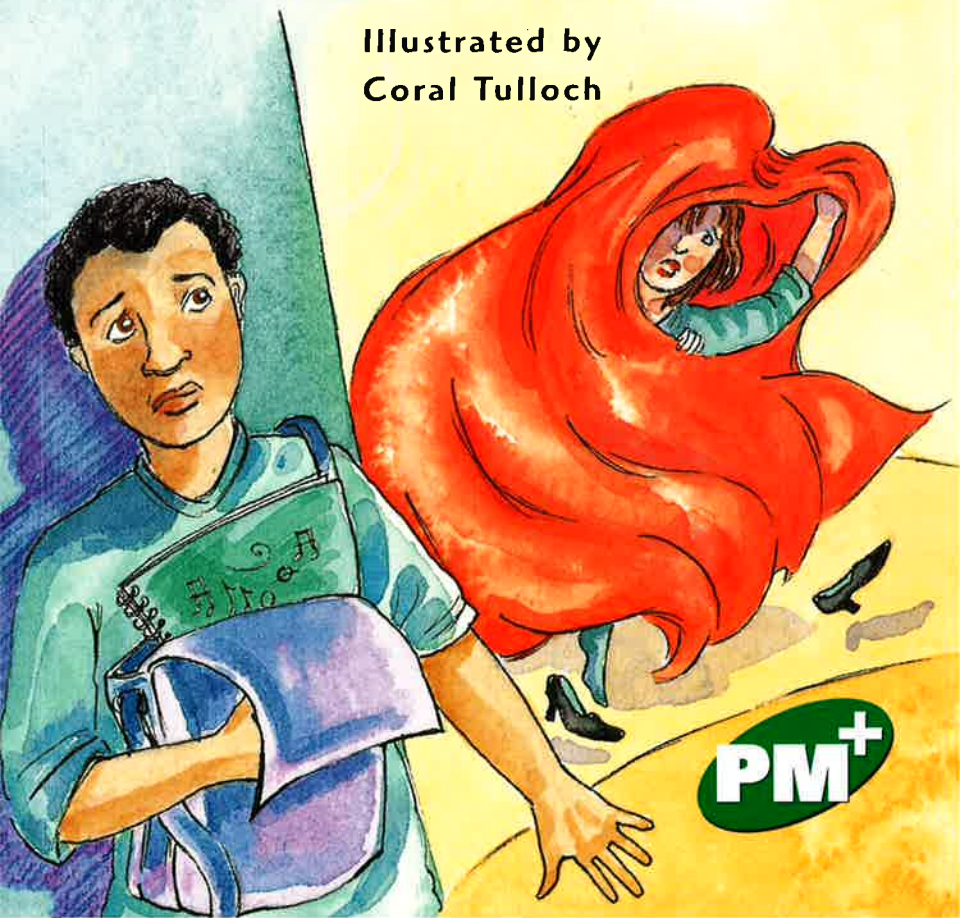
Miss Thackery and the Bee



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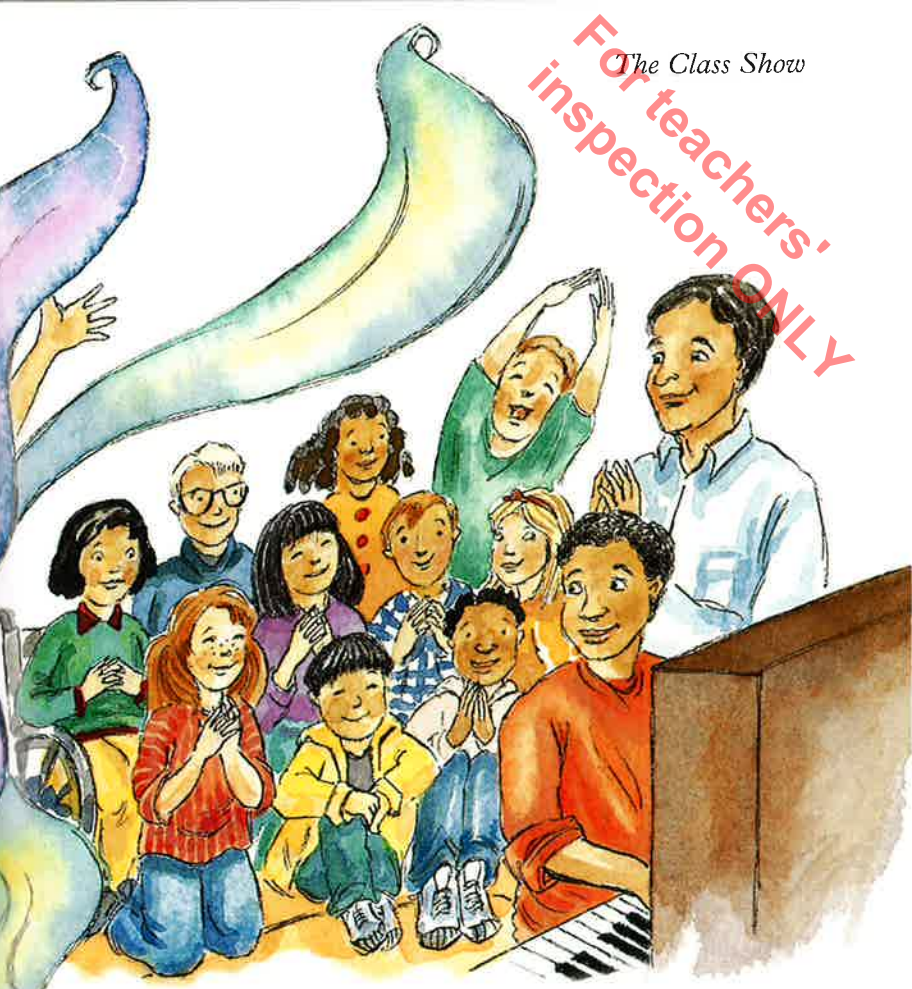
CHAPTER 1

The Class Show



Jaron's class put on a show for the class next door. Amber and Colin sang a song. Kane spelt ten very long words. Kirsty did a magic trick. Everyone had thought of something they were good at and then performed a small item.

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Jaron played the piano. He played a tune he had learned with his music teacher, Miss Thackery. Everyone was surprised by how well he played and they clapped hard. Jaron was so pleased his face felt hot!

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Jaron loved music. One day, his father had promised him, he could learn the guitar. After that he could try the clarinet. But first he had to learn music on the piano that Grandma had left them.

Jaron remembered his Grandma playing. Her fingers had rippled and bounced on the keys. Her body had swayed in time to the music.

"Everything you learn for the piano will be useful for other instruments," his Dad said.



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So Jaron worked at his piano practice. One day he wanted to be a musician in a band.

Sometimes Jaron thought that the music he learned from Miss Thackery wasn't very exciting. He would let the songs Grandma had played sing in his head. Then bits of Grandma's music seemed to come out of his fingers as he touched the keys.

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"Is that what you're supposed to be playing?" His mum would ruffle his hair as she passed.

"I'm just playing this for fun. It helps me remember Grandma."

"Great," his mum would smile. "But remember to do your lesson practice as well."

