**The Lion**

*Pride*

News had spread that a local company wanted to cut down the forest and build some new properties on the land, to which the animals were shocked, saddened and frightened. The forest was their home!

Monkey asked ‘why?’ and sought to find out what was going on.

Tortoise was resilient and showed his best skill of finding new strategies, but nothing seemed to work.

Eagle worked really hard to change the mind of the company, but nothing seemed to work.

Ant brought together a team to tackle the problem and gained lots of support, but nothing seemed to work.

Wolf listened to everyone’s ideas and watched everyone have ago at finding a solution. It felt impossible! Wolf remembered Lion always represented strength and courage to the other animals. So, now that they were faced with a problem, they knew Lion would be able to help them.

Lion gathered the animals together and explained that together, as a team, they were aiming for a positive ending to such a horrible worry. Lion was keen to impress the other animals with his bravery and so hid his own concerns a little. Lion directed the other animals to write letters explaining how the proposed building works would affect each of their habitats and families and together they would take them to the person in charge. He encouraged, supported and cheered on the animals.

The next day, Lion represented the other animals and took the collection of letters to the person in charge and left them there for her consideration. Together they waited. At last, an owl swooped down with the news they had been waiting for – the forest was saved! The animals celebrated and thanked Lion. Lion felt proud.

“Always aim for the very best outcome,” Lion said, “I feel pleased I have made progress here.”