Year 4 Afternoon Learning –

Week beginning Monday 1st March 2021

This is your themed learning for World Book Day:

Crime investigation

CALLING ALL DETECTIVES!

A crime has happened in the local library, and it is up to you to help solve the mystery and work out who is the culprit!

You will need to:

- Read the crime scene report
- Read the suspect alibis
- Read the witness statements
- Assess the crime scene evidence
- Decide who you think did it!

Crime scene report

*Early this morning, the head librarian came into work to find that someone had broken in overnight, at **exactly 8:30pm**. They snuck in through an unlocked window, entered the staff area and accessed the fridge. They ate the head librarian's treasured **marmalade sandwich**. She said,*
"I was looking forward to that sandwich today, this has ruined my whole day! I won't stop searching until the culprit has been found. Please help me!"
*Other evidence at the scene included muddy **pawprints** tracked through the carpet, a ripped **train ticket** to Yeovil Junction and a chunk of **brown fur** on the windowsill. Police officers are combing the area for more clues.*

Suspect alibis

Here are the **four** suspects.
Each has given us an alibi (a recount of where they were last night) and a statement.

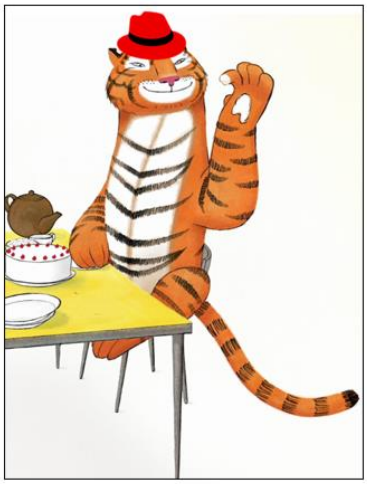
Suspect #1: Father Bear

Alibi: At the cinema

Statement

"I was at Sandgate Primary School last night, but I was only there at 6pm to pick up my son from Greenfields Nursery. After that we had porridge and went to see a movie which lasted until 9:30pm – there's no way I could have been at Sandgate at 8:30pm!"

Suspect #2: Tiger



Alibi: Asleep

Statement

"I sleep 20 hours a day, so I woke up to go for a walk around 8pm but I was back home and asleep by 8:30pm. I woke up around midnight and got a marmalade sandwich snack but other than that I didn't go anywhere near Sandgate Primary School."

Suspect #3: Paddington

Alibi: On a train

Statement

"I wasn't at Sandgate Primary School last night; I was at the train station catching a train to Yeovil. It was very annoying because I had lost my ticket somewhere and had to buy a brand new one, and I was barely in time for the train at 9pm. At least I had some marmalade to eat, though I'd already eaten most of it for dinner."

Suspect #4: Corduroy

Alibi: On a run

Statement

"Last night I ate jam on toast and went for a jog up Coolinge Lane around 8pm because I had new trainers I wanted to try out. They were great, by the way."

Witness statements

Here are the witnesses. A witness is someone who sees a crime happen or was in the area when a crime happened. Before careful, though – they have skills and handicaps.

Witness #1: Little Red Riding Hood

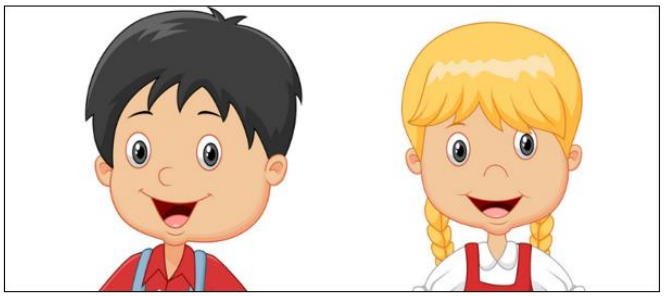
Skill: Very good memory

Handicap: Couldn't see the suspect properly

Statement

"I know I saw an animal walking down Coolinge Lane towards the school at exactly 8pm last night. I know they were not wearing shoes, but I couldn't see anything else."

Witness #2: Hansel and Gretel



Skill: Hansel has a good sense of smell

Handicap: Gretel mixes up her details

Statement

Hansel

"Gretel and I walked past a bear on Coolinge Lane around 9pm. I could smell marmalade on them, so maybe they had just eaten some."

Gretel

"Um... I *don't* think they were wearing a hat..."

Witness #3: The Big Bad Wolf

Skill: Very good eyesight

Handicap: Not very good memory of time

Statement

"I was quite far away, but I know I saw someone in a red hat walking towards the school late at night. I don't remember when it was, though."

Here is your grid to complete using the information above. If the information tells you that the suspect **could** be the culprit, **tick** the box. If it proves they **could not**, put a **cross**.

The culprit will be the suspect with a tick in every box! *One box has been done for you.*

Suspects	Evidence			Suspect alibis	Witness statements		
	Pawprints	Train ticket	Brown fur	Based on the **times** stated in their alibis, could it have been them?	Little Red Riding Hood	Hansel and Gretel	The Big Bad Wolf
Father Bear							
Tiger							
Paddington							
Corduroy					X		

Final decision!

Using your findings in the grid above, make your decision – who do you think did it?

I think the culprit is _____ because…

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