

# LEND A HAND TEACHING NOTES

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## SYNOPSIS

*'In the hills of Carrotino, where rabbits jump and play, a happy bunny squealed with joy; today was Harvest Day!'* Join Romy and her friends as they learn that lending a hand to others in need tastes sweeter than winning.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

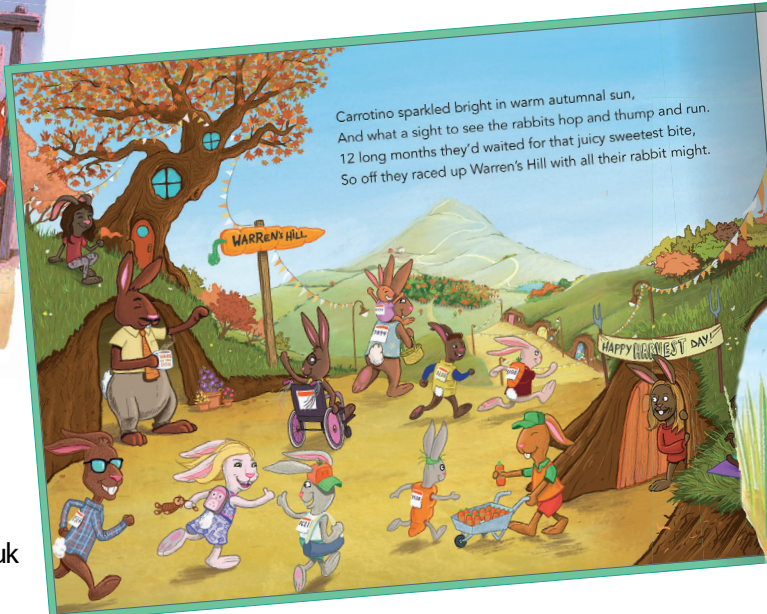
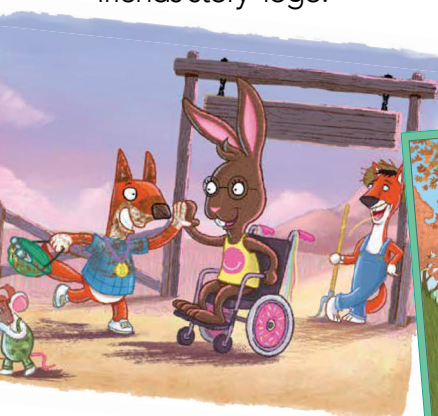
Samuel lives in Brighton with his wife, two children and dog, Churros. Having grown up in the verdant Sussex countryside, he settled in Brighton due to its proximity to both the sea and the South Downs. When not writing children's books, Sam can be found either paddle boarding in the English Channel or working with a number of charities supporting babies born prematurely. His debut children's book, **Lend A Hand**, is the first in a series promoting inclusion and diversity.

## ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR/AUTHOR

David is an award-winning illustrator, animator and creative director. After studying Computer Animation at Bournemouth University, he went on to work across a breadth of creative industries, including video games, children's tv, digital, branding and experiential. When he's not drawing, David can be found either reading comic books, watching movies, making playlists or barbecuing in Hampshire with his wife and two children.

## EDUCATIONAL APPLICABILITY

**Lend A Hand** is a story about overcoming adversity, helping others and teaching children that lending a hand to those in need makes the world a better place. Celebrating inclusion and diversity, this delightful story has beautiful illustrations and uses fun word play throughout. It is the first in a series of books with the 'inclusive friends story' logo.



Carrotino sparkled bright in warm autumnal sun,  
And what a sight to see the rabbits hop and thump and run.  
12 long months they'd waited for that juicy sweetest bite,  
So off they raced up Warren's Hill with all their rabbit might.

Romy quickly rolled her wheels,  
And up she raced with ease.  
When suddenly, she heard a noise,  
A crying from the trees.



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## DISCUSSION TOPICS

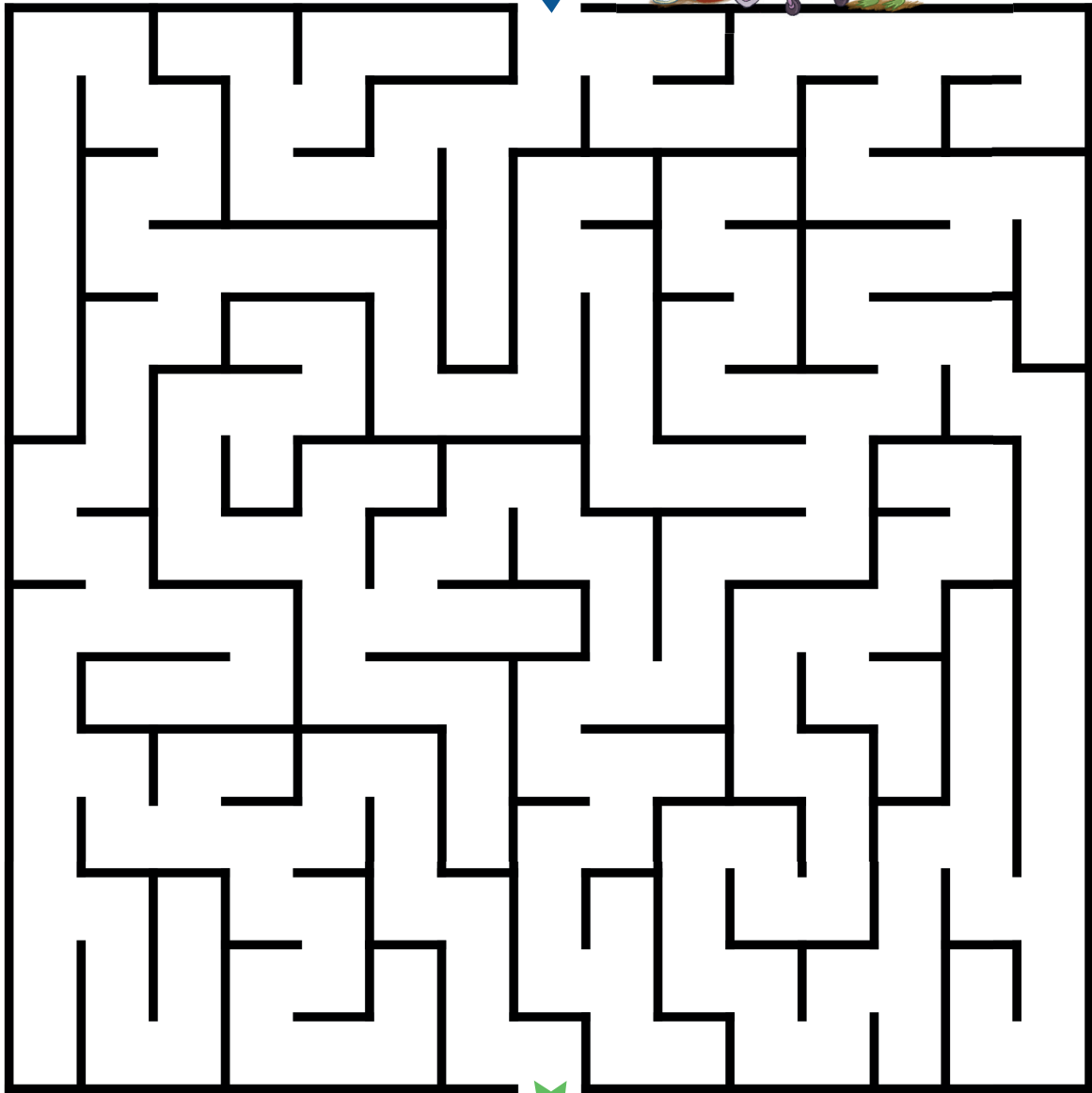
Read the book together, asking questions throughout.

1. Look at the cover of the book together. What do you think the story might be about? What does 'lend a hand' mean?
2. Ask the children what sort of person they think Romy is. Why does she stop racing when she hears a crying from the trees? Do you ever stop to think about somebody else's needs?
3. How does Romy help Robin?
4. Later, Romy helps Frog and Fox. How does she do it?
5. When Romy feels tired and that she can't race any more, what happens? Why do you think the animals that she helped want to help her now?
6. Who won the Warren's Hill carrot race? Do you think they deserved to win?
7. 'Life tastes so much sweeter when you stop to lend a hand? Do you agree with this sentence?
8. What did the children think of the book? If they liked it, why did they like it? What was their favourite part?



# A-MAZE-ING ROMY

Help Romy and friends find the magic carrot field.





## WRITE A POEM

Write an acrostic poem using the words, LEND A HAND. An acrostic poem is a poem in which the first letter of each line spells out a word. You could write about all the kind things you do to help friends and family.

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# LEND A HAND WORDSEARCH

Name:

Class:

Date:

## word search

T E S L E E H W Y F  
T V H T G X S M R N  
S I S L O W O I O S  
E S W F R R E S B W  
V U E F F N R L I Y  
R L E N D A H A N D  
A C T S D O A D C D  
H N H G E N K A C E  
R I T E L L I H O G  
P L E H R N U K Y L

CARROTS  
FOX  
FRIENDSHIP  
FROG  
HARVEST

HELP  
HILL  
INCLUSIVE  
KINDNESS  
LEND A HAND

RACE  
ROBIN  
ROMY  
SWEET  
WHEELS



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# LEND A HAND WORDSEARCH: ANSWER SHEET

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T E S L E E H W Y F  
T V H T G X S M R N  
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