

# *The life of Beatrix Potter*



# *Little Girl*

*Beatrix was taught at home by governesses and studied art while her brother Bertram was sent away to school.*

*She was a shy little girl.*

*Beatrix kept snakes, lizards, birds and mice in her schoolroom.*

*She would sketch and create paintings of them.*

*Beatrix kept a secret diary written in her own code.*



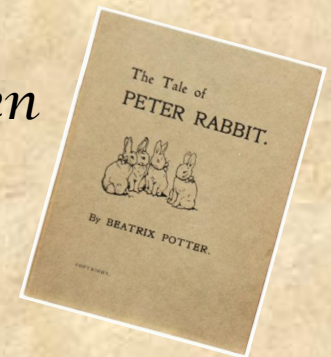
# Beatrix Potter - the artist.

Beatrix taught herself to paint, sketch and draw the things she saw around her.

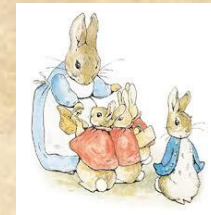
She also painted many beautiful landscapes that showed how much she loved living in the countryside



In 1893 Beatrix Potter wrote *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* in a picture letter to a little boy she knew who had been ill for a long time.



In 1901 she paid for 250 copies to be printed of the tale in time for Christmas.



These sold very quickly, meaning she had to print another 200 two weeks later.



# Peter Rabbit

*The Tale of Peter Rabbit* was her first book.

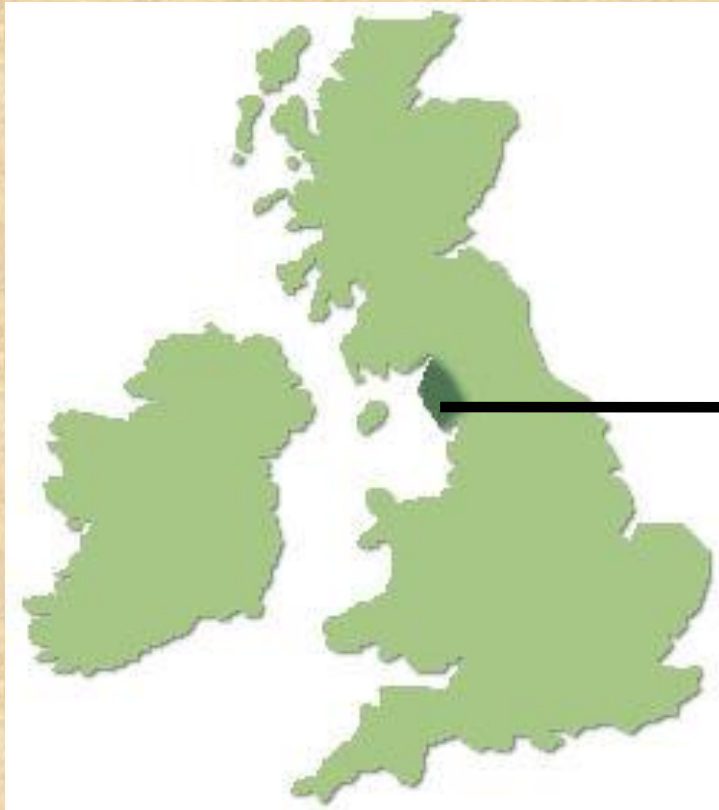
She went on to write another 22 little books over the next 28 years.

With the money she brought Hill Top Farm in the Lake District.

Beatrix used Hill Top Farm as the setting for lots of her tales.



# *Where is the Lake District?*



# *Lake District*



# *Lake District*



# Lake District





# Hill Top Farm

*Beatrix had always loved the Lake District since her childhood holidays and with the money she was earning from her Peter Rabbit books she was able to buy Hill Top Farm in the village of Sawrey.*

*She could not stay in her new home because she had to take care of her parents in London, but she visited whenever she could.*



# *Life at Hill Top Farm*

*Beatrix Potter got married to William Heelis in 1913 and then she was able to settle in the Lake District permanently, and devote herself almost entirely to her farming.*



*Beatrix bought 15 farms. Dressed in her clogs, shawl and old tweed skirt, she helped with the hay making, got very muddy unblocking drains and searched the hills for lost sheep.*

*She said she was at her happiest when she was with her farm animals.*

*She died on 22 December 1943 age 77.*

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