

Reading

W.b. 8th February 2021

Year 5 Home Learning
Wibsey Primary School

Monday 8th - Orientation

Read the 'Chinese New Year' text three times. Make a note about which words you are unsure about and wish to discuss further.

Then, answer the **retrieval** questions below like we would normally in class. Either complete on the Google Doc or on paper.

Orientation

Why were the cat and the rat worried at the start of the race?

What does the rat do to win the race?

Why does the tiger struggle to cross the river?

What was the Emperor surprised about the dog?

Reasoning Challenge

Do you think the dragon should have been the real winner?

Do you think the rat deserved to win?

Think of two difficult questions about the text to challenge your teachers!

The Chinese New Year Story

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"Of course I will," said the kind ox. "Just climb on my back and I will carry you across."

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"Well done! You are not the strongest, but you certainly are the **shrewdest** of all the animals," said the Jade Emperor to the **smug** rat. "The first year will be named after you."

The **unfortunate** ox had been tricked into second place and the second year of the zodiac was named after him.



Shortly after, the **exhausted** tiger clawed his way to the river bank to claim third place. Swimming across the river against its strong **currents** had been an enormous struggle for him.

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Tuesday 9th - Vocabulary

Watch the video discussing the vocabulary today.

Write the meaning of the words below and use them in a sentence. Either complete on the Google Doc or on paper.

Words in the text to focus on

Emperor

Smug

Notified

Currents

Eager

Considerate

Ox

Devious

Mischievous

Bewildered

Shrewd

Include any you identified from yesterday

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Wednesday 10th – Inference

Find and list the clues in the text and complete the question and grids below – either on the Google Doc or on paper.

Was the journey across the river easy for the animals?

Does the time between each animal getting to the other side go quickly or slowly?

Easy journey	Difficult journey

Quickly	Slowly

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Thursday 11th - Application

Complete the Application questions below, summarising all the skills we have learnt this week. You can complete either the Normal sheet or the Challenging sheet on the next page – but only do one like we would in class! Do this either on the Google Doc or on to paper.

Normal sheet

Application

BLP – Reasoning 3

Hard: I can recall key ideas from a non-fiction text.

1. Why did the Emperor decide to have a swimming race?
2. Why were the cat and the rat worried at the start of the race?
3. What does the rat do to win the race?
4. Why did the tiger struggle to cross the river?
5. Using a pencil and a ruler, match the statements to the correct animal. **Draw 5 lines.**

The Cat

Slivered between the horse's hooves.

The Dog

Wanted to have a bath.

Angry at the rat.

The Snake

One of the best swimmers.

Beat the horse.

Harder: I can evaluate how an author uses language.

6. Find and copy a word used to describe the rat's actions.
7. Why has the author chosen this word?
8. The writer described the rat as 'smug'. Do you think this is a good word to use? Explain.
9. Find and copy the word that shows the tiger is tired. Why has the author chosen this word?
10. Was the cat angry or furious at the end? Explain.

Hardest: I can use clues to infer meaning from a text.

11. Was the journey across the river easy for the animals?
12. Do you think the Emperor like the dog? Tell me how you know.

HOTS/WSFL: Express a personal response.

13. Should the dragon have been the real winner?
14. Do you think the rat deserved to win?
15. Which of the animals would you like to be?

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Thought they were a poor swimmer.

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One of the best swimmers.

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14. Does the time between each animal getting to the other side go quickly or slowly? Find and copy evidence to support your answer.

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Friday 12th – Reading for Pleasure

Go on to <https://www.getepic.com/sign-in/educator> and login using your class details given below.

Search for books within your ZPD (shown as AR level) and pick one to read for pleasure.

For your challenge task, you can write a review of the book in your exercise book if you wish.

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