

WABBIT'S ADVENTURES IN THE GARDEN

Wabbit watches the clouds



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This is my friend, Wabbit. He's a rabbit.



Some of you may have met Wabbit before.

Do you remember that Wabbit has been keeping safe and having fun in the garden?

Did you take part in Wabbit's Garden Scavenger Hunt?

One of the things that Wabbit likes best – apart from nibbling leaves – is watching the clouds.

Wabbit thinks he is a bit of an expert on clouds...

He says you can tell what the weather is like by looking at the clouds.



Is he right?

Shall we take a look at the clouds with Wabbit?

First of all Wabbit likes the white fluffy clouds. His friend Lily likes fluffy clouds too. Do you?



If you look at white fluffy clouds you can try and guess how long it will take for them to pass across the sky.

Sometimes when it's really windy, you can see them zip across the sky in no time at all!

Then you can use your imagination to make patterns and shapes with the clouds.



Wabbit likes making up different animals in the clouds.

Can you see what Wabbit does?

He draws round the shape of the clouds and then puts in eyes and ears and a smiley mouth.



What does Wabbit's drawing look like to you?



Wabbit's friend Lily says that white fluffy clouds like these mean that it is a nice day.

Next, Wabbit checks the weird looking clouds – the ones that are strange shapes, like this one.



Have you ever seen a cloud that looks like this before?

What does it look like to you?

It's strange how clouds can look so different, isn't it?

And some clouds that are wispy like the tails of horses.



Lily says these clouds are called Mare's Tails and they mean rain is coming, but not straight away.

A mare is a female horse.

Can you point out the mare's tail in the picture?

Some clouds cover all the sky.

Wabbit watches them to see if they are grey or white clouds.



And then before Wabbit could count to one hundred (he's a bit slow at counting) this happened!



And then this happened!



Do you like the rain? Sometimes it's nice to get wet and splash around in your wellies.

This was really heavy rain. Wabbit took shelter under a big nasturtium leaf with his friend Kwalla.



Wabbit noticed that some leaves don't seem to get wet.

Have you seen leaves that don't seem to get wet?

The raindrops just run away.

Wabbit's friend Jessica knows a rhyme about rain.

*Rain rain, go away
Come again another day.
Rain rain go away
Little children want to play.*



Luckily it didn't rain for long, and then the sun came out again.

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