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Minal Cricket likes to hang upside down until he turns purple.  
Then he sort of wriggles around like a maggot.

Sometimes I say,  
I haven't got time for  
all your nonsense.



And he says, **Twit.**

And I say,  
Twit and a half.

And he says,  
**Twit** with carrots  
in your ears.

And then I flick his nose with my ruler.

And he says,

**Muum.**

in this really whiney brother way.

And Mum says,

*No flicking noses  
with rulers.*

And I say,

What do you flick  
noses with then?

And she says,

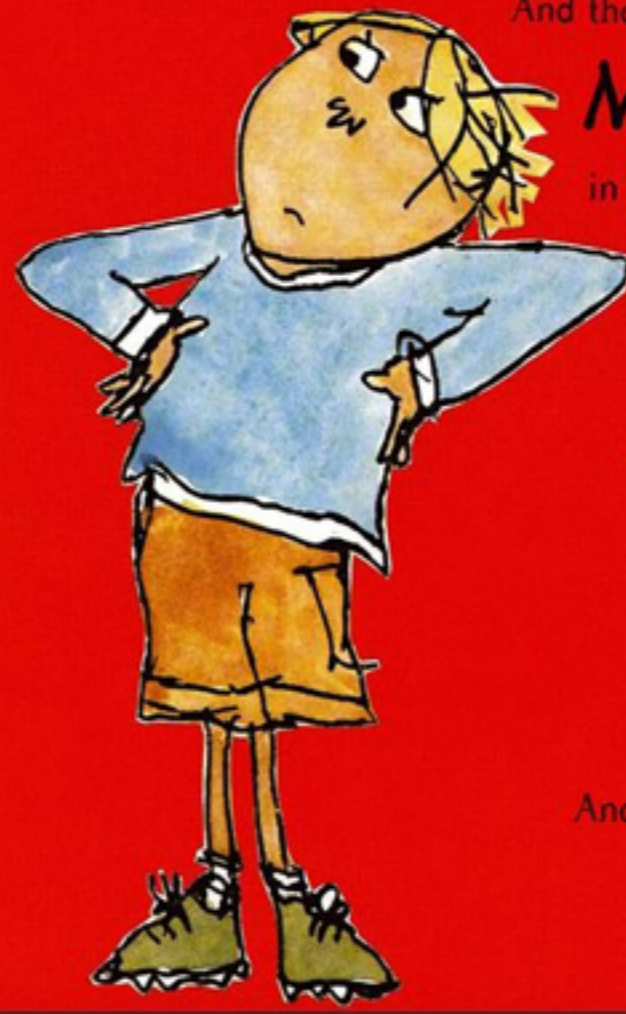
*Celery.*

And I say,

**We've run out.**

And she says,

*No flicking noses then.*



In school we are learning about the planet of Earth.  
Our planet earth is quite small  
compared to Jupiter or Saturn, but compared  
to the sun Pluto is a peppercorn.



Gravity is a  
strange  
invisible force.



It's hard to think of ourselves living on a planet because it doesn't feel like we are standing on something round!

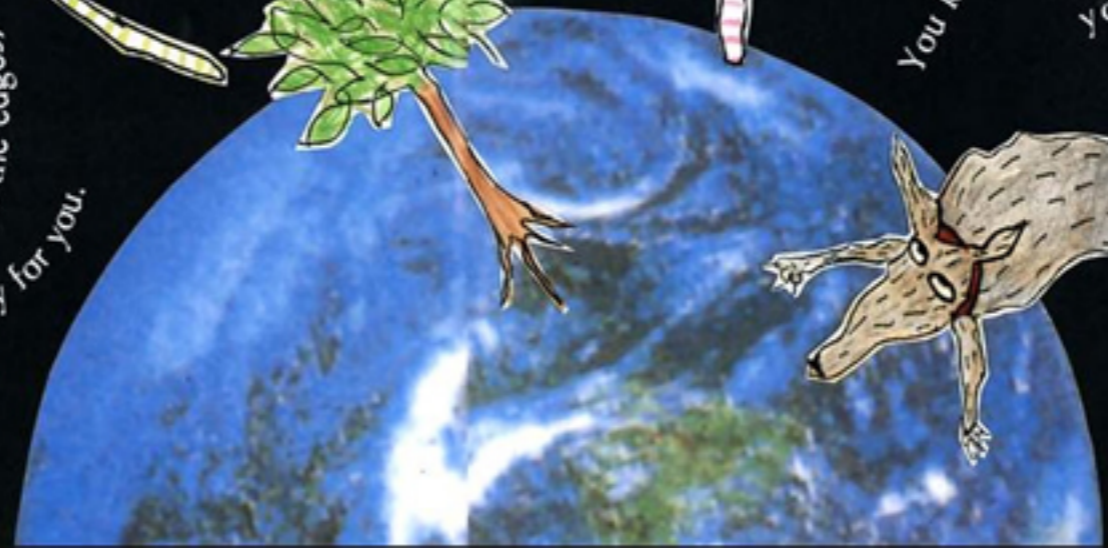
It's amazing the sea doesn't spill off at the edges,  
but that's gravity for you.



You know it's there because  
you are not floating about



like a jellyfish.



Sometimes I think gravity is a pity.