



**YEAR 3**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

**Homework Tasks (Year 3):**

- **Reading Comprehension:** Please complete – and mark - the ‘Amazing animal hearing’ tasks on the next pages of this document and record your responses in your homework jotter book.

*Please place your homework books in the homework box by **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September***

- **Spelling:** A spelling test, on **Autumn Term 1 -Week 1 Red words** will take place next **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).
- **Times Tables:** Please complete - and mark- Autumn Term: Workout 1 p2-3 of your CGP 10-minute weekly workout book and your weekly test on the **2x** table will be next **Friday**.
- **Reading:** Please read for 45mins throughout the week.



## A Branch In time

It's not often that you get to redo a decision you make in life. Most of the time, when you do something, it stays done. I had the chance to remake a decision today, and I'm still not sure if I made the right call.

It began this morning when I set off to play with my friends in the field at the back of our house. It's been bought by some developers who want to turn it into a massive supermarket. None of us residents want this, and all of the local shops are terrified about how it will affect their business.

Us kids just want to be able to play in the field and we were determined to make the most of it while we still could. So we set off to have a big game of tig. We all got to the gate at about 10 o'clock. I was the last one there. After putting our feet into a circle and going through "eeny, meeny, miny, moe", Sasha was "it". She ducked behind the gate and began to count.

The field is huge. It takes a few minutes to run from one side to the other. It's filled with knee-high crops at the minute, but there's not much else except for a large oak tree in the middle and a dilapidated shed in the far corner.

I headed straight for the shed. It's got loads of signs over it telling people to keep out, but that doesn't usually stop us. The signs were put there by the developers, and none of us wanted to listen to them at all.

That wasn't my plan today, though. I had a higher hiding place in mind. There's an old rusty barrel next to the shed, and I quickly used that to get a leg up onto the roof of the shed. It bowed a bit under my weight, but I nestled down into a corner and lay still.

Sasha was on the hunt by now, circling around the edge of the field, searching for the rest of us. There were about a dozen hiders out there, so I felt sure she'd get them first. I was wrong. She spotted me from afar and broke into a sprint. I stood up to leap from the shed and felt a sickening lurch as my feet went through the roof. I landed with a crash onto a pile of bones and felt my own bones give way. I was filled with searing pain, and everything went black.

When I came too, I was in the hospital. Both of my broken legs were in casts, and they hurt like nothing I'd ever felt. Mum stroked my hair and kissed my face, reassuring me that

I would be okay. "They found loads of dinosaur bones hidden in the shed," she said. "The builders had hidden them, but now they can't build on the site. The council wants to excavate it instead. So, something positive has come from this my love."

Happy I'd done my part, I fell back into a painful sleep. When I next opened my eyes, my bed and surroundings felt different. I was lying back in my bed at home, and the sun was streaming down on me. I could hear below me that my friends were at the door, asking me to go and play tig in the field.

Somehow, I'd travelled back in time. I'd been given a chance not to have my accident. If I didn't, then they'd never discover the bones, and the field would be built over. I knew I had to make a choice, so I pulled the quilt over my head and went back to sleep. What would you have done?

### RETRIEVAL FOCUS

1. What is planned to be built on the big field?
2. How did they decide who was "it" in their game of tig?
3. Who ended up being "it"?
4. What did the character use to climb up onto the shed?
5. What did they find inside the shed?

### VIPERS QUESTIONS

- I** Why might the character have chosen to stay in bed the second time?
- P** What do you think you would do in that situation? Do you think he made the right choice? Explain your answers.
- S** What was the character doing just before they fell?
- V** Find and copy a word that describes a sudden movement.
- S** Where did the character wake up the first time?

Answers - A Branch In time:

1. Supermarket
2. Eeny, meeny, miny, moe
3. Sasha
4. A barrel
5. Dinosaur bones

I: They didn't want to break their legs

S: Trying to jump off the roof

V: Lurch

S: In hospital