

Frankie and Fred

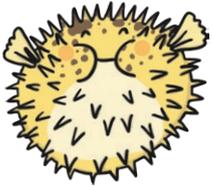
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Frankie the dolphin was the fastest fish in the sea. She was always the first to cross the finish line when the fish had races. She was also a very fit fish. She could lift fifty shells with one flipper and balance five rocks on her fin! She won a lot of prizes.



Frankie's best friend was Fred the flounder. Fred was not the fastest fish. One day, Fred was feeling very fed up. "I'll never be first," said Fred with a sniff. "I always fail and it's just not fair!"

Sophie the puffer fish heard Fred say this, and wanted to help him feel better. She came up with a plan...



First, she talked to the staff at Fred's school. "Fred isn't fast but he's very good at phonics," said his teacher, Miss Cliff. "He can read all the letters in the alphabet!"

Then she spoke to Fred's family. "Fred might not be fast, but he's so helpful and thoughtful," said Fred's father. "He helps his brothers and sisters find things they have lost. He even helps to look behind the sofa!"

Finally, Sophie talked to Frankie. "Fred doesn't need to be fast to be a fab friend," said Frankie. "We always have so much fun. Sometimes he makes me laugh until I'm out of puff!"

Sophie and Frankie made Fred a gold trophy out of sand. On the trophy it said:

First

For being the best at phonics and the alphabet!
For being a helpful and thoughtful family member!
For being the most fun friend!



When they gave Fred the trophy he felt chuffed! "I didn't know you could be first at all that stuff," he said.

The plan was a triumph and Fred finally believed that he was a fantastic fish, just like his friend.