

Character changes

Some changes have been made in response to feedback from teachers and parents and the introduction of new teaching strategies based on character names. You might like to explain these changes to children as follows.

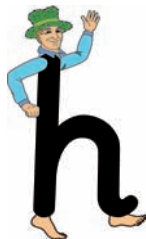
- **Red Robot** You will still see Robber Red in books that were written before he was finally caught and sent to prison. Everyone was pleased – until they discovered that Robber Red had secretly been making a brand new robot to do his running and stealing for him. Now this Red Robot is behaving just as badly in Letterland as Robber Red did!



- **Walter Walrus** You will still see Letterland's Water Witch in some books before she made a big mistake. One day while testing one of her special walrus spells on a wiggly worm, she accidentally wobbled and turned herself into a walrus! Now she can't turn herself back! So instead of the Water Witch you will see a wet old walrus called Walter in her water wells.



- **Harry Hat Man** One summer day the Hat Man decided his beard was too hot so he shaved it off – but he still always wears his hairy hat! That is why his nickname is Hairy Hat Man. His real name is Harry Hat Man, but he'll be happy, no matter which name you choose to call him.



- **Impy Ink** Impy has changed colour because he has invented a way to make some incredible new multi-coloured ink! You will sometimes still see him with blue ink inside.



- **Lucy Lamp Light** One day Lucy decided she wanted the word light in her name, so now instead of Lucy Lamp Lady she likes people to call her Lucy Lamp Light. She also has a new hairstyle which makes her look quite different, and even more lovely.



- **Noisy Nick** It can't be too difficult to guess how Naughty Nick got his new nickname, considering how much he loves banging around with his hammer and nails.



- **Peter Puppy** This little pup is often sad because his ears won't prick up like a police dog's ears. Then people call him Poor Peter. But he is often happy, too. Then people call him by his real name, Peter Puppy.



- **Talking Tess** Ticking Tess has a new nickname, too. It is Talking Tess, because she is always talking on the telephone. She also has a new hairstyle, a new top and a new pair of tan trousers.



- **Vicky Violet** Vicky is new to Letterland and already all the children think that she is a very lovely new friend. Vicky loves violets and has promised to look after all the little vases of violets we find in words!



- **Firefighter Fred** One day Fireman Fred realised that the word 'fireman' doesn't tell us what firemen do. That's why now Fred likes to be called Firefighter Fred.



- **Fix-it Max** Maxine is still Max's best friend but she is not always on hand to make the 'kss' sound in the letter x. So she leaves it to Max who is quite happy to make the sound by himself as he fixes things.

