**Cat Out of the Bag - Treetops 13B**

**Reading Tasks**

Before Reading

Look at the front cover, scan the pages of your book and read the blurb at the back and discuss with a partner what you predict this book will be about.

After discussions write your thoughts in your jotter, either in bullet point or a small paragraph.

Chapter 1- Surprise

\*Find the information that tells you in chapter 1 why Kirandip has no friends.

\*Draw a character profile of Kirandip. Draw a picture of her and label your drawing with information you know about her and your opinion of her as a character.

Chapter 2 - It can’t be true

Answer the following questions, in sentences, in your jotter.

1. What adjectives does the writer use to describe the cat?
2. Why did Kirandeep make lots of noise when she first visited Mrs. Weston’s house?
3. What did Kirandeep see in the kitchen that made her think a cat had been visiting Mrs. Weston?
4. How did Kirandeep approach the subject of ‘cats’ with Mrs. Weston?
5. Why was Mrs. Weston so upset when Kirandeep found the cat?
6. What did MRs. Weston mean when she said “you don’t know the half!” ?

Follow Up Task

Draw a picture of your favourite pet. Research and write some facts about it. You could include how you need to look after it, what food it needs, what temperature/house it needs to live in and what exercise it needs.

Chapter 3 - Sworn to Secrecy

After reading chapter 3, scan read the chapter again and find as many nouns, verbs and adjectives as you can. Write them in a list in your jotter.

Predicitng

Write a paragraph about what you think is going to happen next in the story.

Chapter 4- Rules are rules

Clarifying

Use a dictionary to find the meaning of a landlord and write the meaning in your jotter.

Self - Questioning

Think of and write in your jotter 5 questions you would like to ask Kirandip.

Chapter 5- The Birth Day

Answer the following questions in your jotter

1. Why was Mrs Weston waiting on Kirandeep at the gate?
2. How does the writer describe Mrs. Weston’s front room?
3. Where did Kirandeep find the kitty and what did she find with her?
4. What Is an Idiom? (with Examples)
5. (An idiom is a commonly used expression whose meaning does not relate to the actual meaning of its words.) What does ‘cat out of the bag’ really mean?

Follow Up Task - Research Task

Using ICT research what you need to do to look after kittens and write some facts in your jotter.

Chapter 6 -More Trouble

Connecting

Make either a self to text, text to text or a text to world connection.

Self to text connection

Try to think of a time when you may have kept a secret from somebody that you perhaps shouldn’t have. Write about what happened.

Follow Up Task

\*Design a poster to find the kittens new homes.

Discuss in your group what information you may need to include in your poster.

Chapter 7 - Disaster

Self Questioning

1. Why do you think Mrs. Weston had an accident? Give reasons.
2. Where did Kirandip find Mrs. Weston?
3. When did she find Mrs. Weston?
4. Who should Kirandip have called for help and why do you think she didn’t?
5. What do you think Kirandip will do next?

Follow Up Task

Pretend you are Kirandip and write a diary entry of todays events.

Chapter 8 - Taking Charge

Describe how you feel about how Mrs. Weston is treating Kirandip. Write about what you would have done if you were in the same situation as Kirandip.

Scan Read your book and make a list of any WOW(interesting) or descriptive(adjectives) words you felt made this book interesting.

Chapter 9 & 10 - Found Out & A Good Move

Draw a cartoon strip of the main events in the story you have read.

You will need to think of the main points throughout the story, note them down and then draw pictures for each of these events and write some dailogue(speech) to also match the events.