

Tuesday 9th/16th June 2020

WALT explore new vocabulary in a text

Good morning Year 6. We would love to see what you have been reading and the work you have been doing. Here is the link for our padlet page:

<https://padlet.com/abroomfield/f540mp88k4bzzjwe>

Oxford Owl

1. Go to <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-school/default>
2. Log in using your login details.
3. Go to 'e-book library'.
4. Select books for 9-11 year olds.
5. Find the correct book.

This week, we are going to read another e-book together: *Animal Tails*, retold by *Geraldine McCaughrean*.

This is the front cover:



Task 1

Today, we'd like you to read through the story called 'All Aboard' It is the second story in the book (pages 14-21). The first 2 pages of it look like this:

All Aboard

Cats don't like water. So you'd think they would have been first aboard. When the world was swallowed up by water, and there stood this huge wooden ship, gangplank down and Noah beckoning the animals aboard, you'd expect the cats to be already curled up in the warmest corner of the ark.

But no. Because when the flood came, there were no cats. It happened in the Pre-Cat Age. Hard to imagine, but there you are.

Noah did not pick or choose his passengers. He had been told to take two of everything.

You and I might have left behind the scorpions, millipedes, tarantulas and asps, but Noah invited two of everybody ...

Except rats.

Rats nibble and gnaw. They gnaw and nibble. They also breed. Between the first flash of lightning and bang of thunder, two rats squeezed under the door, uninvited. Before the treetops were underwater, two dozen rats were scampering and scuttling, nibbling and gnawing and breeding. They ate the food meant for other animals. They left their droppings in everyone's bed. But worst of all, they gnawed and nibbled the ark itself.



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What do you think the story could be about by looking at the title and the pictures on the first page?

As you read through the story, try to figure out what the story is about. Where is it set? Who are the characters? Is it based on a real story or is it completely fictional?

Task 2

Make a note of any words that are unfamiliar, or you don't know. Use an online dictionary to look up the meanings.

<https://kids.wordsmyth.net/we/>

You might notice these words:

Gangplank (noun)

Beckoning (verb)

Asps (noun)

Gnaw (verb)

Breeding (verb)

Chaff (noun)

Amphibious (adjective)

Task 3

Write a sentence using each of the words. Do they make sense? Read them aloud. Read them to a partner. Read them to another person in your household.