

Year 5 English Activities – Week Commencing 6.7.20

For the next few weeks, Year 5's English work will be based on a story called 'The Ickabog' by J.K. Rowling.

J.K. Rowling is releasing the story a few chapters at a time online and is holding a competition where children have the chance to have their illustrations featured in the book when it is published in November.

Use the video on the Year 5/6 Homework page to upload your illustrations and work to Purple Mash so Miss Staines and Miss Jones can see what you have done.

Monday

Click on this link to read Chapters 24 and 25 of the Ickabog:

<https://www.theickabog.com/the-bandalore/>

<https://www.theickabog.com/lord-spittleworths-problem/>

Task- Use Chapters 24 and 25 to answer the following questions:

1. Why did the birthday tea not start well?
2. What topic did Mr Dovetail bring up? How did this make Mrs Beamish feel?
3. Why had Bert not eaten Hopes of Heavens for a long time?
4. In the text, it mentions that children were becoming 'hollow-cheeked'. Why was this happening?
5. What does Tubby Tenderloin do? Why?
6. What does Cankerby mean when he said that 'some would say that's valuable information'?

'Well, of course it's treason!' said Spittleworth. 'Who dares say such things, in the very shadow of the palace? Which of the king's servants dares question the king's word?'
'Well... as to that...' said Cankerby, shuffling his feet. 'Some would say that's valuable information, some would—'

7. Why has the author punctuated the name Dan in the manner below?

'It's D-D-Dan Dovetail!' said the footman.

8. What did Spittleworth mean when he said Cankerby happens to hear a lot of things?

'You happen to hear a lot of things, don't you, Cankerby?'
commented Spittleworth, feeling in his waistcoat for some gold. 'Very well. Here are ten ducats for you.'

9. Why did Spittleworth want to know what Mr Dovetail does for a living?

Tuesday

Click on this link to read Chapters 26 and 27 of the Ickabog:

<https://www.theickabog.com/a-job-for-mr-dovetail/>

<https://www.theickabog.com/kidnapped/>

Task 1- Predict what the highlighted words in yellow mean and then use a dictionary or the internet to find out the correct definitions.

Word to look up	Predicted meaning in this context	Dictionary definition
Half a dozen soldiers were loitering outside the door,		
And with that, Roach cut the rope binding Mr Dovetail's wrists.		
The sugar-sweet air of Chouxville was gone, replaced by the green, loamy smell of the countryside.		
He seemed to see his niece Rosie in his mind's eye, pleading for her life.		
Her frantic mind kept returning to her father.		
Private Prodd had remembered an old woman who lived on the outskirts of Jeroboam.		
The more children she packed into her tumbledown hovel , the more wine she could afford.		

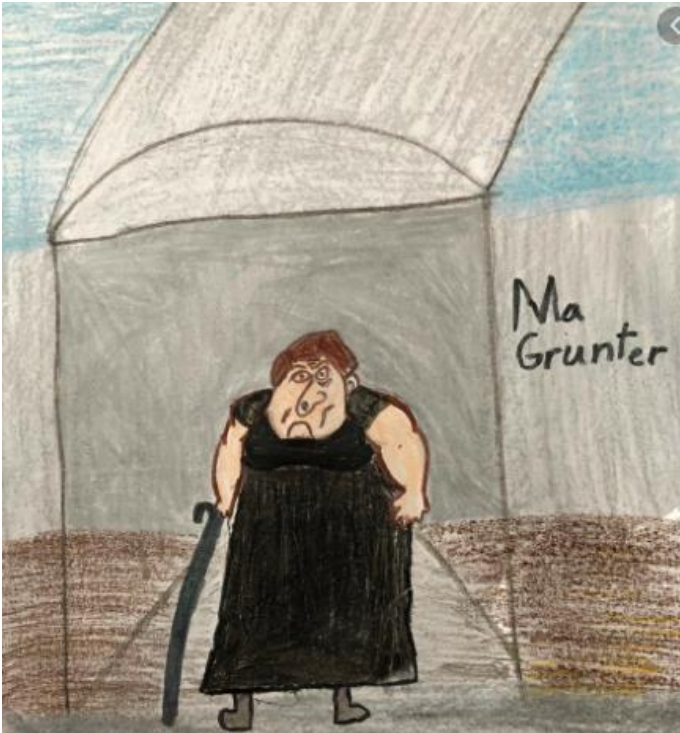
Wednesday

Click on this link to read Chapter 28 of the Ickabog:

<https://www.theickabog.com/ma-grunter/>

Task 1- Use these images and the description from the text to draw an illustration of Ma Grunter.

'Blinking in the sudden light, Daisy found herself in a narrow, rather dirty hallway, face-to-face with a very ugly old woman who was dressed all in black, a large brown wart with hairs growing out of it on the tip of her nose.'



Click on this link to read Chapters 29 and 30 of the Ickabog:

<https://www.theickabog.com/mrs-beamish-worries/>

<https://www.theickabog.com/the-foot/>

Task 2- Write a diary entry from either Daisy or Mr Dovetail's point of view.

Option 1- Pretend that you are Daisy. Write a diary entry from her point of view, summarising the events of chapter 28 and your feelings about these events.

Paragraph 1- Meeting Ma Grunter and hiding in the attic.

Paragraph 2- Coming down from the attic and meeting Martha.

Option 2- Pretend that you are Mr Dovetail. Write a diary entry from his point of view, summarising the events of chapter 30 and your feelings about these events.

Paragraph 1- Making the foot and singing in the dungeons.

Paragraph 2- What happened when you showed Spittleworth the finished foot.

Thursday

Click on this link to read Chapters 31, 32 and 33 of the Ickabog:

<https://www.theickabog.com/disappearance-of-a-butcher/>

<https://www.theickabog.com/a-flaw-in-the-plan/>

<https://www.theickabog.com/king-fred-is-worried/>

Task- People are starting to question the Ickabog tax and what the money is used for.

Today, you are going to create a poster persuading and influencing people that the Ickabog is real and they need to keep paying the Ickabog tax.

Here are some reasons why people should believe the Ickabog is real and why they still need to pay the Ickabog tax that you could include on your poster:

- King Fred saw the Ickabog, it is treason to question what the King believes.
- If you do not believe in the Ickabog, you will be thrown in the dungeons or your family will be harmed.
 - Major Beamish and poor Nobby Buttons were killed by the Ickabog.
- The Ickabog has been attacking people throughout Cornucopia, so we need to protect the cities to stop this from happening again.

Friday

Click on this link to read Chapters 34 and 35 of the Ickabog:

<https://www.theickabog.com/three-more-feet/>

<https://www.theickabog.com/lord-spittleworths-proposal/>

Task- Use chapters 34 and 35 to answer the following questions:

1. What does Spittleworth ask Roach to do? Why has he asked him to do this?
2. Do you think Spittleworth will let Mr Dovetail out when he has made the wooden feet?
3. What does Spittleworth ask the two soldiers to do? Why do you think he has asked them to do this?
4. What does Spittleworth ask Millicent (Lady Eslanda's maid) to tell Lady Eslanda's friends?
5. What happened to Millicent? Why did no one try to help her?
6. Chapter 35 is named 'Lord Spittleworth's Proposal'. What is Lord Spittleworth's proposal?
7. How does Lady Eslanda feel about Lord Spittleworth's proposal? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.
8. What does Spittleworth threaten Lady Eslanda with to try and force her to marry him?
9. What does Spittleworth finally say he is going to do with Lady Eslanda?