



Birches First School
Believe, Grow, Succeed



School Closure Home Learning

Year 4 Daily Tasks

Date: 22/4/20

Reading – if you have a copy of ‘Bill’s New Frock’ by Anne Fine or ‘The Boy in the Dress’ by David Walliams these were due to be the focus texts for this half term if you wish to read them at home.

Reading task - Summarising

Summarising is an important part of reading. You take the most important ideas in a text and ignore any irrelevant information. It's about taking the central ideas and writing them in a meaningful way. This improves your memory for what is read. Have a go at summarising the first part of chapter one into one paragraph. You can use bullet points if you'd prefer.

Chapter 1 -

A really awful start

When Bill Simpson woke up on Monday morning, he found he was a girl.

He was still standing staring at himself in the mirror, quite baffled, when his mother swept in.

“Why don't you wear this pretty pink dress?” she said.

“I *never* wear dresses,” Bill burst out.

“I know,” his mother said. “It's such a pity.”

And to his astonishment, before he could even begin to argue, she had dropped the dress over his head and zipped up the back.

"I'll leave you to do up the shell buttons," she said "they're a bit fiddly and I'm late for work."

And she swept out, leaving him staring in dismay at the mirror. In it, a girl with his curly red hair and wearing a pretty pink frock with fiddly shell buttons was staring back at him in equal dismay.

"This can't be true," Bill Simpson said to himself. "This cannot be true!"

He stepped out of his bedroom just as his father was rushing past. He, too, was late in getting off to work.

Mr Simpson leaned over and planted a kiss on Bill's cheek.

"Bye, Poppet," he said, ruffling Bill's curls. "You look very sweet today. It's not often we see you in a frock, is it?"

He ran down the stairs and out of the house so quickly he didn't see Bill's scowl, or hear what he muttered savagely under his breath.

Bella the cat didn't seem to notice any difference. She purred and rubbed her soft furry body around his ankles in exactly the same way as she always did.

And Bill found himself spooning up his cornflakes as usual. It was as if he couldn't help it. He left the house at the usual time, too. He didn't seem to have any choice. Things, though odd, were just going on in their own way, as in a dream.

Or it could be a nightmare! For hanging about on the corner was the gang of boys from the other school. Bill recognised the one they called Mean Malcolm in his purple studded jacket.

I think I'll go round the long way instead, Bill thought to himself. I don't want to be tripped up in one of their nasty scuffles, like last week, when all the scabs were kicked off my ankle.

Then Bill heard the most piercing whistle. He looked around to see where the noise was coming from, then realised Mean Malcolm was whistling at him!

Bill Simpson blushes so pink that all his freckles disappeared. He felt so foolish he forgot to turn off at the next corner to go the long way. He ended up walking right past the gang.

Mean Malcolm just sprawled against the railing, whistling at Bill as he went by wearing his pretty pink frock with shell buttons.

Bill Simpson thought to himself: I'd rather have the scabs kicked off my ankle!

When he reached the main road, there was an elderly woman with curly grey hair already standing at the curb. To feel safe from the gang, he stood at her side.

"Give me your hand, little girl," she said. "I'll see us both safely across the road."

"No, really," insisted Bill. "I'm fine, honestly. I cross here everyday by myself."

The woman simply didn't listen. She just reached down and grasped his wrist, hauling him after her across the road.

On the far side, she looked down approvingly as she released him.

"That's such a pretty frock!" she said. "You mind you keep it nice and clean."

Rather than say something disagreeable, Bill ran off quickly.

Writing/SPaG task

1. Which sentence uses Standard English accurately? **Tick one.**

I did my homework last night.

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2. What is underlined in the sentence below? **Tick inside one box.**

I went to see the kind doctor with the glasses and grey hair.

adjectival phrase

adverbial phrase

noun phrase

3. **Add inverted commas** to the **direct speech** in the sentence below.

Come in and sit down quietly, said the teacher.

4. Read this sentence. Which pair of **determiners** would fill the spaces? **Tick one.**

Ian took leaflets from his bag and delivered one to house on the street.

the / an

one / the

the / every

5. Rewrite the sentence below so that it begins with the adverbial phrase. Remember to use the correct punctuation.

I finished the race in last place, panting with exhaustion.

Maths task

Dividing a 2 digit number by a 1 digit number

Parent guidance – please visit the school website for guidance on division. The maths policy can be found under the curriculum tab – mathematics.

1) Use your preferred method to answer the calculations

Complete the divisions.

a) $36 \div 4 =$

$37 \div 4 =$

$38 \div 4 =$

b) $70 \div 5 =$

$71 \div 5 =$

c) $45 \div 3 =$

$46 \div 3 =$

$47 \div 3 =$

d) $92 \div 4 =$

$91 \div 4 =$

Challenge!

a) $585 \div 5 =$

c) $648 \div 4 =$

Indoor extras 😊

- Keep a balloon up in the air – time how long you can do it for
- Make a smoothie
- Play a board game or make your own
- Learn a dance routine
- Play hide and seek