

CHAPTER SEVEN – READING RESOURCES

Reading Skill	Activity
Retrieval	<p>What three things was Poppy looking forward to at the beginning of chapter 7? (p43) <i>Her eighth birthday, a party at home and her end of year trip at school.</i></p> <p>Where was Poppy going on a trip with school? (p43) <i>She was going to the Tower of London.</i></p> <p>Find a copy two reasons that Poppy was excited about going to The Tower of London. (p43) <i>Any from; Kings and Queens had lived there; Bad people had lived there; People had lost their heads – including a Queen; Ravens live there; Beefeaters live there; The queen keeps her jewels and crown in the tower.</i></p> <p>Who was Poppy hoping to sit next to on the coach? (p43) <i>Her friend Sarah</i></p> <p>What pattern was on the new curtains in Poppy’s room and Nanny and Grandpa’s? (p43) <i>Bright red poppies</i></p> <p>Who had been helping Grandpa with the treehouse? (p44) <i>Dave Johnson/Jonny, the farmer.</i></p> <p>How did Dave know Grandpa? How had they met? (p45) <i>They played rugby together when they were younger.</i></p> <p>Using the description on p46, draw a plan of Poppy’s treehouse or the view she can see from the window.</p> <p>What is the reason Grandpa says Lord Ted wouldn’t like London? (p48) <i>There are too many people for Lord Ted/He wouldn’t like all the people.</i></p> <p>Why did Grandpa say that Poppy and Sarah should try and get the back seat of the coach? (p48) <i>It’s more fun there.</i></p>

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Inference	<p>How was Poppy feeling when her Grandparents showed her the treehouse? How do you know? Give examples from the text. (p46) Answers should mention how happy, proud, thankful and excited Poppy is, making reference to the authors use of the phrase 'happy tears'.</p> <p>What does Poppy mean when she says that 'the Tower of London is going to have to be something quite special now looking at our treehouse, '? (p47) She is so pleased with the treehouse and excited about it that she thinks the Tower of London is going to have to be even better than that.</p> <p>Why does Grandpa make a 'cock-a-doddle-do' sound whilst Nanny is waking her up? (p47) It is a reference to the cockerel that woke her up when they went camping.</p>
Vocabulary	<p>Find and copy three examples of words and phrases used to describe Jonny Johnson. (p45) Any from; enormous; quite possibly the tallest man she (Poppy) had ever seen; lots of grey hair; hands the size of (Grandpa's) garden spades; funny shaped ears.</p> <p>What does the word watertight mean? (p45) closely sealed, fastened, or fitted so that no water enters or passes through</p>
Summary	Write a diary entry as Poppy on your trip to The Tower of London – what did you see?
Prediction	What do you think Sarah and Poppy will see at the Tower of London?
Author	On page 45, the author compares a pair of ladders to matchsticks. What does this comparison do or tell us? It emphasises the size and strength of the farmer and helps with character description.

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CHAPTER SEVEN – OTHER CURRICULUM AREA ACTIVITIES

Activity	Curriculum Area
Investigation – Can you make a watertight container? What materials can you use to protect the contents of the container?	Science DT
Design a healthy packed lunch for Poppy to take on her school trip with her. What sort of foods should you include? How will your food choice impact Poppy's day?	Science DT PSHCE
How long would it take to get to the Tower of London from where you live?	Geography Maths
Research the Tower of London, make a presentation/leaflet about why you should visit.	Computing English

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