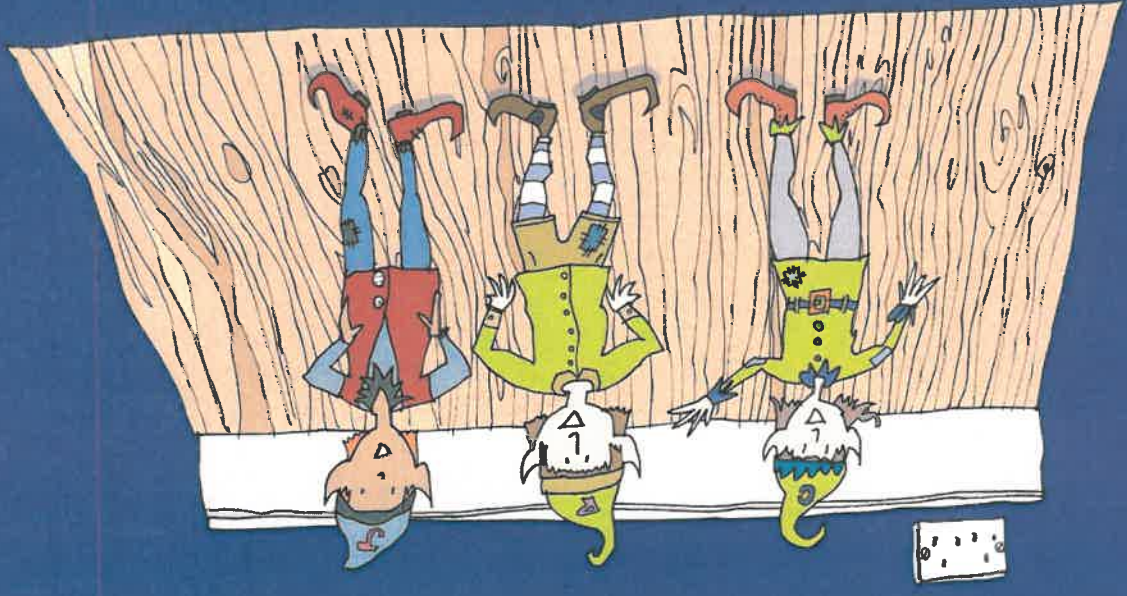




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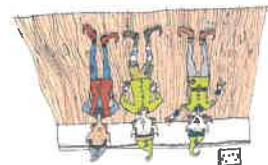


Monday

Here's our story...

You can listen to an audio version of the story here

<https://soundcloud.com/talk4writing/elves/s-STFOVAVMMH>



## The Elves and the Shoemaker

Once upon a very long time ago, there lived a **kind-hearted**

shoemaker and his wife. Unfortunately, the couple had become so poor that at last they had nothing left but the leather to make one pair of shoes.

One night, after a supper of bread and jam, the shoemaker shuffled to his workshop with his head hung down and his shoulders hunched. As he cut out the shoes from the last piece of leather, his wife appeared, "Try not to worry. Everything will soon be all right. Leave that tonight. You can finish the shoes tomorrow," she said softly.

Little did they know but three little elves, Clary, Pepper and Jas, heard the shoemaker's wife. They felt sorry for the kind man and decided to help. Working through the night, they cut, sewed and decorated until they had made a beautiful pair of shoes!

In the morning, the shoemaker and his wife were amazed to see the delightful, little shoes on the workbench. "Where have these come from? Who made them?" they wondered. Soon, a merchant saw the shoes in the shop window and bought them immediately. He was so impressed by the shoes that he gave the shoemaker enough money to buy leather for two pairs of shoes.

That night, too, the shoemaker cut out the shoes and left them on the workbench. Again, the three little elves returned.

Munday

Working through the night, they cut, sewed and decorated until they had made two beautiful pairs of shoes!

This continued for many more nights, until the shoemaker and his wife were no longer poor. One night, the couple decided that they wanted to know who was making the shoes so that they could thank them for their kindness. After a hearty supper, they laid out the leather, hid in the workshop and waited to see who their helpers were.

Clary, Pepper and Jas crept into the workshop and by the light of the moon, cut, sewed and decorated until they had made several beautiful pairs of shoes!

"How lucky we are! We must return their kindness!" declared the shoemaker's wife.

"Their clothes are ragged and torn. Let's make them some new clothes," the shoemaker suggested.

So, all day, they cut, sewed and decorated until they had made three teeny hats, three perfectly miniature suits and three tiny pairs of charming shoes. That night they left them on the workbench for the generous elves.

By the light of the moon, Clary, Pepper and Jas danced a jig of happiness on the workbench. Dressed in their brand-new hats, suits and shoes they left the shoemaker's workshop, not ever to return.

The shoemaker and his wife lived happily ever after, never forgetting the three little elves who helped them in their time of need.

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Monday  
What did you think of the story?

★ Share the story with someone at home.

★ Clary wants to know what you think about the story. Talk about it together and then see if you can fill in the boxes:

Have you heard this story before? Was it different this time? How?

Which part of the story was your favourite? Why?

Who was your favourite character? Why?

Was there something in the story that you didn't like? Which part and why?

Questions about the story. Tuesday

★ Pepper is always asking questions! See if you can answer these:



1. What kind of person was the shoemaker?

2. Can you describe the three elves?

3. The shoemaker lives in a house with a workshop and a shop. Can you draw it?

4. At the beginning of the story, why was the shoemaker poor?

Questions about the story  
Tuesday

5. After his supper of bread and jam, the shoemaker goes to his workshop. Which words suggest that he is feeling sad?

6. Can you draw the scene when the elves first hear the shoemaker and his wife talking in the workshop? Where are the elves?

7. One night the shoemaker and his wife ate a hearty supper. What do you think they ate?

8. After we elves had finished helping the shoemaker, we helped lots of other people. Who else do you think we helped?

9. We elves are very good at making things. What are you good at?

Wednesday

★ The elves need some new clothes! Could you design three new hats, suits and pairs of shoes?



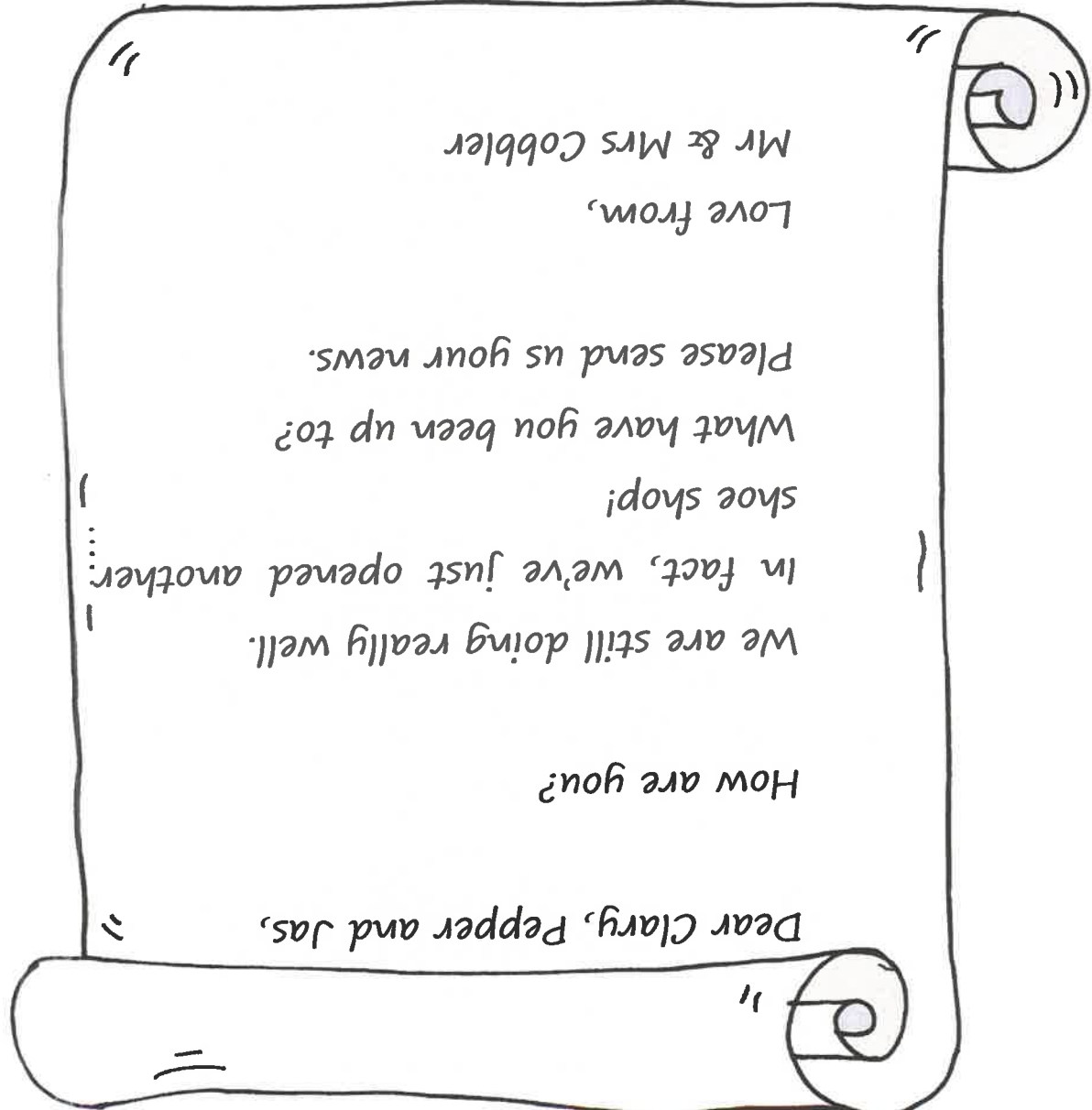
Hats

Suits

Shoes



Thursday



Dear Clary, Pepper and Jas,

How are you?

We are still doing really well.

In fact, we've just opened another

shoe shop!

What have you been up to?

Please send us your news.

Love from,

Mr & Mrs Cobbler



Thursday

★Clary, Pepper and Jas have been on lots of adventures. Can you write a postcard to Mr and Mrs Cobbler, telling them what the elves have been up to?

Dear Mr and Mrs Cobbler,

Love from Clary, Pepper and Jas xxx

