

## Some More Activities for Uncle Hens Gumboots

1. Where did the idea for the story come from?
2. Imprinting
3. What do we know about 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 find the answer.

### A Writing Tip:

If you get stuck for an idea to write about you might find some good ideas on Youtube. 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.

1. Type into Google 'Imprinting Behavior' and Click (Skip the Add).
2. Then click on the second picture - which has the word imprinting.
3. 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-old 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 them 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 lose their love of reading?