

Wordfest 2018: whole-school story

Miss Swain	<p>Jim awoke at seven, as usual.</p> <p>He rolled over on to his back and took a moment to study the delicate shadows the first rays of sunshine had cast across his ceiling. Inhaling deeply, he stretched his arms and legs out as far as he could and let out a huge yawn. He let his body relax momentarily, then repeated the stretch two more times. This was how he had begun every new day for as long as he could remember, and this morning was no exception.</p> <p>He could just make out the familiar sounds of Grannie Elsie's radio show though the floorboards of his little box room above the kitchen. Shortly, he would journey downstairs and help prepare their breakfast. <i>Scrambled eggs on toast today</i>, he thought to himself. He swung his legs over the side of the bed and padded across to the window. He drew back the curtains and inspected the day, as usu-</p> <p>But there was nothing <i>usual</i> about what met his gaze that morning, for that's when little Jim Patch's life took a decidedly funny turn.</p>
3CS	<p>Jim could see an ugly, hairy, four-eyed monster!</p> <p>He ran downstairs and had a quick drink of super-power milk before running outside to try to kill the monster. As he opened the back door, he realised there was total silence. It was as though the world had been muted.</p> <p>Jim paused. Suddenly, there was a loud scream! He fell to the ground covering his ears. Something caught his eye. Jim turned. He saw a huge, hairy foot trying to kick him.</p> <p>Jim grabbed at the ankle and before he knew what was happening, he and the monster were both shooting into space.</p>

2SN	<p>They whizzed past the planets until they came to the edge of a black hole. Five, three-eyed, green and gloopy space aliens appeared from nowhere and picked them up. They were thrown into the black hole.</p> <p>Jim had never been without his parents before. He was petrified.</p> <p>Inside the black hole, everything was dark. Each alien had three eyes focused on Jim. They were watching that he didn't try to escape.</p> <p>Suddenly, from the centre of the darkness, Jim could see a tiny circle of light. It grew and grew. Jim strained his eyes to look into the brightness. He could see animals. Lots and lots of animals.</p>
5AB	<p>Jim realised that there was something strange about the animals. They were all the wrong colour – the sheep were blue and looked like they were chiselled from rock; the cows were bright yellow; purple, scaly kittens wandered around their feet.</p> <p>And something else wasn't right. The blue sheep moo-ed, the kittens roared. Jim thought that the aliens must have copied animals from earth, but their experiments had gone wrong.</p> <p>Jim didn't have time to think about what it all meant. He suddenly realised that he was being chased by a sheep with razor-sharp teeth.</p> <p>He ran. He couldn't see where he was going, but luckily, the black hole suddenly spat Jim out.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">IKL</p>	<p>Jim fell through the sky. He could see the earth below him. Two of the alien animals were falling nearby.</p> <p>As the three of them reached the earth's atmosphere, the blue sheep and purple kitten turned, magically, into normal animals. Jim felt immediate relief. He'd been so worried about the sheep's sharp teeth! He grabbed hold of the animals, tucking one under each arm.</p> <p>And there was more good luck to come. As they sank towards the land below, Jim spotted an amazing sight: a beautiful, rainbow-coloured hot air balloon.</p> <p>From the balloon's basket, a girl with long, curly hair looked at them through binoculars. Freya was an innovative, brave and caring girl. She wanted to help this boy and his strange pets.</p> <p>Freya dropped her binoculars into the basket, and reached down for a rope. She worked quickly, tying the rope into a lasso and swirling it towards Jim and the animals.</p> <p>With amazing aim, she caught hold of them. She used every bit of her strength to pull the unusual group towards the balloon. She hauled them to the edge of the basket, and Jim used his feet to scramble over its edge. Jim, the sheep and kitten landed in the basket with a thud.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">4NA</p>	<p>They landed the balloon near a waterfall where reactive chemical ore was emitting gamma rays.</p> <p>Out of nowhere, a wrecking ball swung towards them. They timed their escape and jumped out of the balloon's basket before the wrecking ball returned.</p> <p>But they weren't safe yet! A rustling sound came from the bushes. Jim and Freya turned. They saw a giant taco emerging from the leaves.</p>

	<p>They ate a little bit of the taco. To eat it all would have taken them a month!</p> <p>The nibbled taco ran after them, but Jim and Freya, the sheep and kitten, darted into a cave and rolled a huge rock in front of its opening. Freya spotted a flint and lit a small fire to light the cave.</p> <p>Out of the gloom emerged a terrifying sight. A fierce giant panther was staring back at them. Before they had time to be terrified, he spoke to them: "I am here to help you," he reassured them.</p> <p>And he was true to his word. Together, they pushed the rock from the cave's entrance and the panther helped them by gobbling up the giant taco.</p> <p>Jim and Freya thanked him for his help, and together with the sheep and kitten, they darted down a path in the bushes.</p> <p>After running for some time, they reached a castle. Too late to avoid his gaze, they are spotted by a giant.</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">3EG</p>	<p>The giant chased them around the edge of the castle. As they ran, they fell down a dark slide. At the bottom, they met a silent ninja who lead them to the castle kitchen.</p> <p>Inside the kitchen, there was a wonderful smell of freshly baked unicorn biscuits. Jim, Freya, the sheep and kitten could not resist. They all nibbled the delicious biscuits. They could not believe what happened next! The four of them grew and grew, turning into giants themselves!</p> <p>In her panic to find a way out, Freya's clothes got caught on a sharp hook on the kitchen wall. Jim looked for something to help free her. In a cupboard he found a jet pack, and as he lifted it out, hundreds of spiders fell to the floor. Freya jumped at the sight. She didn't usually mind spiders, but hundreds of moving black legs had given her quite a shock! Fortunately, jumping meant that she had freed herself from the hook.</p>

<h1>RJW</h1>	<p>Now that they were both free, and without a better idea of how to fix the mess they found themselves in, Jim and the others decided to eat more of the unicorn biscuits. It worked. But it worked too well! Now they were the size of a penny.</p> <p>They scrambled across the floor to a low window ledge, and climbing on, saw they a peregrine falcon. They climbed onto his back and held tight to his feathers as he swooped through the sky.</p> <p>The peregrine falcon settled on the edge of a beach, and Jim, Freya and the animals jumped down. Jim couldn't believe what was in front of him: it was a tiny bottle with a message inside. He put it into his tiny pocket and caught up with the others as they looked into a rockpool.</p> <p>The rockpool had a tiny fish school inside, and Freya decided that she really wanted to explore. Jim tried to tell her about the message inside the bottle, but Freya had jumped in, so that would have to wait.</p>
<h1>RCW</h1>	<p>In the rockpool, the little fish were gathering around ready for the class register. They answered "Yes, Mrs Ward" as the teacher fish called their names.</p> <p>Next, they did some counting with seashells and then they played fish tag and dinos at playtime.</p> <p>Freya and Jim said goodbye, and along with the sheep and kitten, jumped out of the rockpool. On the sand, they found a mini vegetarian unicorn.</p> <p>Jim reached into his pocket, opened the bottle and read the message. It was a spell: 'We are really mini So let's do a little shimmy One, two, three, four Let's grow a bit more.'</p> <p>Jim, Freya, the sheep, the kitten, and the vegetarian unicorn were back to normal size!</p>

1CM	<p>Jim and Freya said goodbye to the sheep and kitten, who were both really happy to be at the seaside. They jumped on the unicorn's back and flew up into the clouds.</p> <p>Suddenly, Freya slipped off the unicorn. "Uh oh," she exclaimed as she fell lower and lower. She was worried and scared.</p> <p>Jim and the unicorn twirled in the clouds and swooped in to catch her just before she landed in the leaves of a tree below.</p>
4SL	<p>They missed each other. She really hurt herself as she scraped her arm on a branch. Someone on the ground, a boy called Robert, shouted out to check that she was okay.</p> <p>The unicorn was swooping through the sky with its blue sparkly eyes and a blur of pink fluffy tail. Jim was no longer on unicorn's back. Where had he gone?</p>
5KW	<p>He'd fallen into a cloud where a portal took him to unicorn land.</p> <p>Meanwhile, Freya and Robert had found a tree that took them up to unicorn land. They were happy to be reunited and made plans for their next adventure.</p>