

# Frog calendar

In January common frogs are still asleep.  
If the sun comes out, they'll take a peep.

In February, back to where they were born,  
Their very first pool is the place to spawn.

In March they lay their jelly-like eggs,  
Then jump away on springy legs.

In April the tadpoles begin to hatch,  
Into fat black bodies and a tail to match.

In May it's time for their legs to grow,  
Two at the top, two down below.

In June small froglets leave the pond,  
To hide in the grasses and reeds beyond.

In July when the summer sun is hot,  
Young frogs hunt for the coolest spot.

In August when the pond is quiet again,  
They sit on lily leaves waiting for rain.

In September frogs must eat and eat,  
Finding beetles and bugs for a tasty treat.

In October as winter weather unfolds,  
Frogs hide away from frost and cold.

In November they curl up safe and sound,  
Hibernating in hollows on the ground.

In December frogs sleep, come what may,  
Till their year starts again on a warm  
spring day.

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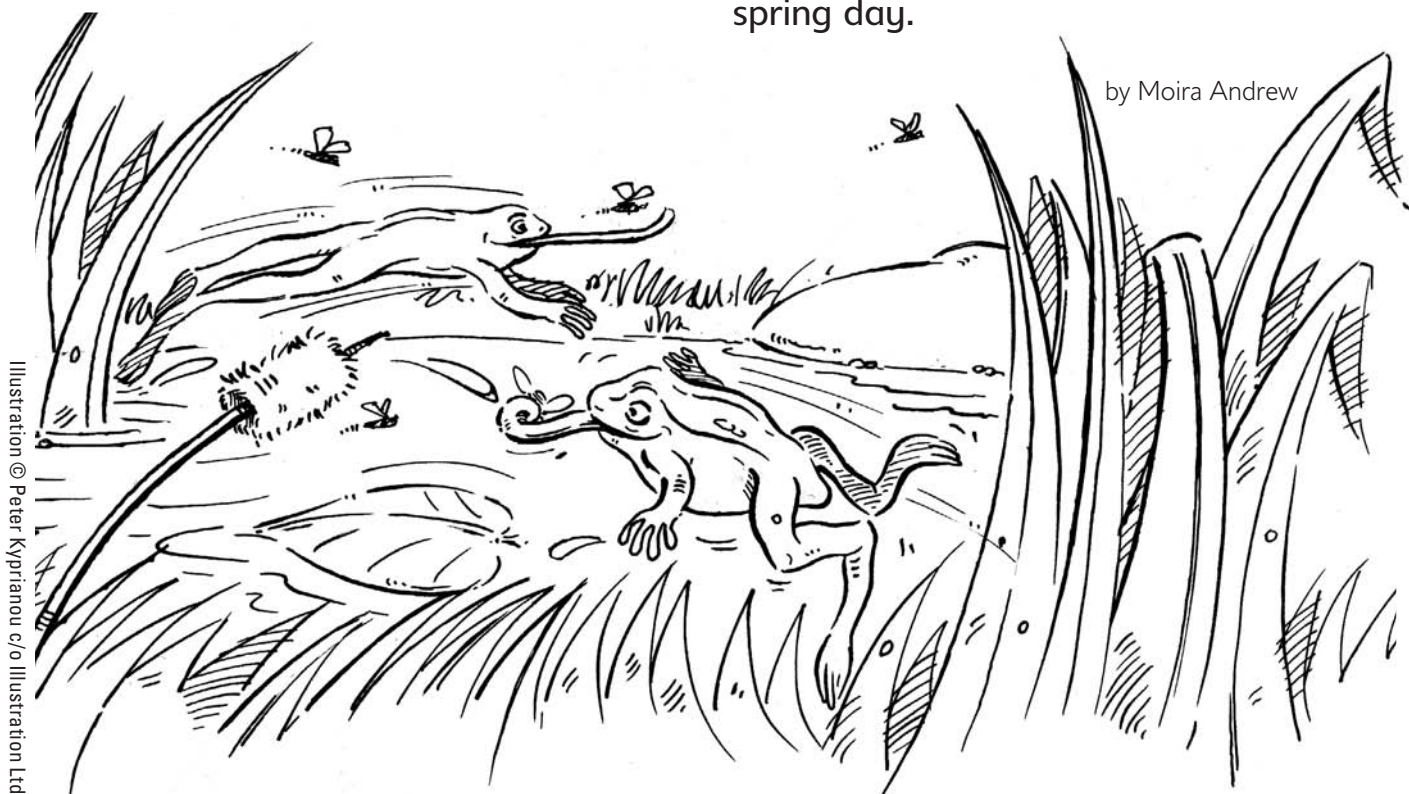


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