



**YEAR 4**

### **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

#### **Homework Tasks (Year 4):**

- **Reading Comprehension:** Please complete and Mark the 'Hubble Bubble' reading tasks on the next page of this document and record your responses in your homework jotter book.

*Please place your homework books in the homework box by **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March***

- **Spelling:** A spelling test, on **Spring Term 2 -Week 2- purple words** will take place on **Thursday** (see the separate spelling sheet for this term – it is split into weeks and you will be instructed which week we are currently learning). Don't forget you have access to spelling shed to help you practice too!
- **Times Tables:** Please complete - and mark- Spring Term: Workout 8 p40-41 of your CGP 10-minute weekly workout book and your weekly test on the **7x and 9x** table will be on **Friday**
- **Reading:** Please read for 45mins throughout the week.



## Hubble Bubble

“Hubble, bubble, toil and...” The young girl, dressed head to toe in thick black cloth, stumbled to a pause. The slam of the big wooden door on the other side of the room had stopped her in her tracks. “What do you want?” she spat at the intruder.

The newcomer looked around the room with wide eyes. She took it all in, from the rusting cauldron in the middle of the flagstones to the tanks filled with newts and frogs and other creepy-crawlies. “I’m Esme. I heard that this was where the witch’s club meets at lunchtime,” she said nervously. “I wanted to join.”

“Well, you can’t,” the interrupted witch said. “As you can see, we’re full.” She pointed out the other two witches as evidence. “You can’t have more than three in a coven, everyone knows that.”

“Actually...” began one of the other witches that Esme had labelled as ‘the short one’.

“What is it Mistral Wyrn?” The first witch seemed annoyed at the interruption. Esme labelled her ‘the bossy one’.

“My flute lesson has moved, Delores. My mum wants me to focus more on my history of herbs coursework. I don’t think I’ll be able to make the club anymore. I was a bit worried about telling you because, you know-” Mistral waved her hand at Delores’s growing anger. “This works out quite well.”

Delores simmered for a few seconds before she appeared to reach a decision. “Fine. Hand your robe over to Esme and bring your toads back tomorrow. I can’t say I’m not disappointed.”

Mistral shrugged and handed her robe to Esme with an awkward look. “Good luck,” she mouthed, rolling her eyes sideways towards Delores.

“See ya,” the quiet witch said, quietly.

“That’s Peasblossom,” Delores said with a nod towards the as-yet-unnamed witch. “She doesn’t say much. I like that.” Esme made a note to keep her mouth closed. “Now, you will need your own familiar. Would you prefer a newt or a toad?”

“Toad, please,” Esme said, her voice as croaky as her new pet.



Delores wandered over to the rows of tanks and picked up a small one. A bright pink toad sat on a log at the bottom. She handed it over to Esme, who held it up to her face. "Oh, it's plastic," she said with a frown. It was all starting to seem a bit silly to her.

"The school won't let us keep proper pets," Delores said, blushing. "They won't let us have proper ingredients for our potions either," she said as though it was the most ridiculous thing she'd ever heard. "We've petitioned the headmistress, but she won't let us until we are in the third year."

"So, what do you actually do in here?" Esme asked, beginning to regret her decision.

"We chant a bit," Peasblossom whispered. "Sometimes we wave our wands about and pretend that magic happens."

"We do more than that," Delores snapped, not liking the childish image that Peasblossom was painting. "Before we show you anything," she said, turning to face Esme, "you need to go through the initiation ceremony!"

## INFERENCE FOCUS

1. What evidence is there that Delores is hard to be around?
2. How does Esme feel about the toad being plastic?
3. What impression do you get of Esme? What gives you this impression?
4. What evidence is there that Mistral is fed up with Delores?
5. Who do you think is in charge of the group?

## VIPERS QUESTIONS

**V**

What is an "initiation ceremony"?

**P**

What do you think the initiation ceremony might be for the witch's club?

**S**

Why can Esme have a place in the group?

**R**

What is the name of 'the quiet one'?

**R**

What does Mistral have to hand back before she can leave?

# Answers

Answers - Stage 4 - Hubble Bubble:

1. Esme refers to her as “the bossy one”. She snaps at the others and gets angry easily
2. Disappointed or any other synonym
3. She seems to be nervous and shy at the beginning because she is wide-eyed and speaks nervously. She thinks it all starts to seem a bit silly, which suggests she is quite sensible. She gives the other witches labels before she knows their name, which suggests she judges people.
4. She rolls her eyes and mouths ‘good luck’ when she leaves
5. Delores

V: Something that a person has to do before they are accepted into a group

P: Accept answers that link to Delores taking it very seriously and being annoyed that they can’t do real magic yet

S: Mistral has to leave because her flute lesson has moved and she needs to concentrate on her history of herbs coursework

R: Peasblossom

R: Her robe and toads