



Guided Reading

Week 12

Text:

From *The Little Ghost* by Otfried Preussler

The little ghost had lived in Eulenstein Castle for hundreds of years. He was one of those harmless little ghosts who haunt places by night, and never hurt anyone else unless they are provoked.

During the day, he slept up in the attic in a heavy, iron-bound oak chest. The chest was well hidden behind one of the big chimneys. No one knew it really belonged to a ghost.



But at night, when the Town Hall clock struck twelve in the town of Eulenberg at the foot of the castle, the little ghost awakened. On the very last stroke of twelve, he would open his eyes, stretch and yawn. Then he would put his hand under the old letters and legal documents he used for a pillow, and bring out a bunch of keys. There were thirteen keys; the little ghost always carried them around. He would wave them at the lid of the chest, and immediately the lid would begin to open of its own accord.

Now the little ghost could climb out of the chest. He always bumped into the cobwebs; no human being had visited this remote attic for years, so it was covered with cobwebs and was dreadfully dusty. Even the cobwebs were full of dust. Showers of dust came tumbling down, if anything touched them.

"A-tishoo!"

Every night, as the little ghost climbed out of the chest, he would bump into the cobwebs, get some dust up his nose, and sneeze. He would shake himself once or twice, to make sure he was really awake. Then he would float out from behind the chimney and begin his nightly haunting.

Like all ghosts, he weighed nothing at all. He was light and airy as a wisp of mist. Luckily he never stirred without his bunch of thirteen keys, or the least breath of wind might have blown him away to goodness knows where.

Day 1 task (29.06.20)

Read through the text and highlight any words you are unsure about - make sure to look them up! Remember to read the text more than once to help you fully understand it.

Record any new words, their definitions and synonyms for those words in the table below (make sure to use a dictionary!)

New word	Definition	Synonyms

Day 2 answers (30.06.20)

1. Do you think the little ghost will ever leave Eulenstein Castle?

Yes No

Why do you think this? Use ideas from the text in your answer.

Own answer using evidence from the text.

3. Are there any questions you have now you have read the text?

Own answer.

4. In your own words, summarise what happened in the whole text.

In summary, the text is about a little ghost who lived in a castle. The little ghost only came out at night and carried out his nightly haunting.

5. Predict what you think will happen next in the story using evidence from the text.

Own answer using evidence from the text.

Day 3 questions (01.07.20)

Today you are going to explore the grammar and vocabulary within the text.

1. Who do you think the text is aimed at and why?

I think the text is aimed at...

2. Find and copy one word from the first paragraph that tells us the ghost was not dangerous.

3. Find and copy an example of a fronted adverbial in the second paragraph.

4. The author explains in the first paragraph that this type of ghost would 'never hurt anyone unless they are provoked.' Which of the words below could the author have used instead of the word 'provoked'. Tick all that apply.

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At night

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Day 4 answers (02.07.20)

Today you will be focusing on your retrieval skills.

1. Where is the story set?

The story is set in the town of Eulenberg and the little ghost lived in Eulenstein Castle.

2. What did the ghost do during the day?

During the day, the ghost slept up in the attic in a heavy, iron-bound oak chest.

3. Explain two things that would happen when the clock struck twelve.

1. The ghost awakened.

2. He would open his eyes, stretch and yawn.

4. In the final paragraph, what does the little ghost need the bunch of keys for?

The little ghost needs the bunch of keys because otherwise he would blow away as he weighed nothing at all.

5. In the final paragraph, what is the little ghost likened to?

The little ghost is likened to a wisp of mist.

Day 5 questions (03.07.20)

Today you are going to be focusing on inference and explaining skills.

1. How do you know that no human has visited the attic for years?

No human has visited the attic for years because...

2. Look at paragraph 3. Why do you think the ghost 'always carried' the keys with him?

I think the ghost 'always carried' the keys with him because...

3. From the phrase 'never hurt anyone unless they are provoked.' what does this suggest about the ghost's character?

This suggests that...

4. Using information from the text, tick one box in each row to show whether the statements are true or false.

	True	False
The little ghost used old papers for his pillow.		
The little ghost carried three keys.		
The little ghost didn't need to put the key in the lock to open the chest.		
The little ghost struggled to push open the chest.		
People came into the attic to see the little ghost.		

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No human has visited the attic for years because it was covered in cobwebs and was dreadfully dusty.

2. Look at paragraph 3. Why do you think the ghost 'always carried' the keys with him?

I think the ghost 'always carried' the keys with him because when he waved them at the lid of the chest it would open immediately.

3. From the phrase 'never hurt anyone unless they are provoked.' what does this suggest about the ghost's character?

This suggests that he was harmless unless someone annoyed or irritated him.

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