

Some Favourite Picture Books

Blossom Possum : The sky is falling down under by Gina Newton
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An Australian version of the traditional Henny Penny.

Blossom Possum is hit on the head with something and thinks the sky is falling. She decides to tell the prime minister and sets off on a journey. On the way she meets other bush friends who join the trip because of their suitable credentials.

Beautiful illustrations, catchy character names, children join in the repeated chorus.

- a) recall character names, sequence characters – who came first, second etc
- b) recall each characters strength
- c) retell story
- d) predict who the “baddie” might be before you reach that part
- e) story map of bush animals in order
- f) cut and paste the animals in order
- g) children write a verse of their own with a different bush creature eg. Whopper Wombat
- h) give each child a large piece of paper, fold into 8, draw each character/group in order of appearance.
- i) compare to traditional story
- j) write an information report on one of the animals.
- k) complete the following table individually or in pairs – research aspects you need to find out.