

Seasons – Little Tree by Loren Long

Before Reading:

First: Talk about the theme

- Ask **what** they can see on the **front cover**.
- Make links to their own experience.
 - **What**
 - **List the animals you might see in a forest?**

[see photos on slide 2]

Next: Predict – What animals might be in this story? What jobs will the farmer and children do?

Then: Listen along and talk about the detail in the pictures. *The story is in words and symbols to help your child join in and practise their reading skills.*

After Reading

Finally: Complete the **task sheets**.

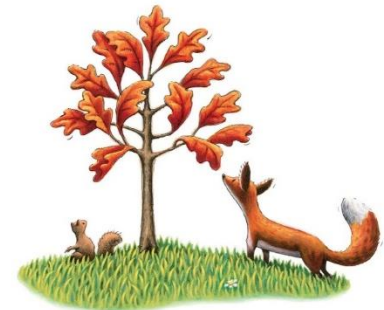
Extension Work: **Watch Percy the Park Keeper** –

Focus: What happens to the leaves of trees at different times of the year. What animals are in the story – make a comparison with the animals the story Little Tree.

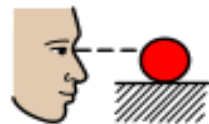


Extra Help / Signing Practise:
There is a **signed version** of this story for you to join in with **on our website**.

little tree



loren long

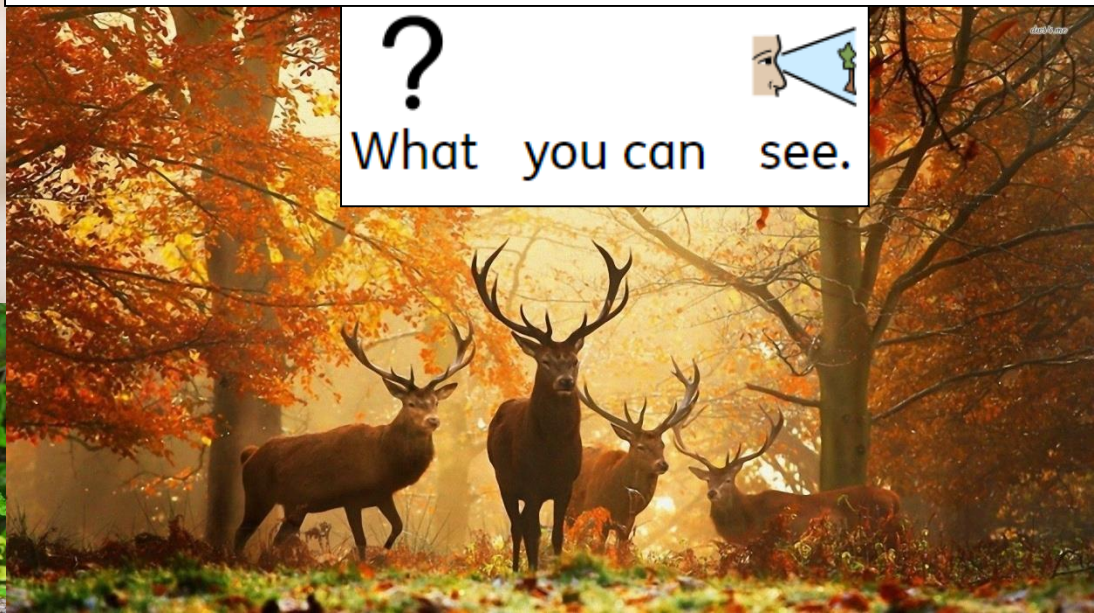


Look at the pictures of a forest.

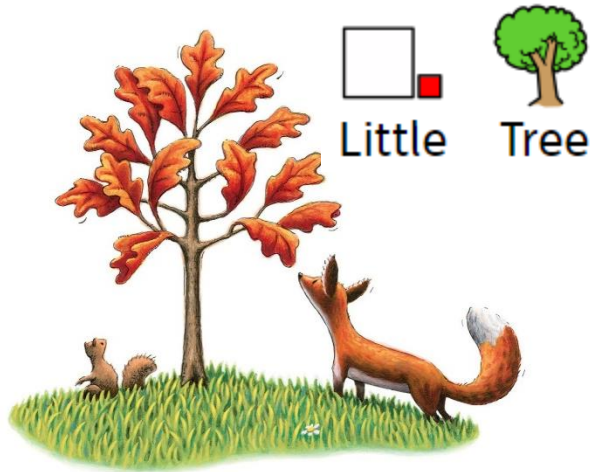
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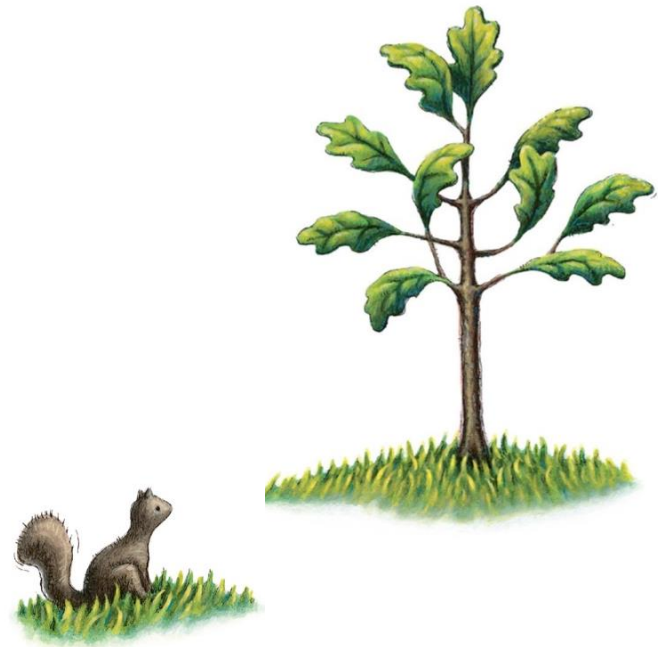
What you can see.



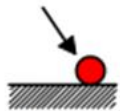
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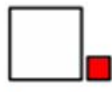


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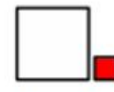


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leaves.



Who was surrounded



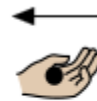
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trees



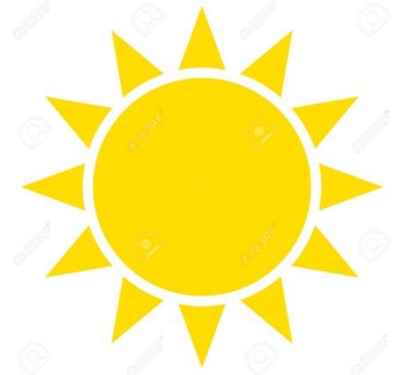
that

had



leaves

of their own...



In



the heat

of the



long



summer



days.



Little



Tree's



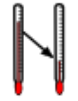
leaves



kept



him



cool.



Squirrels



would



climb up



his



branches

to play



and



dove



sang



her sweet



song.



Little



Tree

was going to



grow



up



big



and



strong.

















 Autumn arrived and cool winds filled the air.










 The wind tickled Little Tree



 as it passed through his branches.







 The air grew cold and the leaves on the trees


 changed to
 
 yellow,
 
 red
 
 and
 
 orange.



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















One by one the trees began to drop their leaves.



But not Little Tree, he just hugged his leaves tight.



			"Hello Little Tree,"	the			said.		"Are you	going to		drop		your		leaves		now?"
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But				felt		unsure.		What		would	he do		without		his	leaves?
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Winter



came.



"What



are you

going to do



with



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leaves

still



on?"



asked

the



deer.



Little



Tree

just



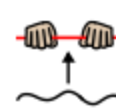
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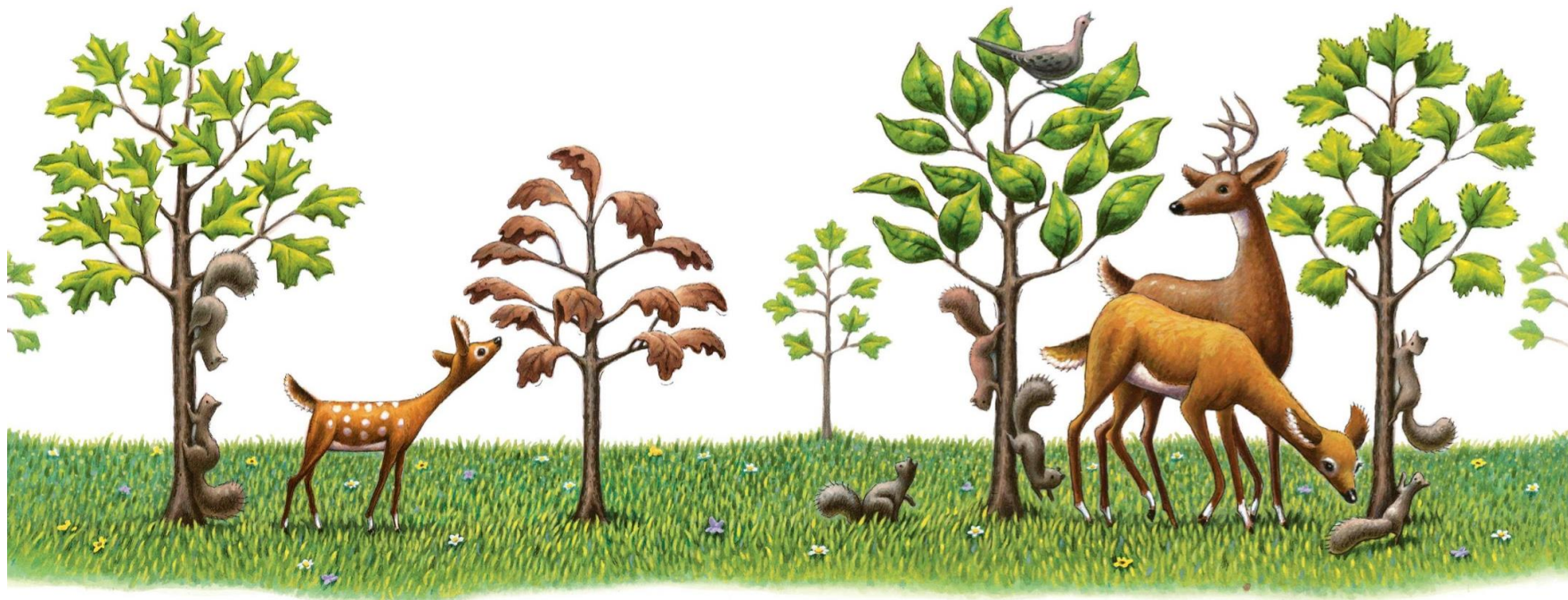
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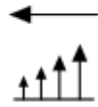
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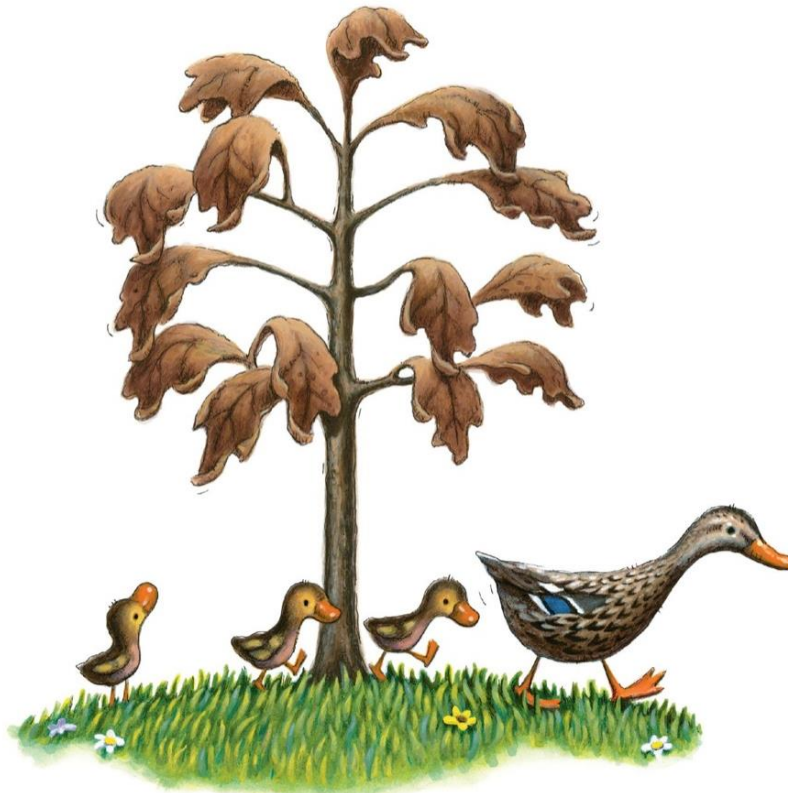
Spring arrived and the little forest burst into life.



The other trees grew bright new leaves.



The squirrels climbed in their branches.



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The seasons continued to come and go.



"Little Tree," said the duckling,



are



brown.



Are you



feeling

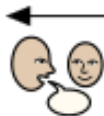


sick?"



A

fox



said,



"Little



Tree

it's



time

for



you



to

drop



your



leaves.



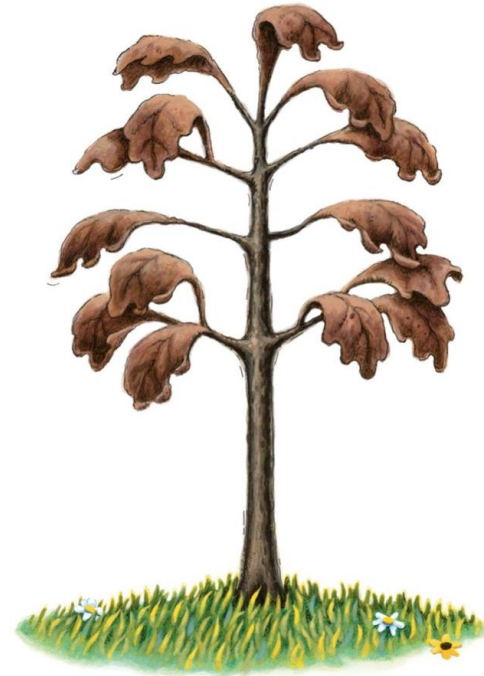
You can

do it.

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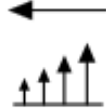

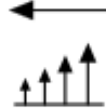
One, two ..."








 But Little Tree just hugged his leaves tight.






 All around, the forest grew and grew.



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One summer, Little Tree could



no

longer



feel

the



sunlight.



The dove sang so far away he

?

could

hardly



hear



her.



Autumn



came



again.

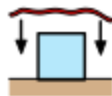


Leaves



began

to



cover

the



ground.



Little



Tree



looked



up

at the



other



trees,

at



their



branches



reaching



into

the



sky.



He



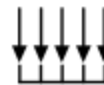
remembered

when the



trees

had

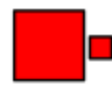


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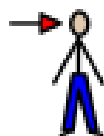
his



size.



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And then he let go.



As his last leaf floated to the ground, for the first time
Little Tree felt the harsh cold of winter.



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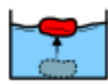
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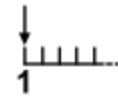
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Little



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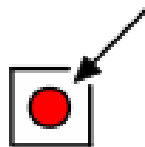
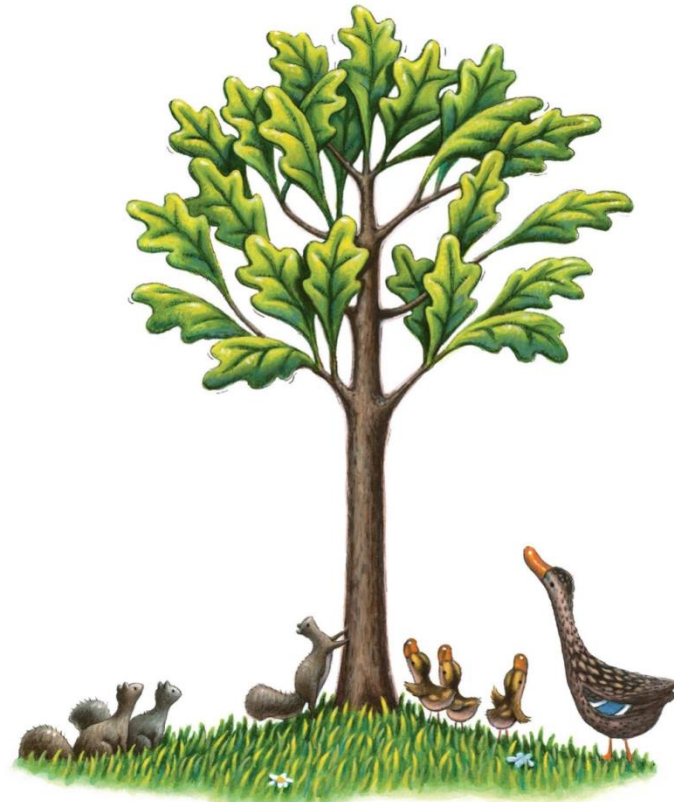
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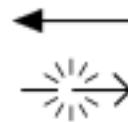
But in time . . .



But

in



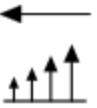





time...


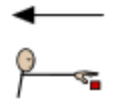









...something happened.



Once there was a little tree . . .

The  Little  Tree  grew ... and  grew  until his  branches  reached  up

 branches  reached  up  into the  sky.  and  he  felt  happy.



In



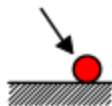
the middle



a little



forest



there



lives



a little



tree...

little tree



loren long



What



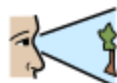
forest



animals



did you



see?



Would



you



like



to go

for a



walk



in

the



forest?

After Reading:

Check Understanding:

- **Read** and/or **talk** about your **favourite page** – look at the **detail**.
- **Talk about** the jobs on the farm...
 - *How many different farm animals did you see?*
 - *What jobs needed to be done on the farm?*

Activities to Build Core Skills:

- **what happened?** [slides 24 -25]
building understanding- Yes or No?
- **match the letter** [slide 26-27]
initial letter sound practise
- **watch + talk about** [slide 28]
Video – *Percy the Park Keeper*
- read and talk about – **social story about change.** [slide 29]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7dyCkleWRzo>

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Is this right? Yes or no?



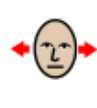
Tick the box



I saw a squirrel.



yes



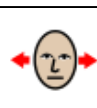
no



I saw a duck.



yes



no



I saw a giraffe.



yes



no



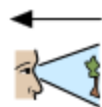
I saw some deer.



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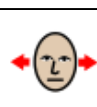
no



I saw a rabbit.



yes



no

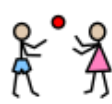
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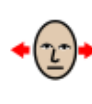
Tick the box



Squirrels climbed up the branches to play.



yes



no



Little Tree had purple leaves.



yes



no



Little Tree felt worried about dropping its leaves.



yes



no



Little Tree let go of his leaves in the end.



yes



no



When Little Tree let go of his leaves he grew big.



yes



no

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abc



What letter sound can you hear?

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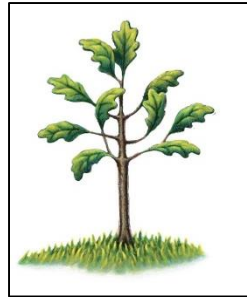


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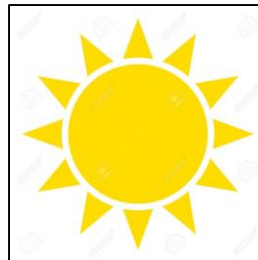


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Build skills hearing initial letter sounds and recognising the letter.

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abc



What letter sound can you hear?

Build skills hearing initial letter sounds and recognising the letter.

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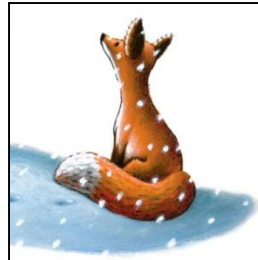


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Watch and talk about



Percy

the

Park Keeper



After

the



Storm.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7dyCkleWRzo>

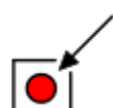


Go

for a



walk



in

a



park

or the



woods.



What



can



you



see?



Take some photos.



Collect



leaves,



twigs



and



anything



else



you can



find.



Make

a



picture



using

the



things



you

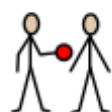


found.



Take photo

of



your



picture.



Send

it to



our



website.


















 This story is about change. Lots of things change and that is









 okay. The weather changes, the seasons change, things in the world












 change and we change. We grow up just like Little











 Tree did. It is good to let new things happen.



 It is good to talk about your feelings when you are getting






 used to new things - that is a clever thing to do.