

## CHAPTER NINE – READING RESOURCES

Reading Skill	Activity
Retrieval	<p>What was Nanny waiting for on the TV? (p57) <i>She was waiting for the local news and the weather forecast.</i></p> <p>How many local 'incidents' had there been and what sort of incidents were they? (p57) <i>There had been 18 (farming) robberies lately.</i></p> <p>What was the name of the weather forecaster? (p57) <i>His name was Robert.</i></p> <p>What was the breaking news that had interrupted the weather forecast? (p58) <i>The news was of a successful robbery at the tower of London.</i></p> <p>What had been stolen? (p58) <i>The Crown Jewels and many other artefacts along with the queen's gold reserves. (p61 – sovereign crowns, consort crowns, the priceless St. Edward Crown, robes, rings, sceptres, swords and parts of the secular and alter plates)</i></p> <p>Find and copy three of the questions that were being asked about the incident? (p58) <i>Any three from:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What had exactly happened?</li><li>• How did they get in?</li><li>• How are the guards?</li><li>• Where is the hostage?</li><li>• Have they heard anything?</li><li>• What's been taken exactly?</li><li>• How did they get away?</li><li>• Any news from the queen?</li></ul>



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<b>Retrieval continued</b>	<p>What reason did Poppy give for going to her treehouse? (p59) <i>It was a lot quieter there.</i></p> <p>How many jewels did Lord Ted say there were in the stolen items? (p59) <i>He said there were 20000</i></p> <p>Who did Lord Ted say that Grandpa had met? How had they met them? (p59) <i>Lord Ted said that Grandpa had met the Queen and that his grandma had made him Banana Bread to take for her.</i></p> <p>Why was the fact that it was a full moon that night important? What special event would happen? (p60) <i>As it was a full moon, it meant that the fairies would be out. There would be lots of music and dancing.</i></p> <p>What was the name of the set of books that Nanny and Grandpa had bought for Poppy? How many books were there altogether? (p60) <i>The books were called 'The Famous Five', there were 22 books altogether.</i></p> <p>What is the name of the hostage that has been taken? What other information do we know about him? (p61) <i>George Featherbottom; he's 63 years old, a grandfather of 4 from Fotheringham in North Yorkshire, a former paratrooper, has been a warder at the Tower for 11 years and is due to retire at the end of the year.</i></p> <p>How many other warders had been injured? (p61) <i>Seven</i></p> <p>At what time did the criminals enter the Tower of London? (p62) <i>3 o'clock in the morning.</i></p> <p>What was the name of the duck that spoke to Lord Ted in the village? (p64) <i>The duck was called Gerald</i></p> <p>What was it that caught Poppy's eye in the village? How did this make Poppy feel? (p64) <i>Lots of the houses had cars parked in front of them, but one of them had a large dark blue van outside with two men sitting in it, which made Poppy feel uncomfortable.</i></p> <p>What was Poppy trying to ignore on Mrs Jones' face? (p64) <i>A big hairy pimple</i></p>

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<b>Inference</b>	<p>How do you think Poppy felt hearing that The Tower of London had been burgled so close to her being there?</p> <p>Imagine you are the Queen. How would you feel if your most prized possessions had been stolen from somewhere as secure as The Tower of London.</p> <p>What do you think Poppy thought when Lord Ted said that Grandpa had met the Queen? Did she believe him?</p> <p>What do you think is meant by the phrase ‘an inside job’? (p62)</p> <p>Grandpa says that she will leave the back door open during the night for Poppy. What reasons do you think Nanny has done this for? (p63)</p>
<b>Vocabulary</b>	<p>Match the words in the table with the correct definition. (See table in resources)</p> <p>What do you think the word audacious means? Look it up in a dictionary to see if you were correct. If not, write out the correct definition of the word. (p61) <i>Showing an impudent lack of respect and willing to take surprisingly bold risks.</i></p>
<b>Summary</b>	Write a summary of the events at the Tower of London.
<b>Prediction</b>	Do you think the author has a plan for Poppy and Lord Ted, relating to the robbery at the Tower of London? What do you think that plan is?
<b>Author</b>	<p>On page 64, we meet Mrs Jones. Why do you think the author has included the fact that Poppy was looking at a big hairy pimple on her face? <i>This is mentioned to add humour to the book and to show highlight the fact that Poppy is still a little girl/child.</i></p> <p>As Poppy only ‘glanced’ at the big blue van in the village, why do you think the author has included it in the story? <i>Possible links to the robbery.</i></p>
<b>Commentary</b>	<p>Look at the sections in italics. Why have they been written like this and included in the text? <i>To add importance and intricate details to the text, showing the event being reported on by another person.</i></p> <p>Compare the character of Poppy, Lord Ted, Nanny and Grandpa and their reactions to the robbery at the Tower of London. Who is reacting best to the situation in your opinion?</p> <p>On page 65, the author refers to Poppy as Rapunzel, what similarities are there between the two characters?</p>



## CHAPTER NINE – OTHER CURRICULUM AREA ACTIVITIES

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Activity	Curriculum Area
What was the temperature set to be on p57? What unit of temperature is this measured in? Can you convert it to other units of temperature?	Maths
Create a 'Wanted' poster for the burglars of The Tower of London. Think carefully about the details that you share on your poster; would you be offering a reward for information? What would that reward be?	English Art
Imagine you are a journalist at the time of the robbery at the Tower of London. Write a newspaper report to cover the events. Remember to use as many features as possible of a newspaper that you can.	English
Hot seat/role play a conversation with George Featherbottom. What questions would you ask him? How would he be feeling? Does he know anything about the robbers?	English Drama PSHCE
Imagine you are George Featherbottom. You are being kept hostage in a strange place. How are you feeling? Write a diary entry/letter to your family explaining what you are going through and how you are feeling?	English
Show 3 o'clock in the morning on an analogue clock, written digitally in 12 and 24 hour formats.	Maths
Using the description on p63, draw a map of the village of Diddlesdale.	Geography

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## CHAPTER NINE – LET'S MAKE GRANDPA'S BANANA CAKE

### Ingredients

- 100g (4oz) butter, softened
- 175g (6oz) caster sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 ripe bananas, mashed
- 225g (8oz) self-raising flour
- 1tsp baking powder
- 2 tbsp milk



### Poppy's Royal "Banana Bread" Cake

### Method

1. You will need a 900g (2lb) loaf tin. Lightly grease the loaf tin and line it with non-stick baking parchment.
2. Pre-heat the oven to 180°C/350°F/Gas Mark 4.
3. Measure all the ingredients into a mixing bowl and beat for about two minutes, until well blended; an electric mixer is best for this but of course you can also beat by hand with a wooden spoon.
4. Spoon the mixture into the prepared tin and level the surface.
5. Bake for about one hour, until well risen and golden brown. A fine skewer inserted in the centre of the cake should come out clean.
6. Leave the cake to cool in the tin for a few minutes, then loosen with a small palette knife and turn the cake out. Remove the lining paper and leave on a wire rack to cool completely.
7. Slice thickly and enjoy with a cup of tea.

