

## Homework Tasks (Year 6):

- **Comprehension:** Please complete – and mark – ‘Disgruntled Police Officer’ 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 ‘Big Grey Man’ on pg.5 of this file then answer – and mark – the ‘Word’ and ‘Sentence’ 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 17<sup>th</sup> January.***

- **Spelling:** A spelling test on **Spring 1 Week 1** 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:*



## Disgruntled Police Officer

When Marjory stepped into my office this morning, I could tell something was wrong by the look on her face. She slapped a case file down on my desk and turned and left without even a “Good morning” - very unlike her. I should’ve known then that the day was going to go down the pan.

The file wasn’t very thick. They never are when they first come to me. It’s my job to fill them up with evidence and interviews and so on. I picked it up and smelled the cardboard - an old good luck charm that I picked up from my partner, years ago. Nothing beats the smell of manila in the morning. I flicked it open, nearly knocking over a cup of cold coffee left on the desk by the night shift. A pair of big blue eyes stared up at me. I’d seen those eyes before.

“She’s back, then?” said a familiar voice behind me. I spun my chair around and stood up to address my partner, Arthur Doyle. We’d been chasing this brigand for years. Her pale blond hair had earned her a nickname amongst us all: Goldilocks. “What’s she done this time?” Arthur asked me.

“It looks like she’s done over a house in the woods. The owners came back from a morning stroll to find everything all over the place. She’d even eaten their porridge, Doyle. What kind of monster does that?” I replied. I didn’t wait for another comment from him; instead, I snatched up my badge and the manila folder and set out for the house in the woods.

By the time we arrived at the crime scene, the officers had taped it off, and the usual gawping crowd were being kept at arm’s length. At least we’d be able to go about our job in peace and quiet, it seemed.

I’ve seen some horrible things in this job: gingerbread men brought to life and set loose on the town; grandmothers eaten by wolves; princesses sent to sleep for a hundred years, but I’ve not seen much worse than the carnage I found in that house today.

The walls of the kitchen were dripping with cold porridge, obviously thrown in a temper. A splintered rocking chair sat forlornly in the middle of the living room, its owner stood sobbing gently while her mother tried to calm her down. Even the beds were in disarray. Blankets and quilts



had been cast aside in Goldilocks' fury and, once again, the smallest bed had been broken into pieces.

Doyle and I did our best, collecting evidence and taking pictures; all the while, my blood was boiling at the thought of somebody breaking into the house of these unfortunate bears and stomping on their lives.

It's protocol in these instances to interview the victims, so we spent a good hour talking to Mummy Bear and Daddy Bear. We left Baby Bear alone: she'd been through enough. We were just about finished when the call came through on the radio that Goldilocks had been apprehended. She'd been caught trying to scale a beanstalk on a tipoff that there was treasure at the top. Some people never learn.

They're bringing her into the station now. We'll see what she has to say, then.

## RETRIEVAL FOCUS

1. Who gave the case file to the detective?
2. What type of folder was it kept in?
3. What was all over the kitchen walls?
4. List three things that the police officer has seen on the job.
5. Who didn't they interview?

## VIPERS QUESTIONS

**I**

True or false: This is not Goldilocks' first crime.

**V**

Which word in the text has a definition closest to: "staring openly or rudely"?

**S**

What was Goldilocks doing when she was caught?

**V**

Find a synonym for caught, in the text.

**P**

Which other crimes in fairytales could Goldilocks have been responsible for?

Answers - Disgruntled Police Officer:

1. Marjory
2. Manila
3. Cold porridge
4. Gingerbread men brought to life, grandmothers eaten by wolves and princesses sent to sleep for a hundred years.
5. Baby bear

I: True

V: Gawping

S: Climbing a beanstalk

V: Apprehended

P: Accept any logical answers - i.e. pushing Humpty Dumpty, selling Jack the magic beans etc.



## Big Grey Man

Up at the top of Ben Macdui, a lone hiker stopped in his tracks and shuddered. A thick grey mist had appeared from nowhere, shrouding the peak in a bewildering blanket of shadows. With the mist came an undeniable sense of dread and panic. The hiker knew what it meant.

He turned on his heels and tried to run, but every direction seemed the same as the next. He spun in circles, desperately clawing at the air in front of him, either to defend himself from an attack that didn't come or to find something to hold himself upright.

He'd heard the legend of the Big Grey Man of Ben Macdui before. The enormous, Sasquatch-like beast that was said to hunt on the mountain. He'd heard about its towering height, its brute strength and its thick matted fur. He knew about the feeling of fear that preceded its arrival, but he'd never expected to witness it himself. He stood stock-still and watched as a shadow emerged from the mist.

# FOCUS ON - TEXT

**1** Complete the table by writing in the correct form of the verb for either the past perfect tense or the past progressive tense.

past perfect tense	past progressive tense
A thick grey mist <u>had appeared</u> from nowhere.	
	He <u>was listening</u> to the eerie sounds echoing in the mist.
<u>He'd never expected</u> to witness it himself.	

**2** Underline the three pronouns in the sentence below.

He spun in circles, desperately clawing at the air in front of him, trying to defend himself from an attack.

**3** What is the word class of the underlined word? Tick one.

He'd heard the legend of the Big Grey Man of Ben Macdui before.

- verb
- adverb
- adjective
- conjunction

**4** Choose an appropriate co-ordinating conjunction and write it in the missing space.

The hiker knew what it meant \_\_\_\_\_ he turned on his heels and tried to run.



# FOCUS ON - PUNCTUATION

**1** Find and write two examples from the text where a hyphen has been used.

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**2** Insert the missing comma.

Silently he stood stock-still and watched as a shadow emerged from the mist.

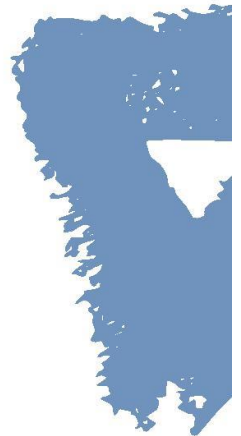
**3** Add a pair of brackets to the sentence below.

Up at the top of Ben Macdui in the Cairngorms Mountains of the Scottish Highlands, a lone hiker stopped in his tracks and shuddered.

**4** Which punctuation mark could possibly replace the full stop in the last sentence of the text? Tick one.

He stood stock-still and watched as a shadow emerged from the mist.

- question mark
- exclamation mark
- ellipsis
- comma



# Answers - Big Grey Man

## TEXT

1. A thick grey mist was appearing from nowhere.  
He had listened to the eerie sounds echoing in the mist.  
He was never expecting to witness it himself. **OR** He wasn't expecting to witness it himself.
2. He spun in circles, desperately clawing at the air in front of him, trying to defend himself from an attack.
3. adverb
4. for, and, so

## PUNCTUATION

1. Sasquatch-like and stock-still
2. Silently, he stood stock-still and watched as a shadow emerged from the mist.
3. Up at the top of Ben Macdui (in the Cairngorms Mountains of the Scottish Highlands), a lone hiker stopped in his tracks and shuddered.
4. 3rd option – ellipsis