

## **This Little Roo Went to Market**

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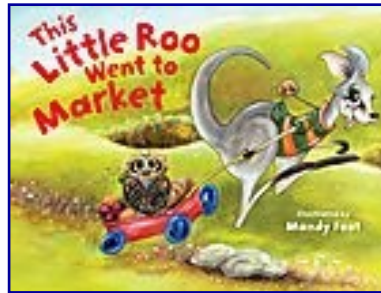
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'This little roo went to market.  
This little platypus stayed at home.  
This little croc had tasty treats.  
This little quokka had none.'

When this little roo goes to market, this little platypus stays home. What surprise are the other Aussie animals planning while little roo is away?



### **Themes:**

- Nursery Rhymes
- Friends
- Surprise parties

### **Discussion Points:**

- Do you know what nursery rhyme this story is based on? As a class, sing the original one.
- What are some other nursery rhymes that you know?
- What sort of things do you find at the market? Look at the pictures at the start of the story for some clues.
- Do you ever go to a market? If so, what do you buy?
- As a class, discuss what the differences are between a 'market' and a 'supermarket'.
- What was platypus doing when roo went to market?
- Croc had tasty treats. What were they? What are your favourite treats?
- What was quokka doing?
- Did you guess that they were preparing for a surprise birthday party?
- What does this tell you about their friendship?
- Have you ever been part of a 'surprise' party? If so, was it fun?
- Do you think it would be hard to keep it a secret?

### **Activity:**

- Draw or paint a picture of the fresh fruit and vegetables that you can find at a market.
- Have your own class party. It may not be a surprise one, but you are sure to all still have fun.