**Button 4 Some More Activities for Uncle Hens Gumboots July 2021**

1. **Where Did The Idea For The Story Come From?**
2. **Imprinting**
3. **What do we Know About Text Text-Shy Readers**

**The Idea For The Story.**

**If you put …**

“**Duck finds paradise with school caretaker/Stuff.co.nz”**

# …..in your Google search box you’ll to find the answer.

# A Writing Tip:

# If you get stuck for an idea to write about you might find some good ideas on You-tube.

# Here’s another idea for those of you who want to be a scientist or an astronaut .. …..Go to Google and put in..

# “The Backwards Brain Bicycle-*Smarter* Everyday133”

#  …this may give you some ideas for a science fiction story…..

 **IMPRINTING**

Uncle Hen’s Gumboots is a story about **IMPRINTING.**

* **What is Imprinting?**
* **Why is Imprinting important to the ducklings**?

Here is a link to a brief YouTube explanation that may help answer these questions……….(You may find it interesting …..)

Put in Google **‘Imprinting Behavior’** and Click… (Skip the Add) …

Then click on the second Picture –Which has the word IMPRINTING

On it, and also shows a picture of 3 Yellow and Red birds on a Blue background. Now Click on the picture and it will begin by welcoming you to **MooMoo Maths and Science** and the begins talking about **Imprinting.**

**Things We Know About**

 **“Text Shy” Readers!**

* Young **‘**Text Shy’readers **rarely** become **Life-long Readers.**
* Because a 9 year old ‘Text Shy’ reader can not read **text alone** at a 9 year level it **does not** mean they can’t read and understand stories written for 9 year olds and above if they are supported by pictures (e.g. Picture Books / Chapter Books /Graphic Novels with Speech and Thought Bubbles, Visual Narrative etc.)
* The ***Less effort*** it takes a ‘Text Shy’ to read a book---

the ***More*** ***room*** there is left for then to read and ***enjoy*** the **story.**

* Text Shy Readers need opportunities to **Read and Re-Read** stories that like Ivan The Terrible and Graphic Novels….

**---** The most popular books in Children’s Book Shop

currently include:-

* Captain Underpants and Dog Man Series by Dav Pilkey.
* The ‘104’ Story Tree-house series by Andy Griffiths and Terry Dalton.
* Timmy the Ticked-Off Pony: The Great Escape Fartist.

 by Magda Szubanski.

* Funny Kid by Matt Stanton.

Each of these books use techniques that we use in Uncle Hen’s Gumboots

**A Question for Teachers:**

What use is it to make children **expert decoders** of text **IF** in the **process** they loose their **love of reading?**

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