

Homework Tasks (Year 6):

- **Comprehension:** Please complete – and mark – ‘The Woodsman’ on pg.2 and 3 of this file. Answers can be found on pg.4. Your responses should be recorded in your Homework Jotter provided by school.
- **GPS:** Please read ‘Cornish Spriggan’ on pg.5 of this file then answer – and mark – the ‘Text’ and ‘Punctuation’ questions on pg.6 and 7. Answers can be found on pg.8. Please use these to help work out how to answer any questions you are unsure about. Your responses should be recorded in your Homework Jotter provided by school.

***Please ensure your completed homework is handed in at school on
Wednesday 7th February.***

- **Spelling:** A spelling test on **Spring 1 Week 4** list of words will take place next **Friday**. The list of words is available separately on the Woodpecker Class page of the school website. Please log onto Spelling Shed to support practice at home.
- **Multiplication Facts:** A test of a variety of multiplication facts will take place every **Thursday**. Please practise all facts up to 12 x 12.
- **Reading:** You are expected to do **at least 20 minutes** of independent reading at home, **every day**. *Please remember to log all new books read – both those at home and at school – in our class reading log as there are no home reading records in Woodpecker Class:*

The Woodsman

For many years, the woodsmen of the forest led very simple lives. They'd head out each morning and chop down trees for firewood, timber and whatever other uses the villagers could think of for their produce. Other than the occasional accident with an axe or the sighting of a rare red-billed warbler, their days were uneventful.

That all changed one day recently when a bustling young girl, full of vim and vigour, set out on an errand to deliver a basket of lovely food to her convalescing grandmother. She'd recently injured her ankle on a skiing trip and had been told by the doctor to rest up for a while. Of course, she'd fretted about her house going to rack and ruin and who was going to fetch Mrs Dawkin's medicine from the pharmacy, and so on. So, her granddaughter had promised to take care of all that for her.

There's not much point telling you that side of the story, you already know it. Perhaps less well-known is the story of Hank, the woodsman.

On that fateful day, Hank had set out, as usual, to meet the other lumberjacks in the great clearing on the far side of the forest. He'd eaten his breakfast like any other day and was in such a chipper mood that he whistled his way to work. It was around about lunchtime that his life took a turn for the unexpected.

All of the lumberjacks were sat down around the clearing, eating their sandwiches when a young girl, dressed all in red, came screaming through the trees.

"You must come quickly," she hollered when she'd recovered her breath. "There's a terrible wolf that's eaten my grandmother."

"I'm a lumberjack, and I'm okay right here," said the head woodsman. "I cut down trees..."

But before the lumberjack could finish, Hank stepped in and offered to help. Later on, he wasn't sure why he'd done it, but soon he was following the young girl back through the forest to her grandmother's house.

It didn't take him long to subdue the wolf and release the grandmother from his stomach (you



don't want to know how) but, by then, the press photographers had arrived and began to cause a scene.

The headlines ran for weeks about the heroic woodsman who saved the injured granny. There were offers to appear on talk shows on the television and to star in movies. Within a year, Hank had forgotten about his old life and was living in a mansion somewhere in the hills. Long gone were the days whistling in the woods.

Soon, people moved on to other things. There was a fox who'd caught a runaway gingerbread man and stopped his rampage. Now he was the star of the hour, and Hank had been forgotten.

He moved back with his family to the woods where it had all started. If you head there now, you can sometimes see him whistling away as he chops down trees. But, whatever you do, don't ask him about the wolf.

RETRIEVAL FOCUS

1. What was the lumberjack's name?
2. Which bird did the woodsmen occasionally spot?
3. What did the grandmother collect for Mrs Dawkin?
4. True or false: The grandmother injured herself rock-climbing.
5. What kind of offers did Hank get?

VIPERS QUESTIONS

V

Find a word that tells you the man defeated the wolf.

V

Find and copy a phrase that describes how much energy Little Red Riding Hood had.

S

What happened to Hank after the fox ate the gingerbread man?

S

Hank's fortunes change over the story. Summarise the different stages?

I

Is there any evidence that Hank is happy again at the end of the story? Explain.

Answers - The Woodsman:

1. Hank
2. Red-billed warbler
3. Her medicine
4. False - it was skiing
5. To appear on talk shows and in movies

V: Subude(d)

V: Full of vim and vigour

S: People forgot about him and he stopped being famous

S: At the beginning, Hank is happy as a woodsman. In the middle of the story he is a famous celebrity with lots of things. By the end, he has gone back to being a simple woodsman.

I: He is whistling again in the woods which tells us that he might be happy again.

Cornish Spriggan

The rolling hills and tin mines of Cornwall have long been home to strange myths and legends. Perhaps none are more mysterious than the spiteful Spriggan of West Penwith.

A hideous hobgoblin, or perhaps more of a dark fairy, the Spriggan has a habit of playing vicious tricks on unwary travellers. Whether it's luring them into marshes or off the edge of cliffs, unwary visitors to this area would do well to ignore the creature's advice.

Trickery is not Spriggan's only vice. It is not above theft, either. Whether that is stealing property or even the newborn infants in the village, the Spriggan will steal the lot. When a baby is taken, a changeling is left in its place to trick the parents. It has been said that many a child raised by human parents was, in fact, a pixie changeling brought by the Spriggan.

FOCUS ON - TEXT

1 Match each paragraph to its theme.

1 st paragraph
2 nd paragraph
3 rd paragraph

Performs tricks on people.
Removing property or exchanging children.
Where it lives.

2 Identify the different verb tenses.

sentence	present	present perfect
The rolling hills and tin mines of Cornwall have long been home to strange myths and legends.		
It has been said that many a child raised by human parents was a pixie changeling.		
Trickery is not Spriggan's only vice.		

3 Insert a conjunction into the sentence below.

The Spriggan has a habit of playing vicious tricks on unwary travellers _____ it loves to see the reaction on peoples' faces.



FOCUS ON - PUNCTUATION

1 Insert the missing comma and hyphen.

The Spriggan is a hideous trick playing hobgoblin.

2 Replace the commas with a different set of punctuation marks.

A hideous hobgoblin, or perhaps more of a dark fairy, the Spriggan has a habit of playing vicious tricks on unwary travellers.

3 Re-write the sentence to show that there is more than one Spriggan.

Trickery is not the Spriggan's only vice.

4 Identify whether the apostrophe is possessive or a contraction.

word	possessive apostrophe	contraction apostrophe
it's		
creature's		
Spriggan's		



Answers - Cornish Spriggan

TEXT

1. Paragraph 1 – Where it lives.

Paragraph 2 – Performs tricks on people.

Paragraph 3 – Removing property or exchanging children.

2. have long been — present perfect

has been said — present perfect

is — present

3. The Spriggan has a habit of playing vicious jokes on unwary travellers _____ it loves to see the reaction of peoples' faces.

E.g. because, due to the fact, as, etc...

PUNCTUATION

1. The Spriggan is a hideous, trick-playing hobgoblin.

2. A hideous hobgoblin (or perhaps more of a dark fairy) the Spriggan has a habit of playing vicious tricks on unwary travellers. OR

A hideous hobgoblin — or perhaps more of a dark fairy — the Spriggan has a habit of playing vicious tricks on unwary travellers

3. Trickery is not the Spriggans' only vice.

4. it's = contraction

creature's = possessive

Spriggan's = possessive