# LEON AND THE PLACE BETWEEN

Remember to look at the PDF called Leon Pages.

### Monday

Remind yourself of the story by re-reading the book. This can be out loud or just to yourself. Today you are going to write a character description of Leon. Think about all the things that you know about Leon. These might be things that you have read in the book, things that you know from looking at the pictures and things that you can infer from the book.

Infer means to work something out using evidence and reasoning rather than from an explicit statement. So it's a bit like using your investigative skills. The book doesn't tell us that Leon is around ten years old, but using my inference skills I am thinking that this is probably roughly his age. I can infer that Leon likes animals, the book doesn't tell me that but it does tell me that Leon gently held and stroked the rabbit. Therefore it is fair to say that Leon probably likes animals.

Use the following sentence starters to help you write your character description about Leon. Aim to write at least two sentences using each sentence starter (so a minimum of 6 sentences today).

The story tells me that...
The pictures tell me that...
I can infer that...

#### **Tuesday**

Look closely at the pictures of Leon in the book. Draw a picture of Leon, draw it in the middle of your page, it needs to be quite big. Your picture doesn't need to be exactly the same as the ones in the book but try and use the same style that the illustrator has used. Using your character description from yesterday, write as many adjectives as you can think of to describe Leon around your picture. Remember, adjectives - tells us more about the noun (Leon).

#### Wednesday

Re-read the story and this time focus on key events. If we were at school we would create a list of key events together on the board. Have a go at doing this somehow. You could create your list of key events in your book, on Purple Mash or on a Word document. Aim to have around 8 key events. Your key events list can be in any order.

## **Thursday**

Using the key events list that you made yesterday create a story map mapping out the key events of the story. Draw a picture next to each key event (this will need to be quite a small picture).

#### **Friday**

Choose one of the following options to do for your English task today. You can do both if you want!

- 1. Be creative and create a scene from our book. For example you could create your scene by using Lego, paint, natural resources (things you find in your garden), pencils, felt tips, all the furniture in your living room (ask a grown up first!). Be as creative as possible and have fun!
- 2. Invent your own magic trick! Maybe you have a magic set at home that you could use or maybe you could create something. One of my favourite magic tricks would be really simple to re-create. You would need three cups and a small ball. Ask someone to put the ball under one of the cups. You have to shuffle the cups around quickly so the person loses track of where the ball is (maybe you even take the ball out from under the cup when they are not looking!). They then have guess which cup the ball is under.

#### Have fun!