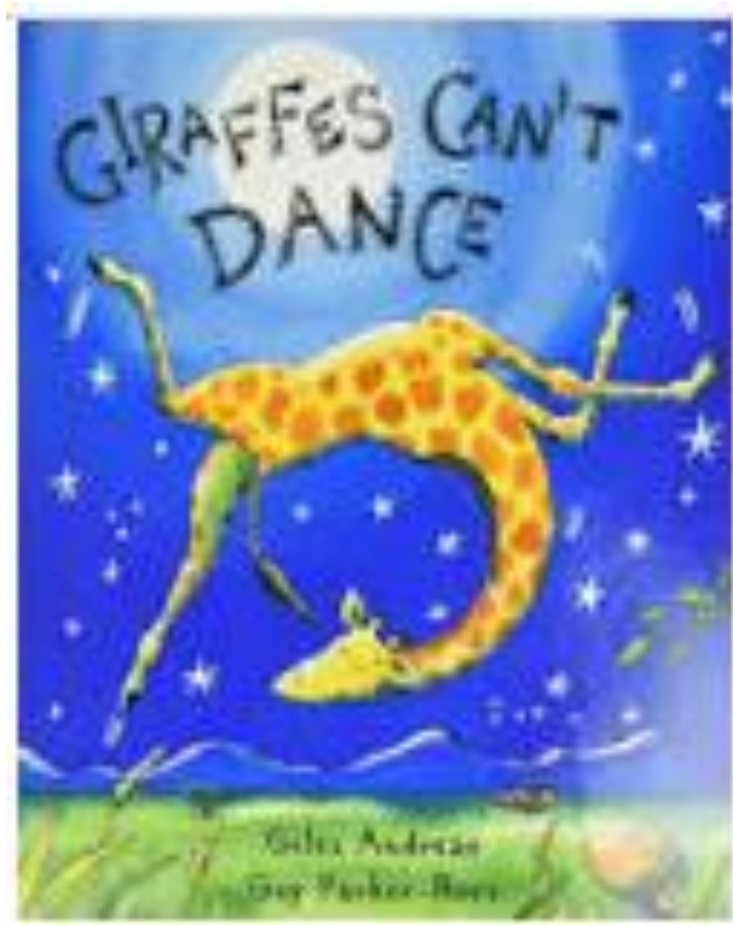


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Welcome to Owlets' Class Book Blog. We have been reading Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae, illustrated by Guy Parker- Rees during our English lessons. Gerald is the giraffe, a clumsy giraffe who lives in Africa with all his animal friends. Every year the animals hold a jungle dance and all the animals dance for each other. This year, Gerald bravely steps forward to dance but the animals

laugh at him and tell him giraffes just can't dance, Gerald walks away. But that is not the end of the story. It is a feel good story, which sees Gerald overcome his difficulties to dance when he meets a cricket who helps him to find music that he loves and the other animals find out that giraffes can most certainly dance. We have read this book lots of times over the last couple of weeks and have never got tired of listening to it.

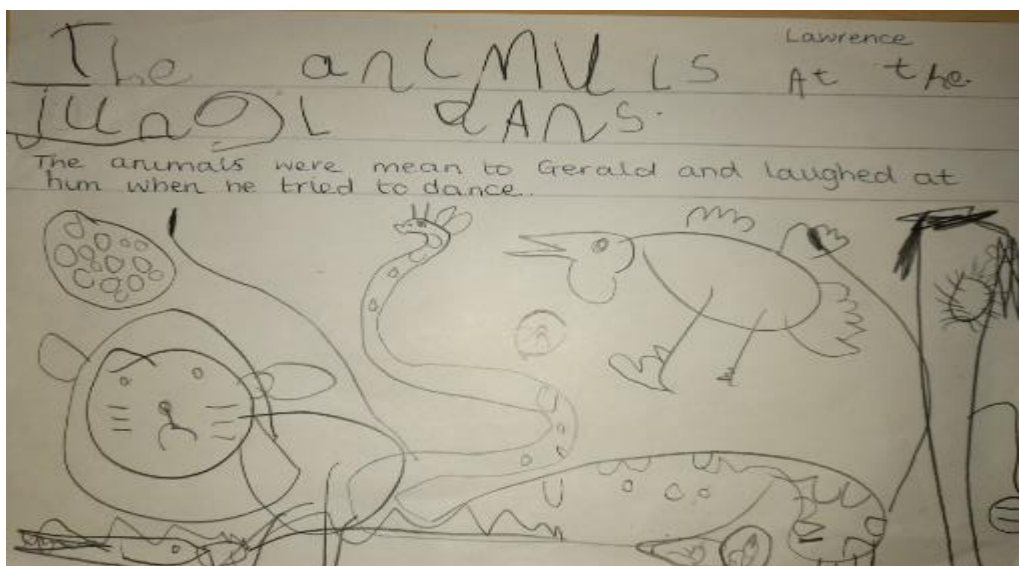
We have talked about why we like the story and this is what some of the children said. Megan said "I liked the story because it was about being brave. Gerald was worried about dancing but he still had a go."

Bella said "I liked it because it was about a jungle dance and all the animals did different dances. The chimps did the cha-cha, the rhino's rock and rolled. I didn't like it when the animals laughed at Gerald though."

Martha said “I liked it when Gerald looked at the moon and listened to the new music and then he started to dance.”

Harrison said “I liked it because Gerald learned to dance at the end because he found music that he loved and he did a back flip.”

We also did some writing about the story.



Gerald the giraffe



The cricket help Gerald to dance because he helped him find music that he loved.

Gerald and the cricket dance at the end of the story.



Gerald found new music which helped him to dance.

Sophia



We hope that you have enjoyed our blog, Owlets highly recommend this book for the younger reader.