The Little Red Hen

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Useful Information	
Author	Traditional Tale retold by Ronne Randall
Illustrator	Ailie Busby
Year published	1999
Other titles by this author	Ladybird Picture Books

Tales Toolkit			
	Character- A person or an animal in a story.		Setting- Where the story takes place.
	A little red hen		A farm
	Problem- There is another character or a situation that is a problem for the main character.		How the characters manage to sort out the problem and have a happy ending.
	Little Red Hen wants to grow wheat from some grains she has found, but no one will help her.		. She works hard, all by herself, and makes some delicious bread.

Phrases and repeated refrains from story text Children will become very familiar with these phrases and use them in the oral retelling of the story	
One sunny spring morning	It grew and it grew and it grew!
Who will help me..?	Ground the corn
all by myself	So delicious
Not I	And she did

Vocabulary – definitions and synonyms synonyms are words with the same meaning (or almost the same meaning)	
preening	to clean and tidy oneself (groom)
mumbled	to talk in a low voice that is hard to hear (mutter, whisper)
ripe	fully grown and ready to harvest or eat (mature)
mill	a place where grains are crushed and made into flour
fine	made from very small pieces (powdered)
sneaky	to move quietly in a sly way (prowl, tip-toe)





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