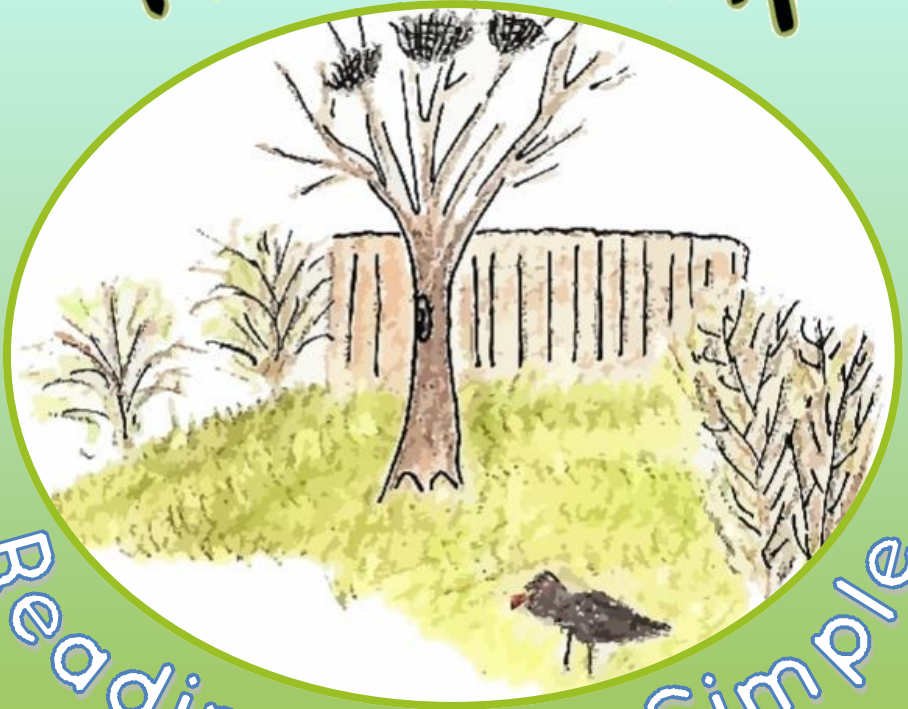




# The Rook



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has been learnt.

Practice these words before reading this book. You can sound them out.

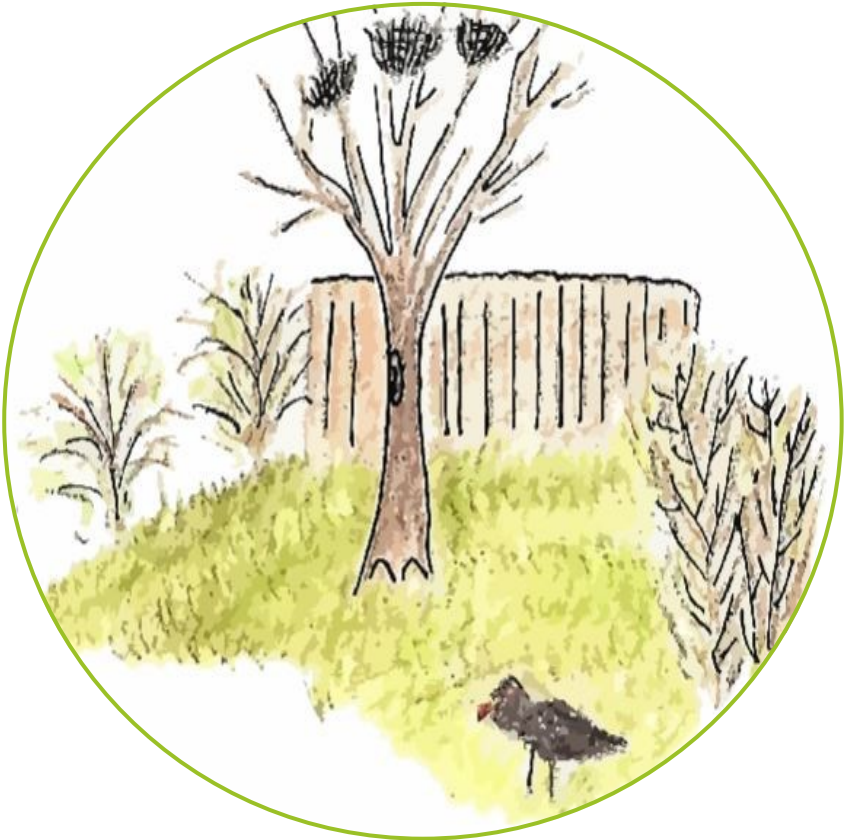
**saw**

**let's** is short for let us

**beak**

**maybe** may be

One fine day in spring, Sam and Pam went into the garden to play. Pam saw a Blackbird looking for food. Sam saw some big nests high up in the tree at the end of the garden.





“Look at those big nests,” said Sam.

“A big bird must have made them!” said Pam.

“I will look in my bird book,” said Sam, rushing into the house.

“I’ll be back soon!” he said.

Sam found his bird book on the shelf.

He saw a nest in his book just like the ones in the tree. He ran back to Pam.

“I think some Rooks made those nests,” he said.

“My book says that they live together and make lots of nests high up in the tops of trees.



The books says that they make nests from twigs and line them with moss.

They are big black birds with sharp beaks.

Let's wait and see if one comes back to the nest." he said.



The two children stood still and waited.

It was not long before a big black bird came to the tree and went to the nest.

It was just like the one in Sam's book!

"Here is one of the Rooks that made the nests!" said Pam. "I am glad we saw one today!"





Sam found out that Rooks are one of the first birds to make their nests in spring.

“They lay three or four eggs.” he said.

“The eggs take two weeks to hatch. The chicks stay in the nest for four weeks.”

“We must look at the nests and see if we can see the chicks,” said Pam.

“Yes,” said Sam. “That will be fun to do.”



Each morning, Pam and Sam rushed out to look at the nest high up in the trees.

“That Rook seems to be sitting on the nest,” said Sam, pointing up to a nest.

“Maybe she has eggs in the nest.”

Just then, a Rook landed on the ground in their garden. Pam and Sam had a good look at the bird.

It did have a big beak.



They saw the Rook stick his big beak into the ground to look for food.

Then up it went, back to its nest in the tree-tops.

“Maybe that bird is feeding its chicks,” said Pam.



At night time the crows went to roost up in the tree-tops.

As they went to roost, they made a loud noise.

“Squawk! Squawk! Squawk!” they said.

“Those birds do make a loud noise,” said Mum.

“Yes,” said Sam. There are a flock of Rooks nesting at the end of the garden.

“Well, I hope they do not make that noise all night,” said Mum.

“No, they will not,” said Pam. “They will go to sleep.”

“So must you,” said Mum as she tucked Sam and Pam into bed.