#### Year 4 Guided Reading Practice

Please use a book from home to supplement this area of the curriculum. If you do not have any books at home, please access: <a href="https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk">www.oxfordowl.co.uk</a> for free books. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to ask me.

Hello Year 4,

This week for guided reading, I would love it if you could read the same book as last week and read the pages as given below and complete the task.

#### Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

This week, I would like you to read the next 12 pages of your book. If you have finished your book, please read 12 pages of the next book.

I would then like you to be a 'Vocabulary builder'. Can you spot any new words? What do you think they mean? Write this down. Then find what it means on <a href="https://kids.wordsmyth.net/we/">https://kids.wordsmyth.net/we/</a> or another dictionary tool online (if you have a paperback dictionary that's also great!) and write this down next to your prediction of what it meant.

#### Thursday

Attached is a reading explorers task for Thursday. With this task, it would be amazing if you could read the text and then get an adult to quiz you on the questions to ensure you understand what you have read. These answers do not need to be recorded in your red book, just discussed.

#### **Friday**

On our Year 4 page there is a reading comprehension for Friday. Please try your best to answer the questions- if you have any questions, please do ask.

## Vocabulary Builder

Find words that are new, interesting, descriptive or difficult to understand. Record the page number where the word was found. Use the context of the word (the other words in the sentence) to try and figure out the meaning. Use a dictionary to check the meaning. Use a thesaurus to find synonyms for the word to share with the group.

### **Thursday- Reading explorers**

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Please ask your child these questions and they can answer them once they have read the text © If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

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## A Purrrfect Adventure

e may only be a few months old, but Leo the kitten has already proven he has a sense of adventure.

His ordeal began last Thursday when his owners, Mr and Mrs McNee of Longford Street, Edinburgh, decided to help their son, Adam, move house.

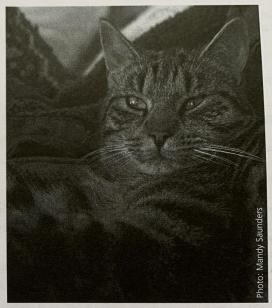
Having no idea that Leo had already crept on board the removal van, it wasn't long before Adam and his belongings were on their 372mile journey to London.

Unaware that an extra passenger was on board, and unable to hear his cries because of the roar of the motorway, it wasn't until the driver reopened the van doors that Leo was found – curled up and snoozing on an old woollen jumper.

"As soon as we couldn't find him we knew he was probably on his way to see the Queen," laughed Mrs McNee

And it's not the first time little Leo has used up one of his nine lives either.

"He gets everywhere," explained Mr McNee, "under the laundry, in next door's pond, on the shed roof. I'm surprised he's not asked for a passport before now!"



Lucky Leo arrives in London

A little shocked but safe after his long journey, Leo arrived in London wanting only a saucer of milk and a bowl of cat food. Adam plans to return Leo to his Mum and Dad the next time he visits Scotland.

Being such an adventurous traveller, I wonder if Leo plans to visit his African cousins in the near future?

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## **A Purrrfect Adventure**

Non-Fiction

## Inferential

## Warm up Questions:

- What is the kitten called? (Leo)
- Where did he travel from? To? (Edinburgh to London)
- How long was the journey? (372 miles)
- What did he travel in? plane car van train boat? (van)
- When did he go missing? (last Thursday)
- Who does Leo belong to? Mr and Mrs McNee or Adam? (Mr and Mrs McNee)

## **Main Questions:**

- Was Mrs McNee worried when she couldn't find Leo? (no – she laughed, made a joke)
- 2. Would Mr McNee feel the same way? (yes he made a joke too)
- 3. Was Leo scared during the journey? (yes cried for help)
- 4. Did the journey make Leo feel tired? (yes found asleep)
- 5. Why do you think the McNees called their kitten Leo? Adam's cousin was called Leo? He is brave like Leo the lion? They named him after Mr McNee?
- 6. Why did nobody notice Leo getting into the removal van? ('crept' suggests sneaking quietly)
- 7. Who do you think Leo's 'African cousins' are in the final paragraph? (lions, leopards and cheetahs big cats)
- 8. What does the fact that people often say cats have nine lives tell us about them? They are adventurous and like to travel a lot? They are clever and can get out of tricky situations?

## **Essential Vocabulary:**

- Is the motorway loud or quiet? (loud)
- What word tells you this? (roar)
- Why do you think the writer uses this word to describe the traffic? (because it is loud and perhaps because the story is about a cat)
- Show your teacher how this might sound.
- How has the writer played with the word 'perfect' in the title? Does this suggest a happy or sad ending? (Purr is the sound a cat makes when it is happy, so it sounds like a happy ending)
- What is 'photo' short for? (photograph) What do we call a person who takes photographs? (photographer) what do you notice about these words?
- Who is the newspaper's photographer? (Mandy Saunders)

## **Evaluative Questions:**

- How do we know this is a newspaper article?
- What type of news story is this? Serious, funny or human interest?
- Did you enjoy reading this newspaper article? Why?
- Why do you think a photograph was included in the article?
- Do you think this article was in a local or national newspaper? (local) What might the newspaper be called?

## **Friday- Comprehension**

Please read the information and then answer the questions- remember to go back through the text to find the answers! Underline or highlight key words if you need to from the question and from the text. Think about what the question is asking you to do- what are the important words that you need to look for?

Please see attached sheets on the home learning tab of 'Year 4' for this weeks comprehension.