

CHAPTER FOURTEEN – READING RESOURCES

Reading Skill	Activity
Retrieval	<p>What was the name of the road that Poppy, Nanny and Lord Ted were walking down to the village? (p93) <i>Honeypot Lane</i></p> <p>Where were Nanny and Grandpa going on holiday soon? (p93) <i>They were going to the Lake District.</i></p> <p>What could Poppy and Lord Ted see from the post office window? (p94) <i>The assistant chief constable being interviewed; Mr Johnson's head above the crowds as he was being bombarded with microphones; flashing lights from the cameras.</i></p> <p>What is the name of the new duck that we meet at the bottom of page 95? <i>The duck's name is Rafferty.</i></p> <p>Why couldn't Gerald or Rafferty remember the number plate of the van? (p96) <i>They are ducks, and they can't read.</i></p> <p>Who was able to read the number plate and what did they say it said? (p96) <i>Sally, Mother Goose read the number plate and had told Gerald that it said his name and age in it/Gerald, aged 3.</i></p> <p>Where was Mr Johnson going the next day, why was he going and how was he getting there? (p97) <i>He was visiting a brewery in Porthcastle, Cornwall to discuss them using his barley. He was going to fly his plane to get there.</i></p> <p>What score did Nanny give Poppy for her run and jump? (p98) <i>Nanny gave her a score of 10.</i></p> <p>What were the names of the presenters on the news? Where were they presenting from? (p98) <i>Fiona – The Tower of London; Huw – Diddlesdale.</i></p> <p>What items from the robbery were still missing? (p100) <i>The current sovereign crown, the prince cohort crown, the St. Edward crown, the current sceptre and the coronation rings.</i></p> <p>What did Farmer Johnson do before being a farmer? (p101) <i>He was an international Rugby player for England.</i></p>

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Vocabulary	What does the phrase 'this does not bode well' mean? (p93) <i>This doesn't look good.</i>
	What does Agatha/Mrs Jones mean by 'put my face on'? (p94) <i>She means she needs to get ready and do her hair and make-up before going outside.</i>
	What is meant by the phrase 'Rendezvous point'? (p99) <i>Meeting point</i>
	Look at each of the words below, what do you think they mean? Check whether your definitions are correct using a dictionary?
	Sternly (p93)
	Relevant (p94)
	Various (p94)
	Tranquillity (p94)
	Persisted (p94)
	Cacophony (p95)
	Inundated (p95)
	Pensive (p95)
	Hesitantly (p96)
	Rural (p99)
	Impede (p99)

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Inference	<p>Why might Mr. Johnson be enjoying being interviewed by all the people in the village? (p97) <i>He liked feeling important and being the centre of attention.</i></p> <p>Have you ever been on a plane before? How do you think Poppy was feeling ahead of her first flight? (p98)</p> <p>Why did Grandpa roll his eyes at the television report? (P100) <i>He was cross because the hostage's family had asked for privacy and the TV reporters had done the opposite by revealing more information about his life and achievements.</i></p>
Summary	Write a summary of the actual events of the robbery and a summary of the reported events of the robbery. What is the same? What is different?
Author	Why do you think the author used the phrase 'I thought it was a herd of elephants coming down the stairs' on page 98?



CHAPTER FOURTEEN – OTHER CURRICULUM AREA ACTIVITIES

Activity	Curriculum Area
Research the Lake District/Cornwall and the things there are to do there. Make a leaflet or travel brochure to encourage people to visit.	English Computing Geography
Imagine you are one of the reporters that have come to Diddlesdale. What questions would you like to ask Mr Johnson? Write your questions down, then role play interviewing Mr Johnson.	English Drama
How far is it from your school to the Lake District/Cornwall? Use Google maps to plot the route.	Computing Maths Geography.
What are the rules of the game of Rugby? What skills do you need to play it? Develop the skills required to play a game of Rugby.	PE
What was Jonny saying on the other end of the phone? Write a script of the telephone conversation between Jonny and Grandpa.	English

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