

Reading

Week commencing 6.7.20

We encourage all of you to keep reading as many books as you can while you are at home. You could try to continue our challenge of reading as many of the Year 2 recommended books as you can or just read your favourites!

Try to read at least 3 times a week and have a go at the comprehension questions that we send you.

This week there are 2 reading tasks for you to have a go at. The first (**The Fearless Four**) is the easier task as it has the dogs next to each question to help you decide what you have to do. The second (**Spiders and Flies**) is more tricky as you have more text to read and there are no dogs to tell you what type of question it is.

Reading comprehension – for parents

When completing comprehension questions, children will need to use the following skills. Throughout Year 2 the children have 'met' the dogs who represent each question type and learnt how to answer questions using these skills.

In school we always encourage the children to circle the words in the text where they find the answers to each question.

The answers to the questions can be found on pages 5, 6 and 7.



Sequence Questions with Sequencing Suki

Sequencing Suki likes everything in order! She will help you sequence the events in a text.



Vocabulary Questions with Vocabulary Victor

Vocabulary Victor will help you to look at how authors and poets have chosen to use certain words and phrases.

Retrieval Questions with Rex Retriever

Rex Retriever will help you to go into a text and retrieve the facts.



Inference Questions with Inference Iggy

Inference Iggy will help you hunt for clues in a text about how someone might be feeling or why something is happening.

Prediction Questions with Predicting Pip

Predicting Pip tries to see the future and she will help you work out what might happen next.



Task 1

The Fearless Four

- 7 Her powers are known throughout the land,
- 13 She can create a snowy swirl,
- 19 She freezes the sunniest villain's heart,
- 25 Her name is Blue Ice Girl!

- 34 His breath is as hot as the scorching sun,
- 40 His hair is one big flame,
- 48 He saves the day with his sizzling ways,
- 53 Fire Boy is his name!

- 61 She appears like a bolt from the night,
- 68 And some say that she is frightening,
- 76 But she'll rescue you with an electric flash,
- 81 She's known as Lady Lightning!

- 89 You might not know that he is there,
- 95 But he always has a plan,
- 100 Being invisible is his game,
- 104 He is Transparent Man!



Quick Questions



1. Which superhero has breath 'as hot as the scorching sun'?



2. Think of another word or phrase that the poet could have used in this line: 'His breath is as hot as...'



3. Why might you not know that Transparent Man is there?



4. What kind of emergency might you call one of the Ferocious Four to help you with?

Task 2

Spiders and Flies: An Eritrean Story



Once there was a prince who hated spiders and flies.

“There’s no point in them!” he moaned to his mother, the queen. “They are ugly, and they do no work!”

“You’re wrong, my son,” said the queen softly. “Everything on earth has a purpose.” But the prince did not believe her.

1 Find **two** reasons why the prince didn’t like spiders and flies.

2 Find and copy **one** word in the story that tells us how the queen spoke.

Soon a terrible war came to the kingdom, and all the prince’s family were killed. The prince decided to go and live with his uncle, far away.

The journey was long and hard, and the prince’s enemies followed close behind him. He ran and ran until he was exhausted, and then he fell asleep under a tree.



3 What made the prince decide to go and live with his uncle?

4 How do you think the prince felt as he set out on his journey? Tick **one** box.

Happy and excited

Upset and worried

Proud and boastful

After a while, a fly landed on the prince's face. He woke up and crossly shooed it away – and then he saw his enemies in the distance! He had been so fast asleep that he didn't hear them coming.

The prince jumped up and ran to a nearby cave, where he hid himself as well as he could. While the prince wasn't looking, a gigantic spider started weaving her web across the cave entrance.

After a while, the prince heard his enemies approaching.



5 Explain why it was lucky that the fly woke the prince up.

6 a) What do you think will happen next?

b) Explain why you think this.

“There's no point in checking that cave!” one man said to the other. “There's a spider's web right across the entrance. The prince can't be in there, or he'd have broken the web. Let's go and look somewhere else.”

So the prince escaped to his uncle's house. At last he understood what his mother had told him – even spiders and flies have a purpose!

7 Why did the prince's enemies think he couldn't be in the cave? Tick **one** box.

Because they knew he was afraid of spiders

Because they thought the spider's web showed that no one had gone into the cave recently

Because they realised he had gone somewhere else

8 Do you think the prince will moan about spiders and flies again? Explain your reasons.

Task 1 - Answers

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Fire Boy

2. Think of another word or phrase that the poet could have used in this line: 'His breath is as hot as...'

Any sensible suggestion, e.g. frying bacon, burning lava.

3. Why might you not know that Transparent Man is there?

Accept any inference that relates to his transparency, e.g. Because he is invisible so you wouldn't be able to see him.

4. What kind of emergency might you call one of the Ferocious Four to help you with?

Accept any sensible prediction linked to the text, e.g. I would call Blue Ice Girl if my house was on fire because she would put it out with her freezing powers.

Task 2 - Answers

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5 Explain why it was lucky that the fly woke the prince up.

He had the chance to see his enemies coming and run away.

6 a) What do you think will happen next?

Sensible prediction e.g. the spider might help him to hide

b) Explain why you think this.

The spider might spin a web across the cave to suggest no one had

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No, it was a spider and a fly that helped him to escape so he is likely to have changed his mind about them.