

THE RIVERSIDE PLAYMATES Written, illustrated and narrated by **Bernsey of bernseydesigns@aol.com**

Introducing the Riverside playmates – Abigail the raccoon, Freddie the otter, Daisy the frog and their many friends to support early reading, listening, sentence building and free writing skills. Ages 4 – 7 / older second language / special needs.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Left click on the desired animal character on the opening screen. Right click if you do not want to hear the music.
2. Click on the animal character at the bottom left of the screen to open a sentence building activity.
3. Click on the pencil icon to open a ‘new story’ screen, then type in your own story.
4. Click on the sound icon to turn the music off.
5. Use the arrows to navigate between screens.

THE BUTTONS ON THE SCREENS:



Buttons allow for a choice of activities.

1. Click on this button to learn more about Abigail the raccoon.
2. Click on this button to learn more about Daisy the frog.
3. Click on this button to learn more about Freddie the otter.
4. Click on this button to learn more about Mattie and Willie, the little ducks.

THE ANIMAL CHARACTERS:

The subject matter of the talking books include details of what the animals look like, where they live, their favourite foods and their day to day activities, all presented and narrated in Bernsey's unique way. The activities are:

ABIGAIL THE RACCOON: This features an 8 page talking book with lots of interesting facts about Abigail the raccoon, together with sentence building activities on two levels and free writing activities.

DAISY THE FROG – This features a 6 page talking book with lots of interesting facts about Daisy the frog, together with sentence building activities on two levels and free writing activities.

FREDDIE THE OTTER: This features a 7 page talking book with lots of interesting facts about Freddie the otter, together with sentence building activities on two levels and free writing activities.

MATTIE AND WILLIE THE DUCKS – This features a 4 page talking book with lots of interesting facts about Mattie and Willie, the little ducks, together with sentence building activities on two levels and free writing activities.

THE MUSIC:

The music has been specially composed by Andy Pierce to complement the stories. By listening very carefully to the music, children may be able to recognize typical woodland and waterside sounds. The screens may be used with or without the music.

THE PACK AND THE CURRICULUM:

The pack is designed to encourage pupils to speak, listen, understand and respond to others and to take part in group discussions. Older more able children should be encouraged to write their own stories. The completed pages may be printed. However, they cannot be saved and edited. There is no teacher control other than being able to run the screens with or without the accompanying music.

INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARDS:

The screens in this pack have been redesigned for more efficient use with Interactive Whiteboards and are ideal for individual or group work and whole class teaching.

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INSTALLING TO THE HARD DRIVE:

Insert the CD into the CD drive. Follow the instructions on the screen to install, then click on the story of your choice.

TO RUN FROM THE CD:

Double click 'My Computer'. Right click on the CD drive. Select 'Open'. Double click on the 'Rivermates.exe then click on the story of your choice.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT:

Please contact Clic on Tel: 01248 671093; Fax: 01248 679295 or e-mail: info@clicsoft.co.uk if you have any problems with the content of this program.

PRICE AND LICENCE:

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RELATED PRODUCTS:

This pack is part of the PLAYMATES series. Other titles in this series are:
Reading with Abigail.
Stories from the Playmates.

Further titles are due to be released in the future.

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