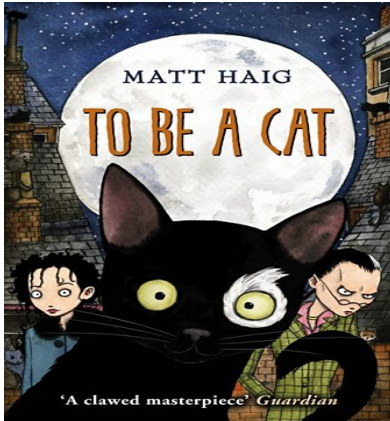


Wednesday 1st July 2020

Guided reading – WALT - make predictions about a story.

Happy Wednesday little readers. Today we are going to continue to use the novel *To Be a Cat* to support us in our learning.



Yesterday you read an extract of the story then you thought about the relationship between the writer (Matt Haig) and the reader. You identified the examples of dialogue that had an impact on you and why.

Today we are going to read another extract of the story in order to make predictions.

Read the text below.

This was his bed. This was his room. But everything had grown beyond all possibility.

The wardrobe was the size of a house. The bedside lamp peered down at him like some strange armless robot. The door was miles away. And the school uniform which hung over his chair belonged to a giant.

Next he saw something which made even less sense.

His hands, or his feet – he couldn't tell which – were entirely covered with hair. And they were fingerless. Toeless. He turned his head to see what he

had only felt so far. A tail. Curled into a quivering kind of question mark, as though the rest of his body was a query wanting an answer.

It was impossible.

He was still Barney. His 'Barney-ness' was still there in his head, his mind still the same bulging suitcase of memories and emotions. But at the same time he already knew he wasn't him at all. He was something else.

Something so impossible that he thought this had to be a dream, like the one he'd had about his father.

He blinked, and then blinked some more. No. There was no doubt about it. He was awake.

Indeed, he was as awake as he had ever been. So, to his horror, he had to believe what his eyes were telling him, and what the black hair and the tail and the paws were telling him. And what they were telling him was this: he may have gone to bed human, but he had woken up unquestionably, unmistakably, unimaginably cat.

TASK -

Can you predict what might happen based on this extract?

Re-read Extract and think about the ending. As the reader, we know now that Barney has been turned into a cat overnight. We also know that the title of the book is, '*To Be a Cat.*'

- What do you think will happen in this book?
- First of all, what do you think will happen in the next chapter?
- Then what do you think will happen in the rest of the book?

Use these headings as a starting point to write down some of your predictions and thoughts:

- I think _ because _____
- I hope *because* _____
- I wonder if _____
- I don't think *because* _____
- I wouldn't be surprised if _____
- I doubt _