

Mrs Bailey's Guided Reading Group – Follow-up tasks

Chinese New Year Story

Use the text we used in our session yesterday to answer the following questions:

- 1) How did the cat and the rat's feelings change? Consider how they felt before the race started and when the race began. Make sure you explain your answer.

E.g. Before the race, they felt ... because ... When the race had started, they felt ... because ...

- 2) How does the ox feel at the end of the race? You must support your answer with a word or phrase from the text.

E.g. The ox felt ... at the end of the race. I know this because in the text it says ...

Read the following extract and answer the questions below:

The dragon finished in fifth place. The Emperor wondered how it was that he didn't fly across and win the race. The dragon explained to him that he had stopped to help some of the animals which delayed his start. The river was still full of activity. Animals were splashing and thrashing their way to the winning bank, but heading confidently towards the line was the horse. Unbeknown to him, as he thought he was next across, the slippery snake writhed from around one of his hooves. In his surprise, the horse bounded backwards. This gave the snake a chance to slither into sixth place, ahead of the flustered horse, who was seventh.

- 3) What sort of an animal is the dragon? Explain your answer using the text.

E.g. I think that the dragon is .. I know this because in the text it says that ...

- 4) How would you describe the snake's character? Explain your answer using the text.

E.g. I would describe the snake as ... This is because in the text, it says

