The Jungle Book

Deep in the jungle, Bagheera the panther was out hunting. Suddenly, he heard a strange crying sound coming from the river.

He followed the sound and discovered a basket with a tiny baby boy inside.

“Why, it’s a Man-cub”! he said. “this little chap needs food and a mother’s care. Perhaps Mother Wolf will look after him.”

Mother Wolf agreed to help. They named the Man-cub Mowgli and he grew up safe and happy in the jungle.

But everything changed when Mowgli was ten years old. Shere Khan, the man-eating tiger, heard about the Man-Cub and came searching for him.

The wolves agreed that Bagheera and Mowgli set off on their long journey. Mowgli was angry and upset. He didn’t want to leave his home in the jungle.

When darkness fell, Bagheera and Mowgli climbed a tree and settled down to sleep on a branch. Nearby, hiding under some leaves, was Kaa, the python.

As soon as Bagheera was asleep, Kaa slithered towards the Man-cub. His shining eyes seemed to have a magic power and Mowgli quickly began to sink into a deep trance.

Slowly, Kaa started to wind himself around the boy, ready to swallow him up!

Suddenly, Bagheera woke up and sprang at Kaa. He struck the snake with his claws and sent him slithering away into the jungle.

At dawn, Mowgli was woken by a very loud noise. He looked down from the tree and saw Colonel Hathi and the Dawn Patrol marching along.

“Up, two, three, four! Up, two, three, four!” trumpeted the elephant.