

HANDA'S SURPRISE

One sweltering, hot day a little African girl called Handa was asked to take a basket of fruit to her friend Akeyo's house. In her basket, she placed: a mango, an orange, a banana, a plum, a lemon, a pineapple and an avocado.

The next day, she put the heavy basket carefully on her head and set off with her friend Ode for Akeyo's village. The ground was hot, dry and stony under their feet.

As quick as a flash, a monkey leapt out of a tree, grabbed the banana and sneakily ran off with it. Luckily, Ode spotted a banana tree ahead and grabbed a handful of bananas. 'Thank you Ode', said Handa gratefully and they continued on their way.

A few minutes later, an ostrich came running as fast as a cheetah across the path and knocked Handa over. Luckily, Ode helped Handa up and put all the fruit carefully back in the woven basket.

Without warning, a long necked giraffe reached down and tried to steal a juicy mango from the basket. Luckily, Ode spotted the sneaky giraffe and quickly hid the basket.

Eventually, Handa and Ode reached Akeyo's mud hut and they shared the scrumptious fruit together. Exhausted, they all fell asleep as the red shimmering sun set over the African plains.