

# A Bear called Paddington

## Phase 1 - Day 1

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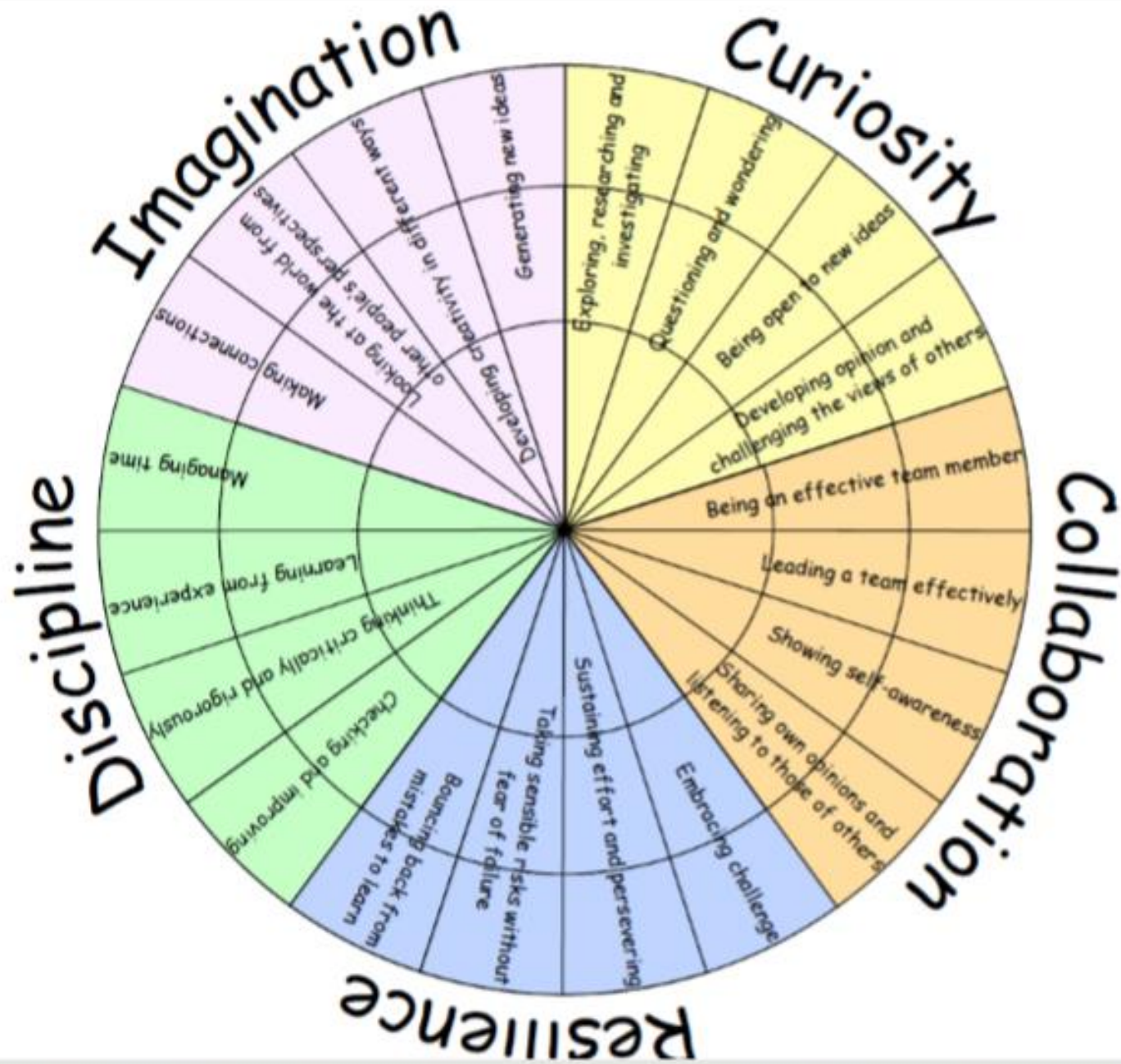
READING WEEK - Monday 22.02.21

# LEARNING LADDER AND SKILLS:

- **Decoding** - I can use the context of the text to help me to read unfamiliar words.
- **Reading Detective** - I can empathise with a character.

## SKILLS:

- Reading
- Thinking



## LEARNING HABITS:

Which learning habits will you focus on today?

**READING FLUENCY:** - Carefully, read the text a few times. There are questions that you will need to answer.

## Chapter One - PLEASE LOOK AFTER THIS BEAR

Mr and Mrs Brown first met Paddington on a railway platform. In fact, that was how he came to have such an usual name for a bear, for Paddington was the name of the station.

The Browns were there to meet their daughter Judy, who was coming home from school for the holidays. It was a warm summer day and the station was crowded with people on their way to the seaside.

Trains were humming, loudspeakers blaring, porters rushing about shouting at one another and altogether there was so much noise that Mr Brown, who saw him first, had to tell his wife several times before she understood.

"A bear? On Paddington Station?" Mrs Brown looked at her husband in amazement. "Don't be silly, Henry. There can't be?"

Mr Brown adjusted his glasses. "But there is," he insisted. "I distinctly saw it. Over there - near the bicycle rack. It was wearing a funny kind of hat." Without waiting for a reply, he caught hold of his wife's arm and pushed her through the crowd, round a trolley laden with chocolate and cups of tea, past a bookstall and through a gap in a pile of suitcases towards the Lost Property Office.

"There you are," he announced triumphantly, pointing towards a dark corner, "I told you so!"

Mrs Brown followed the direction of his arm and dimly made out a small object in the shadows. It seemed to be sitting on some kind of suitcase and around its neck there as a label with some writing on it.


The suitcase was old and battered and on the side, in large letters, were the words WANTED ON VOYAGE.

Mrs Brown clutched at her husband. "Why Henry," she exclaimed. "I believe you were right after all. It is a bear!"

She peered at it more closely. It seemed a very unusual kind of bear. It was brown in colour, a rather dirty brown and it was wearing a most odd-looking hat, with a wide brim, just as Mr Brown had said.

From beneath the brim two large, round eyes stared back at her.

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Paddington



THE ORIGINAL  
STORY OF  
THE WORLD'S  
FAVOURITE  
BEAR -  
IN COLOUR!

Illustrated by Peggy Fortnum

## RECALL:

What can the book cover tell us?

Why is the book coloured red and blue?

Who is the author?

What does an author do?

Who is the illustrator?

Is this text fiction (imaginary) or non-fiction (factual). How can you tell?

How similar or different is it to the book cover for the Iron Man?

# QUERY 1

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My thoughts:

The author want the reader to visualise (see and hear) the noises in the station. He want's us to experience a busy, crowed station, full of excited people rushing around, hopping on and off trains to get to their summer destinations.

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My thoughts:

Mrs Brown does not believe Mr Brown. He wanted to prove to her that he had seen a bear in the station. The short descriptive sentences tells us that he is pulling her quickly through the station. He doesn't want the Bear to disappear? He must find it quickly.



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Write down your own thoughts below:

## QUERY 2

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My thoughts:

The author uses speech to show Mrs Brown's surprise or amazement.

Does she believe her husband?

What do you think? Why?

Mrs Brown knows that Bears are never in a train station.

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Here is a link to an episode of the television series called **Paddington Bear** from the 1980's 'I hope you enjoy it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aFy0XjkondQ>