

Literacy – Varjak Paw

3.5.21

Monday	BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday	<u>L.O: To write a list poem to describe how the traffic seemed to Varjak.</u> Dogs? Monsters? Draft a list of words, from the text and using your own ideas to describe the cars. Start with a noun and build it up. wheel thick wheel thick, heavy wheel thick, heavy wheel with rattling screws Edit and improve your draft. Can you include figurative language? Adjectives? Powerful verbs? Write your list poem up neatly and add illustrations.
Wednesday SPaG	<u>L.O: to identify the features of direct speech.</u> Read chapter 12 Identify and study the direct speech on pages 11, 18 & 22. Create a set of rules for direct speech – underneath the rules, you need to write 2 examples of direct speech taken from the text. (1) Only spoken words within speech marks (inverted commas) 2) Capital to start speech 3) Punctuation before close of speech 4) New speaker, new line also if the children are ready: 5) Use a comma before speech when it is introduced or at the end of the speech within the inverted commas if the 'she said' comes after.) Brainstorm other words for 'said' Improve the sentences by removing the word 'said' – Write up neatly in books.
Thursday	<u>L.O: To role play Varjak meeting a dog.</u> You are going to imagine that Varjak meets a real dog (as opposed to a car) and attempts to ask the dog for help. What might a street dog look like? Discuss what a street dog may look like and what kind of character it is likely to be if it lives on the street. Write a list of words and phrases to describe. Luckily for Varjak, the dog he meets is not cruel, but he/ she is a bit grumpy and so does eventually agree to help Varjak but asks lots of questions along the way. In groups, role play Varjak meeting a dog. What might he say? Record notes to help you for tomorrow's lesson.
Friday	<u>L.O: To write a new paragraph using direct speech.</u> You are going to be writing a new paragraph where Varjak meets a dog and asks for the dogs help. Aim to show that Varjak gradually befriends the dog... Think back to when Varjak met the stray cat and how she treated Varjak when they first met. E.g. 'Special cat' – mocking him. Use my opening as a starting point or create your own. Varjak took a deep, shaky breath and approached the enormous dog, "Excuse me!" he ventured. "Excuse you?" snorted the dog, "Who are you and why should I excuse you?"