



Year 4 Guided Reading

The Tale of Peter Rabbit

by Beatrix Potter

ONCE upon a time there were four little Rabbits, and their names were –
Flopsy,
Mopsy,
Cotton-tail,
and Peter.

They lived with their Mother in a sand-bank, underneath the root of a very big fir tree.

“NOW, my dears,” said old Mrs. Rabbit one morning, “you may go into the fields or down the lane, but don’t go into Mr. McGregor’s garden.”

“YOUR Father had an accident there; he was put in a pie by Mrs. McGregor.”

“NOW run along, and don’t get into mischief. I am going out.”

THEN old Mrs. Rabbit took a basket and her umbrella, and went through the wood to the baker’s. She bought a loaf of brown bread and five currant buns.

FLOPSY, Mopsy, and Cotton-tail, who were good little bunnies, went down the lane to gather blackberries;

BUT Peter, who was very naughty, ran straight away to Mr. McGregor’s garden,

AND squeezed under the gate!

Monday 1st June

Read through the text and answer the following questions.

1. How do you think Cotton-tail got his name?
2. What does Mrs Rabbit call her children apart from their name in paragraph two?
3. Is this a warm and loving word or one that is cold and harsh?
4. Look at the word 'gather'. What do you think this means?

Tuesday 2nd June

Read through the text and answer the following questions.

1. Where could Mopsy, Flopsy, Cotton-tail and Peter play while Mrs Rabbit went to the bakers?
2. Whose garden were they told not to play in?
3. What did Mrs Rabbit buy from the bakers?
4. What clue tells us that Mrs Rabbit thought it might rain that day?
5. What season do you think it is: spring, summer, autumn or winter?
6. Why?

Wednesday 3rd June

Use your text and answer the questions below.

1. Did Peter find it easy or difficult to get in to Mr McGregor's garden?
2. What do you think really happened to Mr Rabbit?
3. Do you think Peter will run in to trouble when he enters Mr McGregor's garden?
4. Why?
5. Why do you think Mrs Rabbit buys five currant buns?

Thursday 4th June

Use your text and answer the questions below.

1. Why do you think the last line ends with an exclamation mark?
2. Do you think Beatrix Potter meant this story to be read to younger or older children?
3. Why?
4. How does the start of this tale also suggest this?
5. What do you like/dislike about this text and why?

Friday 5th June

Choose a book that you enjoy reading and read it in an odd place or a place you feel really comfortable. Send your teacher a picture of you reading your book, we would love to see it.