

Tuesday 12th May

Identifying nouns, verbs and adjectives in a text.

Below is an extract from page 13 of *Leon and the Place Between*. Can you identify whether the highlighted verbs are nouns, verbs or adjectives. If it is a noun, you could challenge yourself by selecting which type of noun it is.

He **threw** his arms into the air and the magic began. Paper flowers **blossomed** from his **sleeves**; silk scarves changed colour at a **whispered** word...

He gave the carpet a tug. With a **swoop**, off they **flew**. Everything that **disappeared** by **magic**, appeared in the **Place Between**.

Then Leon felt something soft **wriggling** behind him. A white **rabbit** climbed gently onto Leon's **lap** and **nested** in his arms. The boy **stroked** her ears. "She is always here," he said sadly.

Leon heard a **sharp tap**. The door of the box opened before him. **Leon** stepped out with the **white** rabbit still in his arms.

Word Class	Definition	Examples
<b>Noun</b>	A person, place or thing.	puppy, wardrobe, candle
<b>Adjective</b>	A word which describes something.	sparkly, cautious, wonderful
<b>Verb</b>	A word which describes an action or state.	snapped, scrambling, shoves

Wednesday 13th May

Researching Circus Acts

Using the story 'Leon and the Place Between', other books you may have at home, and the internet, re-search the following circus acts. You will need to know as much about them as you can because this week, you are going to write to persuade someone which circus act is the best. Try to use the questions below to help guide your research. You will need to use some other paper or your workbooks to make detailed notes.

Juggler

What skills are needed to be a good circus juggler?

How long can it take to train to be a circus juggler?

What objects do circus jugglers use in their act?

How dangerous is juggling? (This might depend on what they are juggling)

How popular is juggling among customers?

Trapeze Artist

What skills are needed to be a good trapeze artist?

How long can it take to train to be a trapeze artist?

What equipment do trapeze artists need to have and know how to use?

How dangerous is being a trapeze artist?

How popular is the trapeze artist among customers?

Tightrope Walker

What skills are needed to be a good tightrope walker?

How long can it take to train to be a tightrope walker?

What equipment do tightrope walkers need to have and know how to use?

How dangerous is being a tightrope walker?

How popular is the tightrope walker among customers?

Circus Clown

What skills are needed to be a good circus clown?

How long can it take to train to be a circus clown?

What equipment do circus clowns need to have and know how to use?

How dangerous is being a circus clown?

How popular is the circus clown among customers?

Thursday 14th May

## Planning a Persuasive Write

You are going to write a persuasive piece of writing to convince someone why the act you have chosen is the best circus act. You will need to use your work from last week on the main features of persuasive writing, but you will also need to include some strong causal and contrasting conjunctions. We have included some word mats to help you.

### Introduction

Which act have you chosen to argue for?

Write two expanded noun phrases to describe your act:

What features of persuasive writing will you include here?

### Paragraph Two - This is where you outline your main argument for the act you have chosen

Fronted Adverbial to open using a causal conjunction:

Two more causal conjunctions with their reasons:

One expanded noun phrase to add detailed description:

One contrasting conjunction with reason to add depth:

Two features of persuasive writing that you will use:

### Paragraph Three - This is where you will talk about why the other acts should not be considered

Fronted Adverbial to open:

One causal conjunctions with their reasons:

Two features of persuasive writing that you will use:

Two contrasting conjunctions with their reasons:

### Paragraph Four - Make it personal

Fronted Adverbial to open:

One argument that links to a personal experience (make it emotional):

Two features of persuasive writing that you will use:

### Paragraph Five - Conclusion

Summarise your main argument for why your act is the best. Can you add some more detail or new information to support your argument?

Friday 15th May

Writing to Persuade

Use your plan and the word mats to write a detailed persuasive argument for why your circus act is the best.

Checklist:

- I have used at least three persuasive features in my writing
- I have used the second person voice (talk directly to the reader)
- I have used causal and contrasting conjunctions
- I have used a range of sentence types (simple, coordinating and complex)