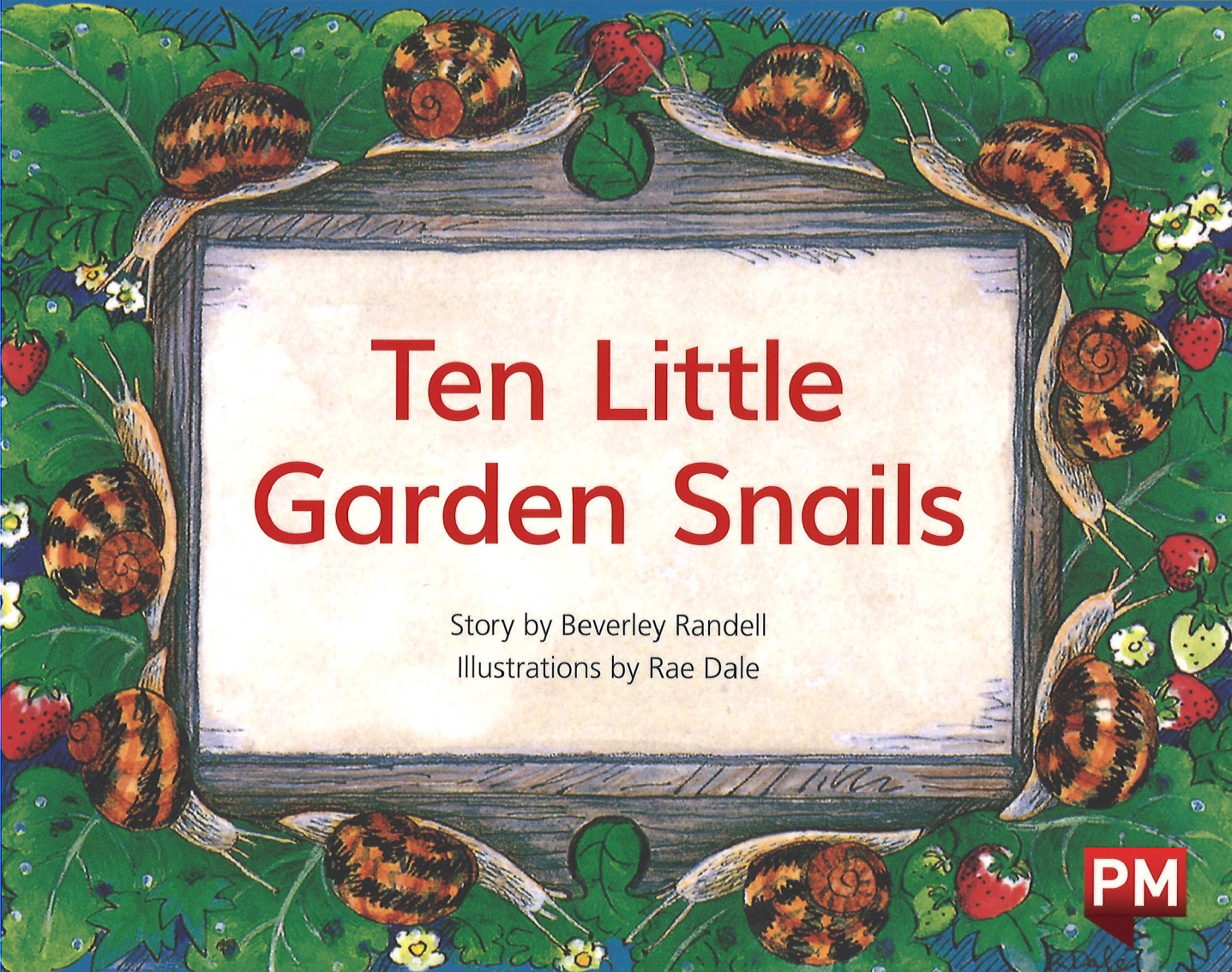

Ten Little
Garden Snails
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Level 13 **Running words** 102

Key High-frequency Words

grey, hidden, hiding, more, round, starts, there, were

Key Teaching Points

Notice the scientifically accurate facts in each rhyme and illustration. On page 2, 'The old grey gate' is a poetic way of stressing that snails like damp, shady places to hide. On pages 6–10, hedgehogs hunt for snails at night, and at dawn thrushes and hens eat them too. On pages 12–16, snails lay eggs a few centimetres underground and so the cycle begins again.

Encourage students to read the verses several times to gain the full meaning.

Key Questions

Why do snails hide in sticks? (*Inferential*)

What time of the day do spotted birds come out to find snails? (*Inferential*)

Where do hungry hens find snails? (*Literal*)

Word Study

Focus on the rhyming words: *gate, eight; sticks, six; more, four; dew, two; sun, one.*

Understand that the punctuation mark of three dots (ellipsis) means a short pause with more to come.

Read the verses rhythmically to enjoy the sounds.

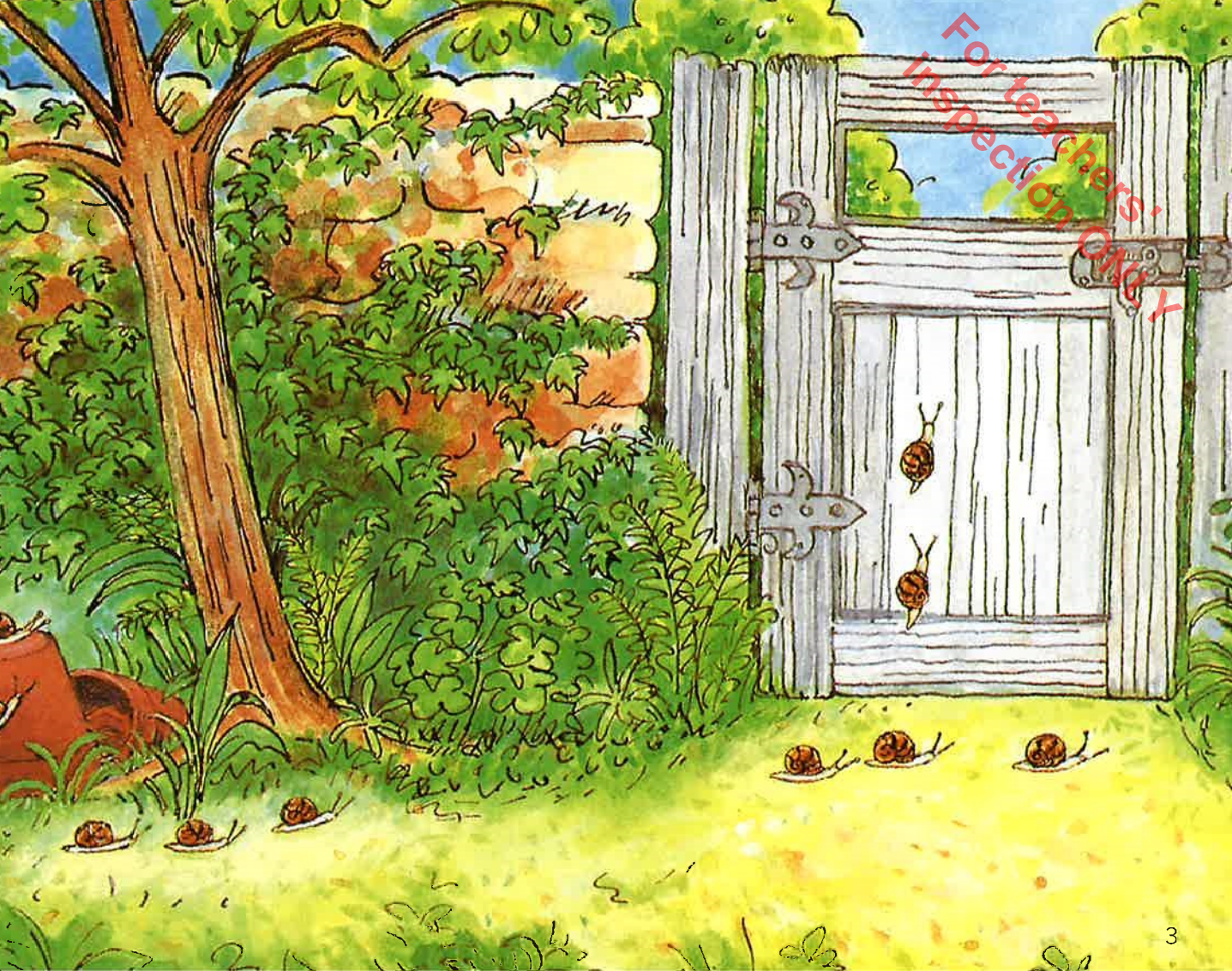
Links with other PM Books

PM Guided Reading	Level 12	*The Clever Penguins*
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by the old grey gate ...

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two climbed and saw the sun,

and then there were 8.

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8 little garden snails

hiding in the sticks ...

two met a hedgehog,

and then there were 6.

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