

## **Year 5 English Activities – Week Commencing 13.7.20**

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**

**Task 1-** Chapter 36 is called 'Cornucopia Hungry'. Why do you think the chapter has been given this name?

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Click on this link to read Chapter 36 of the Ickabog:  
<https://www.theickabog.com/cornucopia-hungry/>

**Task 2-** Compare Cornucopia at the start of the story and at this point of the story. What are the similarities and differences?

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Click on this link to read Chapters 37 and 38 of the Ickabog:  
<https://www.theickabog.com/daisy-and-the-moon/>  
<https://www.theickabog.com/lord-spittleworth-comes-to-call/>

**Task 3-** Use Chapters 37 and 38 to answer the following questions:

Why does Daisy keep wearing her overalls?

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At the start of the chapter, what does Daisy believe about her father? How does this differ from her beliefs later on in the chapter?

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**Tuesday**

Click on this link to read Chapter 39 of the Ickabog:  
<https://www.theickabog.com/bert-and-the-ickabog-defence-brigade/>

**Task 1-** Today, you are going to pretend you are someone that lives up north who has become poor since having to pay the Ickabog tax.

You are going to write a letter to a relative who lives in Chouxville telling them about the problems you are facing and the struggles you are going through.

Think about these things when you write your letter.

Which city do you live in?  
Jeroboam, Baronstown or  
Kurdsburg?

What business do you own?  
Tavern or inn (Jeroboam)  
Butchers (Baronstown)  
Cheesemongers (Kurdsburg)

What is happening to your business?  
Why?  
What effect is this having on your  
family?

Do you have children?  
What have you had to do  
with these children?

What happens to people who question  
the existence of The Ickabog?

How are you feeling?

Click on this link to read Chapter 40 of the Ickabog:  
<https://www.theickabog.com/bert-finds-a-clue/>

**Task 2-** What do you think Bert will realise when he examines the foot from his Ickabog toy?

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**Task 3-** Predict (guess) the meaning of each of the highlighted words. Then, use a dictionary or the internet to find the correct meaning.

Word to look up	Predicted meaning in this context	Dictionary definition
Mrs Beamish turned to look at her son, and saw her <b>suspicious</b> reflected in his face.		
'I want to come too,' said Bert, because a strange feeling of <b>foreboding</b> had come over him.		
She knew how Cankerby the footman liked to <b>lurk</b> in the shadows.		
'Excellent joke, Your Majesty, why, I think I've split my pantaloons!' <b>guffawed</b> Flapoon.		
Both lords stopped talking. Their footsteps also <b>ceased</b> .		
The two lords moved closer and peered down at her palm, and the perfect, tiny <b>replica</b> of the huge feet the Dark Footers were using.		
Bert ran barefooted from doorway to doorway, carrying his shoes, hiding in shadowy <b>alcoves</b> .		

Click on this link to read Chapters 44, 45, 46 and 47 of the Ickabog:

- <https://www.theickabog.com/mrs-beamish-fights-back/>
- <https://www.theickabog.com/bert-in-jeroboam/>
- <https://www.theickabog.com/the-tale-of-roderick-roach/>
- <https://www.theickabog.com/down-in-the-dungeons/>



Click on this link to read Chapters 51, 52, 53, 54, 55 and 56 of the Ickabog:

<https://www.theickabog.com/inside-the-cave/>

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

<https://www.theickabog.com/the-mysterious-monster/>

<https://www.theickabog.com/the-song-of-the-ickabog/>

<https://www.theickabog.com/spittleworth-offends-the-king/>

<https://www.theickabog.com/the-dungeon-plot/>



## Friday

Click on this link to read Chapters 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63 and 64 of the Ickabog:

<https://www.theickabog.com/daisys-plan/>  
<https://www.theickabog.com/hetty-hopkins/>  
<https://www.theickabog.com/back-to-geroboam/>  
<https://www.theickabog.com/rebellion/>  
<https://www.theickabog.com/flapoon-fires-again/>  
<https://www.theickabog.com/the-bornding/>  
<https://www.theickabog.com/lord-spittleworths-last-plan/>  
<https://www.theickabog.com/cornucopia-again/>

**Task-** Today, you will be writing a book review about The Ickabog.

You will need to form opinions about the book and give reasons for your opinions.

The questions you will be answering are:

- What is the book about?
- What was your favourite part of the book? Why?
- Who was your favourite character in the book? Why?
- Would you recommend this book to someone? Why?
  - Did you like the book? Why?

I want you to be creative. Set out your book review however you would like, but there are some rules.

You must:

- Answer the questions in order.
- Write out the question you are answering and then write your answer underneath.
  - Answer the questions in full sentences.
  - Always give reasons for your answers.

Here is a book review of War Horse to give you ideas on how to set it out and things you could write.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April

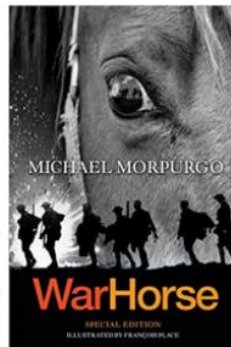
Form personal opinions about a text.  
Write a book review about the book War Horse.

Title: War Horse

Author: Michael Morpurgo

What is the book about?

The book War Horse is narrated by a young horse called Joey. When he is a colt, Joey is bought at auction by the father of a boy called Albert and as a young horse, Joey works on the family's farm. When war is declared, Albert's father sells Joey to the army and Joey is sent to fight for the British in France. Unfortunately, during a battle, Joey and another horse called Tophorn (Joey's best friend) are captured by the Germans. During his time with the Germans, Joey works, pulling an ambulance cart from the front line to the hospital. When the war moves on, Joey and Tophorn live with a young girl called Emily and her grandfather. Sadly, after a year, Joey and Tophorn are needed for the war effort again and are used to pull a hefty, heavy gun. While doing this job, Tophorn becomes ill and dies which breaks Joey's heart. Joey refuses to leave Tophorn and stays by his side until he is forced away by tanks and explosions. Joey finds himself in no man's land and after a peaceful exchange between a German and Welsh soldier, he is taken to a British veterinary hospital, where he is reunited with Albert (his owner from Devon). When the war ends, all the horses from the veterinary hospital are to be sold at auction and Joey is bought by Emily's grandfather who then decides to sell Joey to Albert. The story ends with Joey and Albert living happily together in Devon.



Who was your favourite character in the book? Why?

My favourite character in the book was Tophorn because he always took care of Joey. He was a brave, loyal horse who always stood by his best friend and looked after him dearly. I was devastated when Tophorn died because it meant Joey was alone and no longer had Tophorn's strength to help him through the dark days of the war.



Would you recommend this book to someone? Why?

I would recommend this book to my friends because I believe this is a book that they would enjoy. I would especially recommend the book to my best friend Amy because she is very interested in the topic of World War 1.

Did you like the book? Why?

Overall, I thoroughly enjoyed the book. I thought the book was full of action and there was never a dull moment in the story. I also liked the message of friendship and loyalty that ran throughout the book, especially the incredibly close and loving friendships between Joey and Albert and Joey and Tophorn. I would definitely like to read more books by the author – Michael Morpurgo – in the future.



What was your favourite part of the book?

My favourite part of the book was when Albert and Joey were finally reunited. This was my favourite part because Albert had promised Joey that he would find him and this was the heartfelt, emotional moment when the two best friends were together for the first time in years.