

Year 4 English Tasks:

Monday 22nd February 2021

Watch today's English video (see link on school website).

The Impossibly Possible Book Shop

"Come on, Sammy," shouted his Grandma. "We need to go into town this morning, I have to post a parcel ... don't forget your umbrella, it's raining!" Ten minutes later, Sammy and his Grandma were walking through the puddled streets of the town. "Wait here, I won't be a moment!" instructed his Grandma as she darted into the post office. Sammy waited. His Grandma was taking a while.

Out of the corner of his eye, Sammy spotted an unusual book shop, unlike any he had ever seen before. No-one else seemed to notice the bookshop. Everyone just walked past it as though it was invisible., Sammy began to walk towards the tiny door of the tiny bookshop. There were small intricate lanterns hanging around the edge of the roof, and strange puffs of smoke drifting out of the tall, thin chimney. Grippled by curiosity, Sammy approached the door. It didn't have a knocker or a bell, instead there was a note which read:

This is a very small, very insignificant book shop. There is absolutely no reason or need to enter. I strongly suggest you go away.

Sammy pushed the shop's door and to his surprise, it opened. With his heart pounding, he stooped down low and went inside. To his amazement, the bookshop was huge inside. The shop was crammed with books from floor to ceiling. Books of every colour, kind, and size imaginable. Books about far-off lands and fantastic finds. Sammy began to explore. Before long, a book perched precariously on a high shelf caught his eye. Taking a deep breath, Sammy climbed a rickety ladder that was close by, and carefully grabbed the book. He climbed back down and wiped the dust off of the front cover - the gold embossed title read: *Tree Goblins*.

Suddenly, a low voice spoke, "I wouldn't open that book if I were you." Sammy spun round and saw an old, dishevelled man sitting in the corner in a large red leather chair, with his head buried in a book. He looked up from his half-moon spectacles and continued: "Strange things live in these books – go home now if you know what is good for you." Sammy thought for a moment, and then, ignoring the man, he opened the book.

In the blink of an eye, Sammy found himself inside the trunk of a large tree. It was decorated with colourful balloons, bunting and banners. Loud music, the kind that made you want to dance, filled the air. All around were small, strange-looking people, wearing brown tweed dungarees which were covered in toadstools, leaves and roses. They were all dancing and singing with great enthusiasm and joy. Their large pointy ears were hidden

slightly by their bushy multi-coloured hair, and curly-toed velvet slippers covered their enormous feet. Each one wore a necklace of charms around their neck.

In the middle of the room, a magnificent feast was laid out on a large woven table. There were pinecone truffles, sweet sap sorbets, nettle fritters and fine pollen-puddings. In the centre stood an enormous cake covered in long-grass icing, with over a hundred candles burning brightly on the top. It was a glorious scene.

Sammy soon realised that he was in the middle of a birthday party, but it was unlike any he had ever experienced before!

“Hello,” came a small voice. Sammy looked down to see one of the strange people smiling up at him.

“Hello,” replied Sammy.

“My name is Treerumple and I am a tree goblin here in Moon Glen - who are you?”

“My name is Sammy, and I am ... well ... a boy!”

“Will you stay for the party? It’s Treegruttle’s 203rd birthday!”

Sammy happily accepted the invitation and spent what seemed like hours dancing, eating and singing with the Tree Goblins. He had a wonderful time, and the birthday cake was delicious. Before Sammy knew it, the sun began setting and he knew he should return home. Sammy thanked the tree goblins for such a wonderful time and explained that he must go home to his Grandma, as it was getting late. As a thank you for visiting them, Treerumple took off his charm necklace and handed it to Sammy as a gift. “Look after this for me.” he said, “Never forget us!”

“Forget you? That’s impossible!” grinned Sammy and, with that, he opened the book once more and returned back to the shop. Sammy blinked in the dim light, it seemed as though the old, dishevelled man hadn’t moved at all. As Sammy said thank you and goodbye, the old, dishevelled man muttered quietly: “No-one will believe your impossible story.”

Outside the shop, Sammy saw his Grandma come out of the post office. It was as though no time had passed at all. “Are you ok?” she asked, as she put her umbrella back up “Yes thank you Grandma?” replied Sammy. “Can we come back here again tomorrow?”

His Grandma looked over at the bookshop. “We’ll see ...” she smiled “Anything’s possible...”

Think about the story of the Impossibly Possible Book Shop and complete the grid below.

<p>Likes: What were your favourite bits of the story?</p>	<p>Dislikes: Was there anything you didn't like, didn't understand or would want to change?</p>
<p>Parallels: Does this story remind you of any other books or films that you have read or seen?</p>	<p>Questions: Do you have any questions about the story?</p>

Answer these questions by finding as much evidence as you can in the text:

What did Sammy notice about the bookshop? Find as many things as you can.

Describe the scene of the birthday party in as much detail as you can.

Describe the tree Goblins in as much detail as you can.

These are some extra questions about the story that you can choose to answer.

1. Why do you think the title of this story is: The Impossible Possible Bookshop?
2. Do you think Sammy is adventurous? Explain your answer.
3. When Sammy returns to the bookshop and meets his Grandma it seems as though no time has passed at all. Why do you think this is?
4. At the end of the story, Sammy's Grandma says: "We'll see ... anything's possible ... "
Why do you think Grandma says this?

Tuesday 23rd February 2021

Watch today's English video (see link on school website).

The Impossible Possible Bookshop is about a boy who opens a book and enters a new world filled with Tree Goblins. Your task is to choose a type of goblin that could be in another book in the bookshop and create a fact file to describe it. Then think about the world where this goblin would be found.

Goblin Fact File

Type of Goblin:

Main things about its appearance:

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Main things about its personality:

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Draw a picture of the world where your goblin would be found. Show as much detail as you can:

The place where my goblin would be found:

Write some adjectives and phrases to describe the place where your goblin would be found:

Wednesday 24th February 2021

Watch today's English video (see link on school website).

Your task today is to plan a story about Sammy going back into the bookshop and choosing a different book, and then entering the world where your goblin lives. Think about the main parts of your story – which parts will be similar to when Sammy met the Tree Goblins and which parts will be different. Put your ideas into the story mountain below.

The Impossibly Possible Bookshop: Chapter 2

What does Sammy do while he is in this new world? Does this goblin invite Sammy to anything? Does this goblin need help with something?

When Sammy opens the book and goes into the new world, what does he see and hear? What does the new goblin say to him?

When does Sammy decide it is time for him to go back home? Does the old, dishevelled man say anything to Sammy when he returns to the bookshop? What does Grandma say to Sammy when he returns?

When does Sammy return to the bookshop? Does the old, dishevelled man say anything to Sammy? Where in the bookshop is the new book that Sammy chooses? What is the title of the book?

Friday 26th February 2021

Watch today's English video (see link on school website).

Today you are going to improve and edit your story. Go back and read your story. Try to make at least one improvement to each of your paragraphs. Then check that all your punctuation is correct. Use a different colour pen or pencil to show what you have done. Once you have done this, complete the review for your story.

**The Impossibly Possible Bookshop – Chapter 2:
My Story Review**

What do you like best about your story?

What are the three best words or phrases you have used?

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Is there anything you could improve about your story?

Star Rating:
Colour in the number of stars you would you give your story?



If Sammy had another adventure in the bookshop, what might it be?