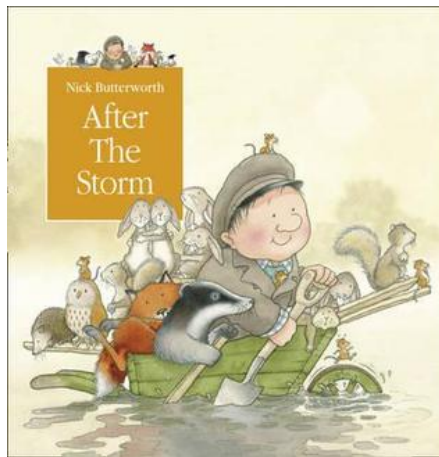




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A storm is raging through the park causing Percy, the park keeper, to have a sleepless night worrying about the damage being done to his beloved park. When he gets up the next morning he finds the old oak tree has been blown down. This is a disaster for all his animal friends who used the tree as their home. Fortunately, Percy is on hand to help find them a new place to live.

The simple text and expressive illustrations perfectly combine to create a picture storybook that is ideal for reading aloud to young children. The poster-sized gatefold at the end is an added surprise and is a superb example of Nick Butterworth's skills as an illustrator. (Ages 2 to 6)

After the Storm Details

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Megan says

We just love Percy the park keeper books.

James.a says

After The Storm is a picture book written by Nick Butterworth. The story follows a park keeper who is friends with the animals in his park. However there is a storm and a huge tree is knocked over. To make matter worse that tree was the home of all the animals. So Percy (the keeper) sets off with the animals to find them a new home. At the end of the book Percy and the animals build a new home after mishap (falling off a bridge) and adventure.

I have picked this book out for special attention as there are many underlying themes throughout the story that either a TA or the teacher could read to the class or individual. For example after the storm Percy doesn't just wonder around he gets together a wheelbarrow and lots of tools ready to repair any damage that might have happened. Percy is also shown as a good friend as he listens to and helps the animals find and build a new home.

After The Storm could be read from a KS1 class and up. The pupils could write about an example in their life when they have been a good friend or when being prepared has helped them. They could also draw a picture of what they think the new home for the animals looks like using the images from the book as a cue, group work on the carpet would probably be best for this.

Rodie King says

Fun

Suzanne says

I used to love the Nick Butterworth books as a child, reading them with my parents or flicking through the pictures by myself. To write this review, I went into the loft to find all my childhood books, and seeing them brought back some fond memories.

'After the storm' follows Percy the Park Keeper and his woodland animal friends after a very windy storm. The storm caused great damage in the park, including a big oak tree that had been blown over. This tree was the home of Percy's favourite animals. The group then set out to find a new home for the animals. Exploring different habitats, there is great use of description.

The end of the story describes the animals and Percy building their home. Butterworth chooses not to tell the reader what exactly they are doing, instead collating an image through snapshots of information and pictures. The last pages show all the individual animals in their new homes, concluding in a fold-out picture of the

new tree house including all the animals.

The paintings are really beautiful and expressive. The imagery explains the story as well as the text. I remember being mesmerised by the colours. The final fold-out picture is my favourite in the book, there is so much to visually explore. I used to love spotting the different animals in their glorious tree house, its very 'Swiss Family Robinson'. Its a nice activity to share with an adult finding all the different animals.

This story teaches about animals and their habitats and how important it is to protect the environment. Importantly, the story is about friendship and working together as a team. These messages are very valuable to a child. As a child, I was engaged through the use of animals and the pictures.

I would recommend this story for Foundation and Key Stage 1 children.

Den says

Although my children liked the Percy books this was the only one I really enjoyed

ABC says

After the storm knocks down a tree, Percy has to help his friends find new homes.
