

# Story Quest

Adventures close to home



A superhero adventure at  
Tunstall Park

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## Dear Story Questers,

Are you ready to get exploring? Join the Stoke Squad on this super-duper adventure!

Story Quest is a free activity for your family to enjoy together in your local area. These exciting story trails make reading fun, with written and physical challenges to do along the way. You can find out cool Stoke facts, explore local places, and travel through time to uncover Stoke-on-Trent's history and nature. There are so many stories for you to enjoy.

### Trail details

This story takes place around Tunstall Park. The starting point is the entrance on the corner of Victoria Park Road and Queens Avenue.

### Who can take part

Most of the route is on concrete paths that are suitable for wheelchairs and prams, but one challenge does include climbing the steps to the clock tower.

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**LOTTERY FUNDED**

It was the weekend and the TV show 'Antiques in the Attic' was visiting Tunstall Library, when...

No! My priceless pottery...stolen!



My precious Stoke plates...gone!



Mine too!



It looks like there's a villain in town folks! Can anyone help us?

This looks like a job for the Stoke Squad guys!



Right. Let's get our super pow...



...errr, hang on. What's that?





I saw the crook,  
That way he snuck,  
Looking like he'd  
won the lottery.  
He took flight,  
In black and white,  
With a precious  
pile of pottery.



Who is this mysterious, ghostly potter?

Find his name on the clock tower plaque and copy it here...

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Sounds like that dastardly  
do-badder, Magpie Man!

Okay, time to  
activate our  
super powers.

**Name:** Magpie Man

**Likes:**

- shiny things
- stealing shiny things
- keeping shiny things
- finding new shiny things

**Dislikes:** cats

**Powers:**

- flight
- super shine detection
- ear-shattering shriek



To the  
secret  
garden!





Find the flower beds and copy Finn, zigzagging round the  
**SECRET CIRCLES OF STRENGTH AND SKILL**  
to switch on your super power!



Okay. Time to test out my  
new SUPER STRENGTH!



Ha ha!  
I've still  
got it!

Can YOU pick up the ice age boulder, reader? Give it a go!  
(If not, do ten star jumps instead... that's almost as good!)



Okay, time for Izzy to get her powers. Make your way to the basketball court, reader!

Aim the basketball at the  
**HAIR-RAISING HOOP OF HEROICS.**

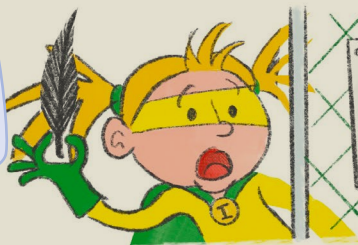
Get it in, get your superpowers.



**No ball? Use an invis-ball!**

**(that's basically an imaginary ball – but make it as realistic as you can!)**

Oh no! Magpie Man has stolen five letters from this sign.



This Play Area and  
Multi Use Games Area  
was opened by  
PA \_\_\_\_\_  
JOHNSON

**Reader, can you help the Stoke Squad? Find the sign on the basketball court fence and copy down the missing letters...**



This Play Area and Multi Use  
Games Area was opened by  
PA      JOHNSON

Clue: the letters spell  
out one of Magpie Man's  
favourite things to do!

**Now test out your super speed...  
how fast can you run around the football pitch?**

Right. Just Theo to go now.



To the band stand!

Okay reader, head to the bandstand and look at its base.

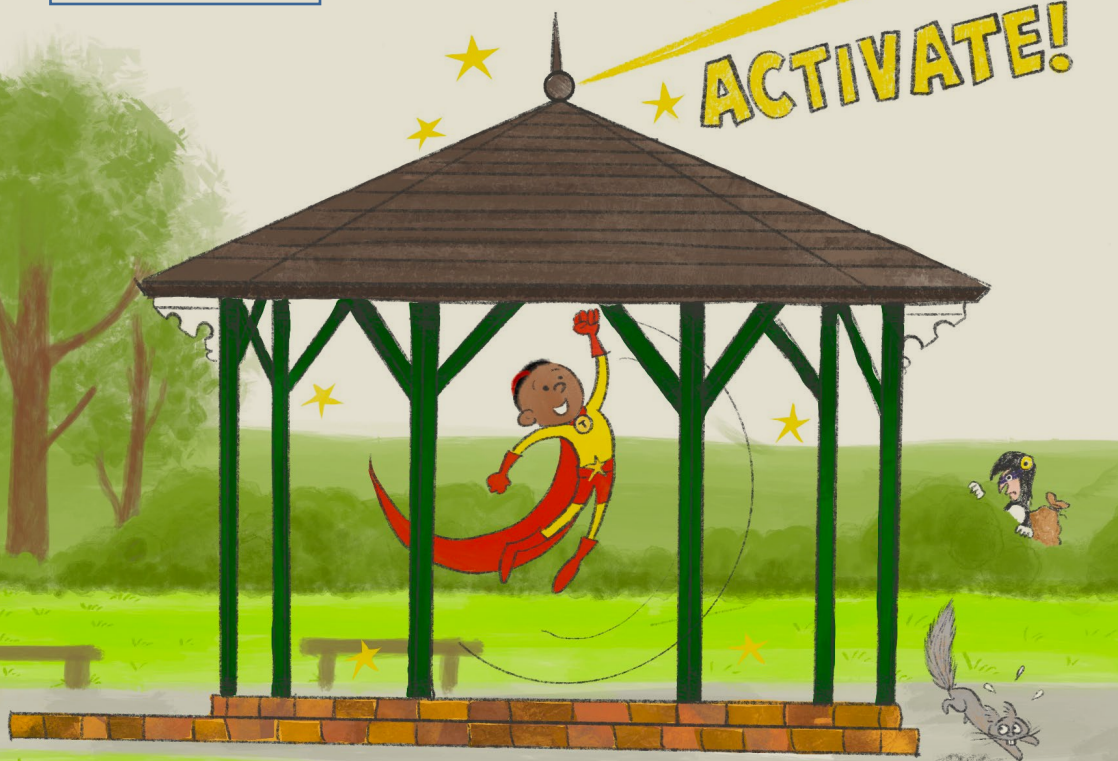
How many sides does it have?

What shape does this make?



Now reader, copy me! Do four step-ups onto every side of the octagon base, leap into the middle and shout...

**ACTIVATE!**





Hmm. Now, where could Magpie Man be hiding? Time to ask our feathered friends.

Make your way down to the big pond, reader.  
Theo, time to turn on your

## TALENT FOR TERRIFIC TRANSLATION!

Turning on talent,  
setting it to 'duck'.



Quack quack  
quack-quack?\*

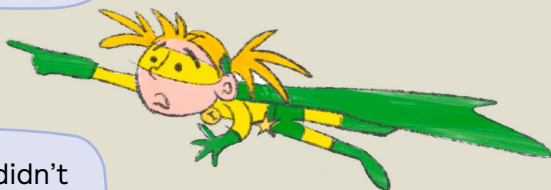
Quack quack  
quack-quack  
quack!\*

\*Hello duck. Do you  
know where Magpie  
Man is hiding?

\*Find out the family the  
magpie is in...find their  
nest, and you will find him!



It's a riddle!



Why didn't  
the duck  
just tell us?



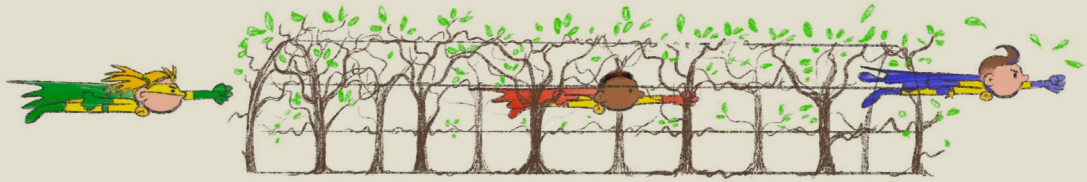
It's ducking  
the question.

That's a tricky riddle. Reader, head to the  
**WILLOW TUNNEL OF WISDOM...**  
...perhaps that'll help us figure it out!





Fly down the willow tunnel then answer this clue...



Which family of birds do you think the magpie is in?

The  
Parrot  
family



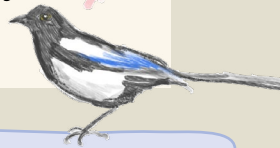
The Crow family



The  
Ostrich  
family



CLUE: which bird does the magpie look most like?



Now we need to  
find the nest!



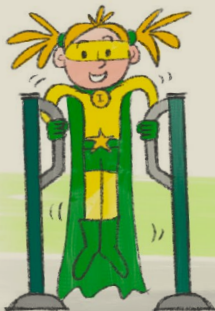
Hmm.  
Tricky!




Time to turn on our brains  
with one last work-out!




Okay reader, almost there. Have a go on some of the fitness machines or activate your star power by doing ten more star jumps.




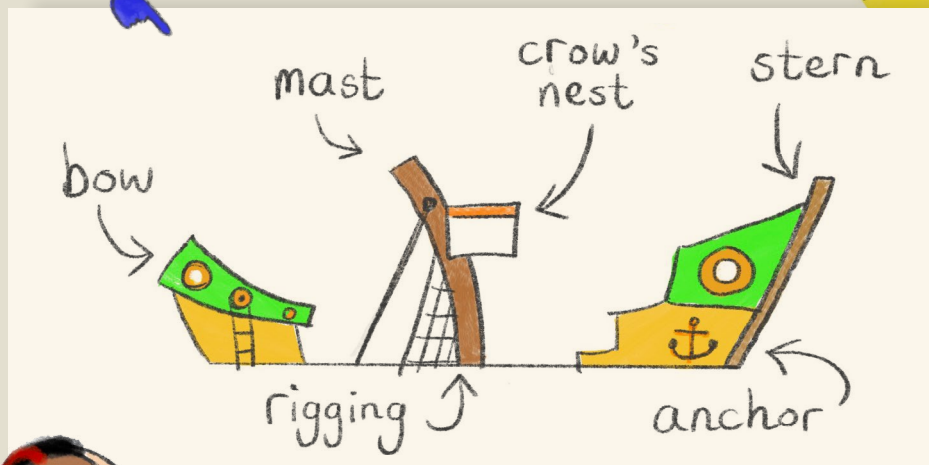
Good stuff reader. Now zoom to the play area...




Ah-ha! A pirate ship! The perfect place to hide treasure.




But whereabouts in the ship?



Can you help us figure it out? Think about the duck's clue and tell us where the treasure is hidden...



Well done reader, it's in the CROW'S NEST!



But what about Magpie Man?



Ha ha haa!

Okay, I've got this.  
Setting skill to 'cat'.



\*Calling all cats! Come bite the biggest bird you'll ever see!

Aaaaaaaaarrrrrrrggggggggghhhhhhh!



Now to take this priceless pottery back to its rightful owners.

Thanks reader.  
And remember...  
keep reading, keep  
safe and keep fit!

Now  
THAT'S  
super!

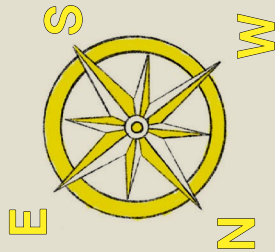


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# Trail map

## STOKE VS. MAGPIE SQUAD MANI!



Victoria Park Road