

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May

WALT: Learn new vocabulary

Read Part1 of the Story

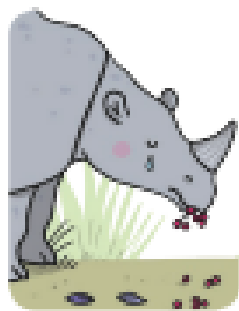
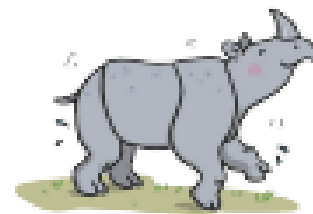
Read the beginning of the story below, remember to Fred talk (sound out) words you don't know and get a parent or carer to read with you. Break up any larger words to help you read the whole word.

'Ronald the Rhino' (free download from twinkl)

## Ronald the Rhino

Ronald the Rhino is so big and strong.  
In the Javan Forest is where he belongs.

His dusky grey skin is very well worn.  
At the front of his head is a beautiful horn.



He eats fallen fruits from the damp forest floor,  
But Ronald is sad; he longs for much more.

"Why am I special?" he says with a tear.  
"I live by myself, I have no friends here."

"All of the animals have a grand trait,  
Something unique that makes them just great."

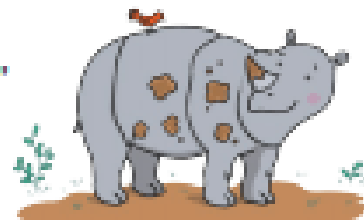
"I've got it!" he cries, with a smile on his face,  
And he wiggles and jiggles all over the place.

"I'll be a leopard with beautiful spots,  
All yellowish fur and dark brownish dots."

Ronald sets off to hatch out his plan,  
And through the dense forest his eyes start to scan.

He soon finds some mud, all sticky and wet.  
"Great!" Ronald says, "I'll have my spots yet!"

He starts right away, painting on patches,  
Using his horn to scoop mud up in batches.



As soon as he's finished, he admires work,  
But high in the trees, Leopard does lurk.



"What are you doing?" Leopard asks  
with a grin.

"You've mud in great patches all over  
your skin!"

"I want to be like you, with spots on my face,  
To sleep in a tree; to run, leap and race!"

"You can't be a leopard, you're too big and grey.  
You're a Javan rhino in every way!"



Ronald looks sad, unsure what to do.  
He lets out a sigh, he's feeling so blue.

"Why am I special?" he says with a tear.  
"I live by myself, I have no friends here."

"All of the animals have a grand trait.  
Leopard has spots that make him just great."

"I've got it!" he cries, with a smile on his face,  
And he wiggles and jiggles all over the place.

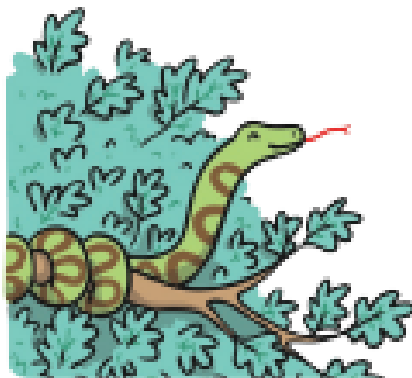
"I'll be a python, my body so strong,  
With smooth patterned skin and a tongue nice and long!"

He starts right away and gets down on  
the ground.

He slides through the mud with a  
terrible sound.



But as Ronald moves, he lets out a wail;  
His body is sore and bent round like a snail.



Out in the bushes, now Python can see  
What the young rhino is trying to be.

"Why are you moving around like a  
snake?"

Your back is all bent; I saw your  
legs shake!"

Think about and discuss the story so far:

- What does the Rhino want to do?
- Have you noticed a pattern in the text at the end of each line?
- What do you think will happen next?