

Reading passages
for Kids

Willie Mouse

Willie Mouse had often heard his Ma and Pa say that the moon was made of green



cheese, and one evening he thought he would see if he could find it. He packed up a piece of cheese and a crust of bread, and, taking his lantern, set out on his travels.

January

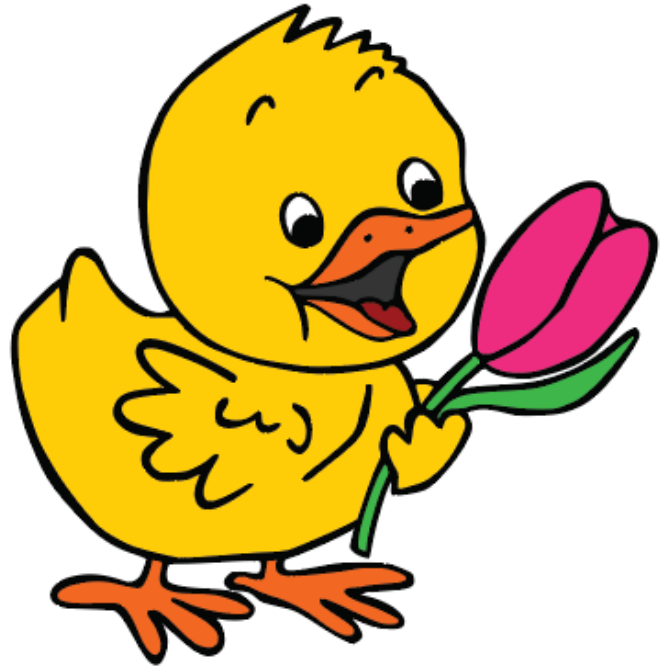
The story is about
January month. It
is very cold. It
snows. It freezes.



There are no
leaves upon the trees. The oil is
frozen, and the milk is frozen, and the
river is frozen, and everything in the
fields is frozen. All the boys are
sliding: you must learn to slide.

February

It is still very cold,
but the days are
longer, and there
is the yellow
crocus coming up,



and the mezerion tree is in blossom, and
there are some white snow-drops peeping
up their little heads. Pretty white snow-
drop, with a green stalk! May I gather it?
Yes, you may; but you must always ask
leave before you gather a flower.

March

Now the wind
blows. It will blow
such a little fellow
as you away,
almost. There is a



tree blown down. Which way does the
wind blow? Take out your handkerchief.
Throw it up. The wind blows it this way.
The wind comes from the north. The wind
is north. It is a cold wind. The wind was
west yesterday: then it was warmer.

April

Now the birds sing,
and the trees are in
blossom, and
flowers are coming
out, and butterflies,
and the sun shines. Now it rains. It rains
and the sun shines. There is a rainbow.
Oh, what fine colors! Pretty bright
rainbow! No, you cannot catch it; it is in
the sky. It is going away. It fades. It is
quite gone. I hear the cuckoo.

