

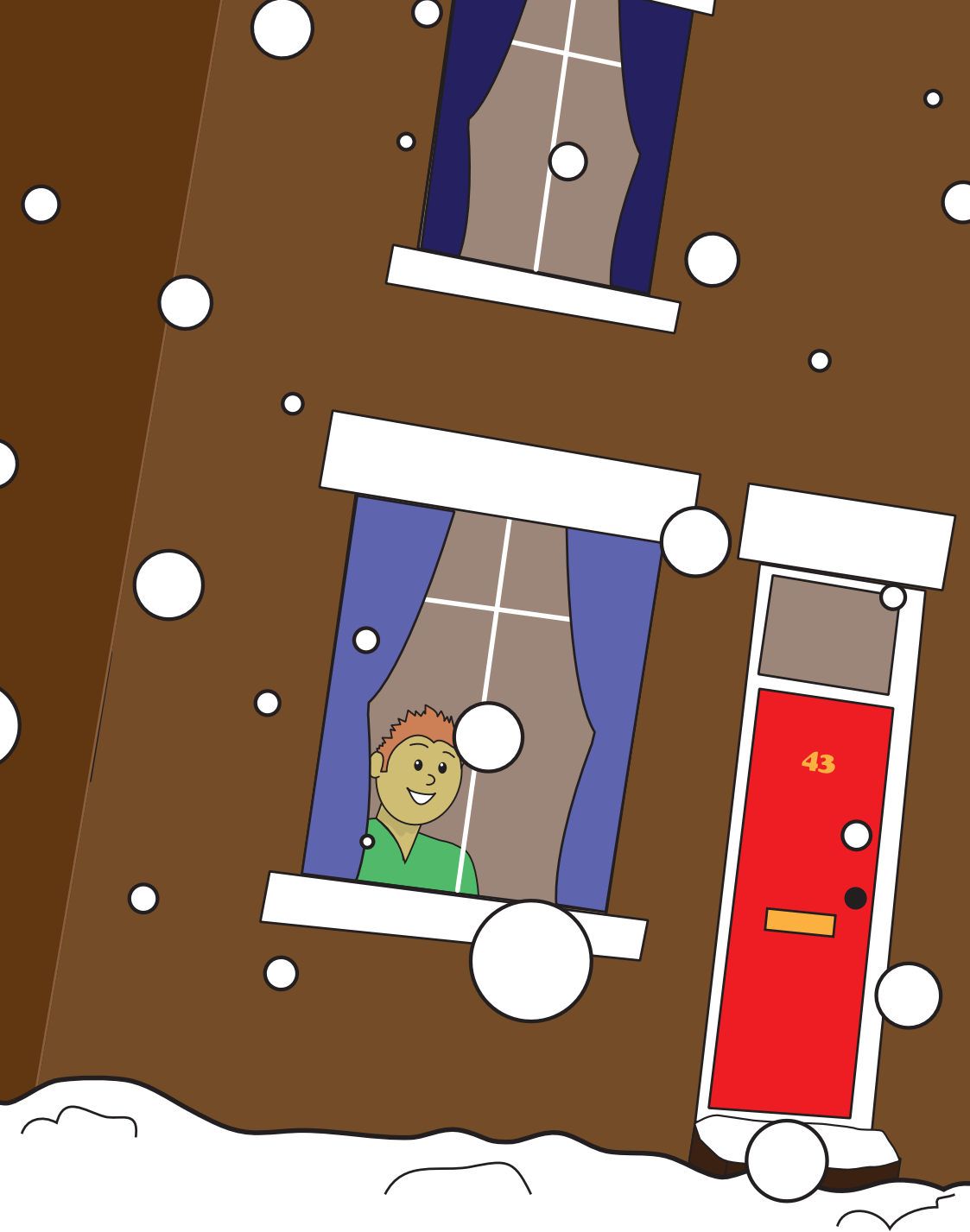
# Happy Snow Day

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**'It's snowed!' said Zac.**

'Hey Zac, I have a surprise for you' said dad.



**'Got you!' said dad.**

**'I'll get you back!' shouted Zac.**



'Snowy' said Josh.

'Snowman' said Josh.



**'There, done.  
Now for some hot chocolate'  
said Zac.**

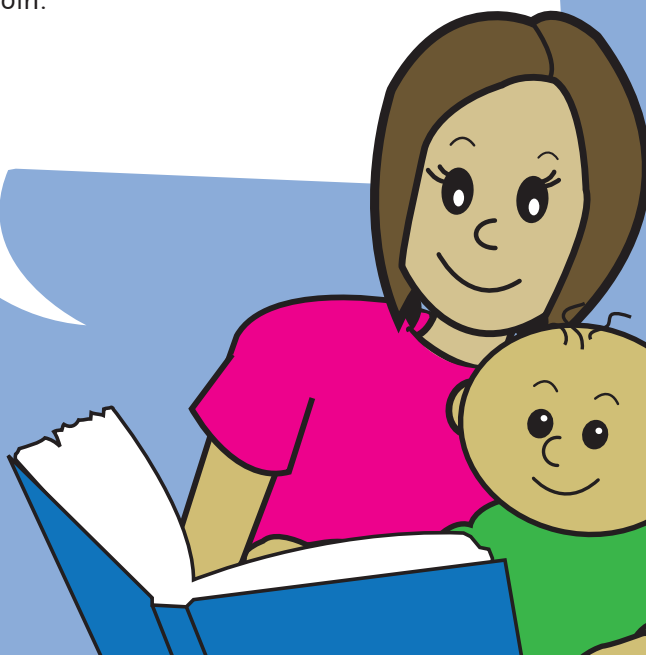


**'Hmmm that was nice.  
Come here little snowman' said dad.**



## Top tips for sharing books with your child:

- Book sharing is a wonderful way to help your child's language development
- Find a quiet place. Turn off the TV, radio or background noise. This will help your child to concentrate.
- Talk about the pictures as well as reading the story.
- Give your child time to respond.
- It is good to share favourite books again and again. Repetition helps children to understand and remember language they hear.
- Why not visit your local library for different books- it is free to join.



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