

## Activity

This week in Java Class we have been reading “Dogger” by Shirley Hughes. This classic book tells the story of a boy called Dave and his much loved toy dog, Dogger. Dave takes Dogger everywhere with him, he gives him rides in a trolley, pulls him along on a lead like a real dog, wraps him up in a blanket and even washes him in a bowl of warm, soapy water when he is dirty! Until, one day Dogger goes missing...

We have been exploring aspects of the story, including the setting and the characters. We looked in depth at the Summer Fair scene. The picture in the book shows a busy and vibrant school field, full of people enjoying the fair. We imagined what it would be like to be there, what could we see, hear or smell?

We talked about how the pictures provide us with lots of details about the story and how our own imaginations can create conversations that might be happening between characters on the page.

In maths we have been taking our multiplication and division skills to the next level and using them to solve everyday word problems. These have been really tricky, but we have been resilient. We had to look at the clues in the word problems to work out which operation we needed to use, was it a multiplication question or a division question.

We have also been designing our own board games and are looking forward to making (and playing) them next week!

## Helping at home

- You could retell the story of Dogger to your family. Can you remember the beginning, the middle and the end. You could talk about how Dave feels at different points in the story.
- Can you tell your family about the characters in the story? Who is in the story and what are they like?
- You could create a Lost Toy poster for Dogger that Dave and his family could put up. You could include where he was last seen, a reward for the person who finds him, who to contact if he is found and a description of Dogger.
- You could practice your word problem solving skills by playing these games <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Flash.aspx?f=postsortingwordproblem>
- We still need cardboard boxes we could turn into board games, so if you have any, please do send them in!

## Reading at Home

I have read to my child:

My child has shared a book with me:

## Parent's Comments