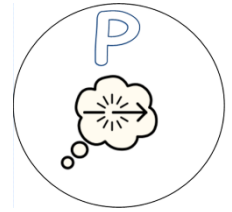
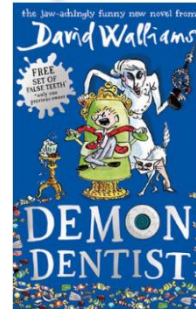


Year 4 Reading

Steppingstone activity

Date: Wednesday 8th July 2020

LO: To predict what might happen next in a story



Task:

Share chapter 28 of 'Demon Dentist' (The text is below the task) with an adult or older sibling.

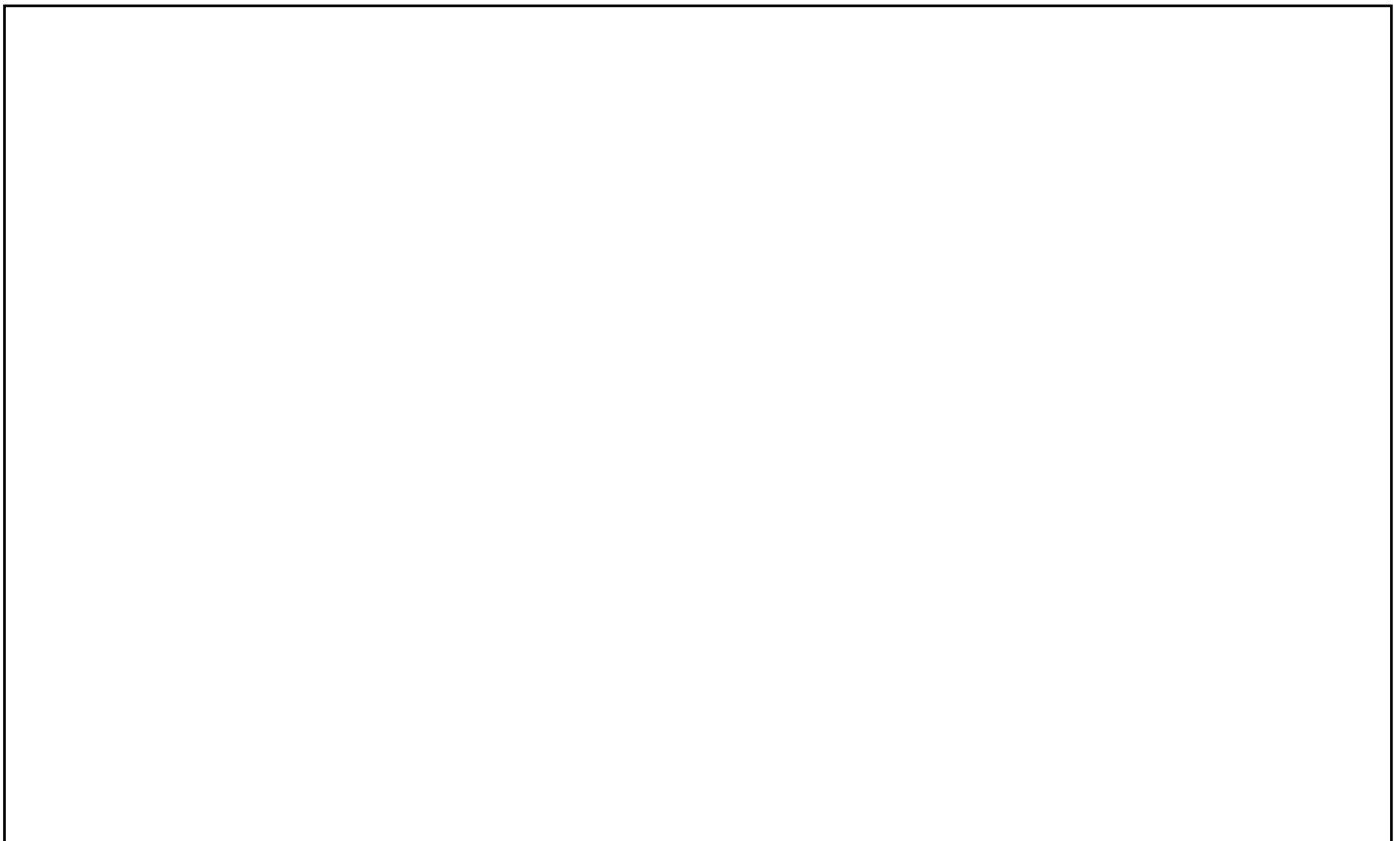
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Your task is to predict what might happen next by drawing a picture. Who or what lifts him high in the air? Does Gabz go in to the surgery? Does he see Miss Root again?

Label your picture with the key features of your prediction.

Ideas to include in your picture:

- The tree Alfie was hiding behind
- Miss Root's surgery
- Gabz knocking on the door
- Alfie
- The something or someone who pick Alfie up
- Miss Root answering the door to the surgery.

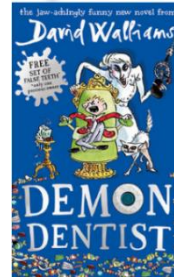
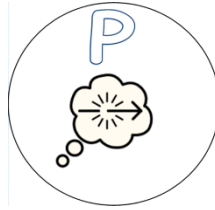


Year 4 Reading

Main activity

Date: Wednesday 8th July 2020

LO: To predict what might happen next in a story



Task:

Read chapter 28 of 'Demon Dentist' (The text is below the task).

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Write a paragraph at the end to explain your prediction.

I predict...

Demon Dentist by David Walliams chapter 27

Out of the Fog

After closing the front door of the bungalow as gently as possible so his father wouldn't hear him leave, Alfie ran through the empty streets. His destination: the dentist's surgery.

This winter morning a thick mist hung in the air. Where possible, Alfie kept close to the walls and hid in the shadows; there was the chance someone or something could be following him. Just down the road a little

from the surgery stood a knotted old tree. Trudging through the soggy fallen leaves at its roots, Alfie hid behind the trunk. From there he fixed his eyes on the dentist's doorway.



The boy squinted to see if he could make out the lettering on the door.



As the boy pondered what 'MDW' might stand for, above his head he heard what sounded like the hum of a jet engine. His eyes darted upwards. Out of the fog, Alfie saw a figure emerging, flying at speed through the air high above the buildings, astride what looked like some kind of gas cylinder. Something else was perched on the back too. After circling overhead a few times, the duo began their descent. Even though

the town was cloaked in fog, as they came down, the boy had a clearer and clearer view. Soon Alfie could see who it was without a shadow of a doubt.

It was Miss Root, the dentist.

Riding her laughing gas cylinder.

The something else perched on the back was Fang. Before long they reached the ground.

The dentist turned a dial on the front of the cylinder, and the contraption came to a halt at the surgery door. She hopped off with the ease that someone might get off a bicycle.

That's how she managed to zoom all over town every night! thought Alfie.

Despite having just flown through the air, Miss Root looked remarkably composed. Not only were her clothes immaculate, but not a hair was out of place on her head. Alfie ducked back behind the tree as the dentist stole a quick glance over her shoulder to ensure that no one was watching. Then she disappeared inside, her faithful white cat following close behind. She was carrying the cylinder under one arm, and a shiny metal tin under the other. It rattled as she walked. It must be full of children's teeth!

Alfie stood open-mouthed in shock.

She is a witch! he thought.

Miss Root might not wear black, or a pointy hat, or have a broomstick exactly, but she was a witch all right.

OWNS CAT



FLIES AROUND AT NIGHT



EVIL



Gabz was right after all – witches were alive and well. Miss Root was walking proof. Well, flying proof. And now they were practising dentistry. That's what the MDW must have stood for, a *Master's degree in Dentistry and Witchistry*.*

Made-up word* **ALERT

As soon as the door to the surgery had closed behind Miss Root, the streets began to hum with people and traffic. Then from behind the tree Alfie spotted a little girl with a mass of dreadlocks approaching the surgery door. It was Gabz. True to what she had told Alfie in the playground yesterday, she was going to confront Miss Root herself. However, Gabz didn't know the full extent of the evil that lurked behind that door. She didn't know Miss Root had taken out every single one of his teeth. What's more, she hadn't witnessed the horror that Alfie had last night. Before he could shout out, Gabz had pressed the dentist's bell. In an instant the door buzzed open. Alfie had to warn his little friend. And fast.



He leaped out from behind the tree. But just as he was about to shout the girl's name, someone grabbed him by the back of his coat and lifted him high into the air...