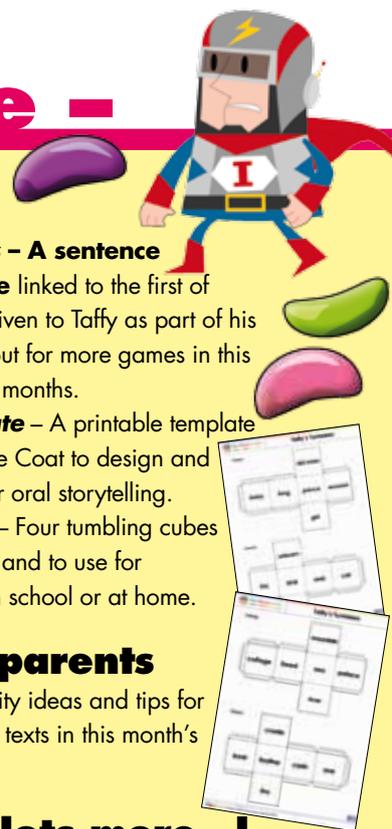
Tale Coat Template – A printable template of Taffy's famous Tale Coat to design and use as inspiration for oral storytelling.

Taffy's Tumblers – Four tumbling cubes to cut out and make and to use for storytelling games in school or at home.

Ideas for parents

Downloadable activity ideas and tips for parents linked to the texts in this month's *TLC Kids*.

Plus lots, lots more...!



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