

Response to Reading activities



This term we will be looking at the book *The Firework-Maker's daughter* by Phillip Pullman.

This week we would like you to listen to **chapter 2** of *The Firework-Maker's Daughter*. The recording of this is on the Year 4 webpage.
Don't forget to read independently every day!

Activity 1

Listen to Chapter 2.

Talk about what you have just heard.

- What can you remember from chapter 1?
- Do we meet any new characters in chapter 2?
- What have you learned about where the story takes place?

Activity 3

Look at Chapter 2, page 24. (Page 24 is saved on the website)

Some of the pages in the book have beautiful illustrations, page 24 does not.

Draw a picture suitable for page 24.

Make sure to label it with words or phrases from the text.

Activity 2

Write a sentence including the new vocabulary from the book.

For example: The cow was **sacred** to the family.

Sacred	Connected with god
Merchant	A person involved with trade
Ignite	To catch fire
Jostled	To push past people, usually in a crowd
Wretch	A despicable person
Proposition	A suggested plan
Scampered	To run quickly
desperate	To feel hopeless

Activity 4

Answer the questions relating to page 24.

Answer

1. How do you think Lila felt when she saw Mount Merapi?
2. Is it just a regular mountain? How do you know?
3. What do you think the 'fire demons' are referring to?

Challenge:

4. What words or phrases tell you that this isn't set in a busy, urban city?
5. What do you think the author wanted us to feel when describing the mountain?
6. Which part of this text is direct internal monologue (Which bit tells us how Lila is feeling in the first person?)