



Birches First School  
Believe, Grow, Succeed

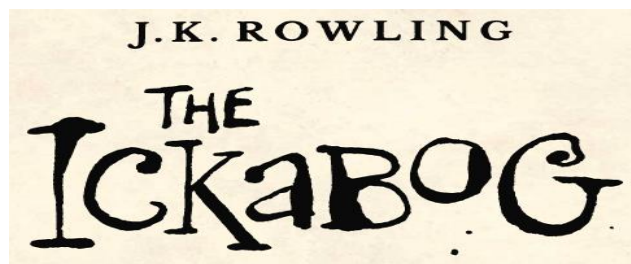


## School Closure Home Learning

### Year 4 Daily Tasks

Date: 3/7/20

#### Reading task – retrieve



#### *Chapter 3 – extract 4 of 4*

And yet, in spite of the two lords' advice, King Fred couldn't be quite easy in his mind. Perhaps he was imagining it, but he thought Lady Eslanda looked particularly serious that day. The servants' smiles seemed colder, and the maids' curtsies a little less deep. As his court feasted that evening with the King of Pluritania, Fred's thoughts kept drifting back to the seamstress, dead on the floor, with the last amethyst button clutched in her hand.

Before Fred went to bed that night, Herringbone knocked on his bedroom door. After bowing deeply, the Chief Advisor asked whether the king was intending to send flowers to Mrs Dovetail's funeral.

'Oh – oh, yes!' said Fred, startled. 'Yes, send a big wreath, you know, saying how sorry I am and so forth. You can arrange that, can't you, Herringbone?'

'Certainly, sire,' said the Chief Advisor. 'And – if I may ask – are you planning to visit the seamstress's family, at all? They live, you know, just a short walk from the palace gates.'

'Visit them?' said the king pensively. 'Oh, no, Herringbone, I don't think I'd like – I mean to say, I'm sure they aren't expecting that.'

Herringbone and the king looked at each other for a few seconds, then the Chief Advisor bowed and left the room.

Now, as King Fred was used to everyone telling him what a marvellous chap he was, he really didn't like the frown with which the Chief Advisor had left. He now began to feel cross rather than ashamed.

'It's a bally pity,' he told his reflection, turning back to the mirror in which he'd been combing his moustaches before bed, 'but after all, I'm the king and she was a seamstress. If I died, I wouldn't have expected *her* to—'

But then it occurred to him that if he died, he'd expect the whole of Cornucopia to stop whatever they were doing, dress all in black and weep for a week, just as they'd done for his father, Richard the Righteous.

'Well, anyway,' he said impatiently to his reflection, 'life goes on.'

He put on his silk nightcap, climbed into his four-poster bed, blew out the candle and fell asleep.

**Answer the following retrieval questions into your books:**

- 1) How would you describe this story so far? What genre is it and how do you know?
- 2) How did the servants and maids act toward Fred after the death?
- 3) Who knocked on the King's door?

4) What is Herringbone's job?

5) Give one example from the text that shows King Fred was "cross rather than ashamed".

### Writing/SPaG task

Today I would like you to look again at the verse that you had a go at writing yesterday. How did you do? Check it against this success criteria –

- I can include powerful verbs and powerful adjectives in my poem
- I can include interesting similes in my poem to describe how the Iron Man looks and moves
- I can include some of the same poetic techniques as the poet (repetition and questions)
- I can include some of the same poetic techniques as the poet (rhyming pattern)

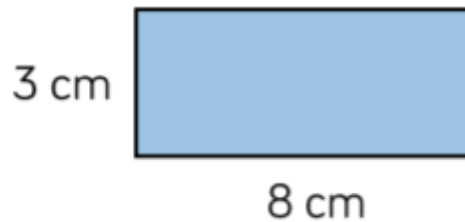
See if there are any improvements that you can make to your verse. When you are happy, attempt another verse today. Remember to look at the original poem to help you and use your descriptive sentences.

## Maths task

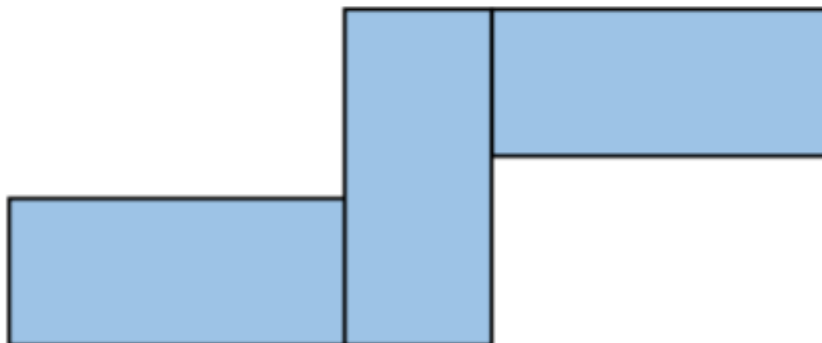
### Measurement – problem solving and reasoning

- 1) Dexter and Rosie walk 15 kilometres altogether for charity.  
Rosie walks double the distance that Dexter walks.  
How far does Dexter walk?

- 2) Amir has some rectangles all the same size.



- He makes this shape using his rectangles.  
What is the perimeter?



3)

Each of the shapes have a perimeter of 16 cm.

Calculate the lengths of the missing sides.



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