**Treetops Stage 16**

**Charlie - Prince of Wheels**

Predicting

Before reading this book look at the front cover/ images, read the blurb on the back and scan/skim read your book and then discuss with your group/partner what you think this book may be about. Who may Charlie be? and why is he the Prince of Wheels?

Short Story 1 –

The Case of the Talent Contest Crooks

Chapter 1 & 2

1. How was Charlie confused when he woke up at first?
2. How does the writer describe Alfie Buggins?
3. What job was Charlie known to do?
4. What joke does the writer use with Alfie’s address at the beginning of page 7?
5. Why do you think Charlie travels about on wheels?
6. Who made Charlie’s wheels extra special?
7. What line of text on page 10 does the writer use alliteration? What do you think of this?
8. What did the ‘person that Charlie thought Alfie had attacked turn out to be?
9. How does the writer use humour on page 13 to make you laugh?

Follow Up Task

\*Complete a character profile. Draw Charlie and describe what you think his qualities are and further on in the book you can revisit and draw him again and describe how you now see his qualities.

Chapter 3 & 4

1. What adjectives does the writer use to describe how M looks?
2. What had been stolen from Alfie?
3. Why would Ed Banger want to steal Alfie’s dvd?
4. How does the writer describe the Bangers and Mash gang?
5. What did the loud horn that M fitted on the wheels do to Charlie’s mouth?
6. Look up the word ‘infuriating’ and write the meaning of it.

Follow Up Task

Design a new front cover for this book.

Chapter 5 & 6

1. What words tell you that Alfie was angry?
2. What on page 26 infers(hints) at how fast Charlie’s wheels were?
3. Describe how did Charlie and M try to trick Ed banger and his gang.
4. What did Miss Angel ask Charlie and M to do and how did it fit in nicely with their plans?
5. What unfortunate thing happened when Alfie went to sing?
6. What did Charlie and M think of Alfie’s young performance ?

Follow Up Task

\*Write 5 questions you would like to ask Charlie. Swap your questions with a partner and ask them to try and answer them.

Story 2 –

The Case of the Chocolate Cheesecake Cheats

Chapter 1 & 2

1. What words does the author use to infer(hint) that Ned Rose has a bald head?
2. What good idea did Councillor Ned Rose have for the children to try on his birthday?
3. What was M and Charlie’s idea to raise money?
4. What did the Bangers and Mash gang going to do to raise money and who did they say they were raising money for?
5. What did M and Charlie think was strange as they approached Dodger’s Delicious Deli?
6. What happened when M and Charlie investigated?

Follow Up Task

\*Describe which character from the story you would most like to meet and say why. Draw a picture of what you think they look like.

Chapter 3 & 4

1. Describe what Charlie saw as he turned on the lights in the back of the deli.
2. Explain why the deli seemed to be covered in red stuff which looked like blood.
3. What weird sandwich filling were M and Charlie eating?
4. After looking at photos M and Charlie had taken, what did they realise was missing from the deli and who did they suspect had taken them?

Follow Up Task

Create a simple menu of ‘weird sandwich fillings’.

Chapter 5, 6 & 7

1. What ‘funny’ words does the author use to describe their tricky spelling test? What effect as a reader does his use of these words have on you?
2. What is really funny about the illustration of Mo on page 52?
3. What did M and Charlie suspect Mo’s gang were raising

money for?

1. What words on pg 55 infer(hint) that M and Charlie went with speed to the school office to borrow Mrs. Nurdle’s computer?
2. Who had raised the most money?
3. Describe how Charlie managed to stop Ed and Mo from running away from school with the money.
4. What happened to the money Ed and Mo had raised?
5. What did Jamie Dodger have to do for allowing Ed and Mo to steal the chocolate cheesecakes?
6. What sandwich filling did M want to try?

Follow Up Task

\*Pretend you are Charlie and write an entry into his diary of the days events.

Short Story 3

The Case of the Father Christmas Fraudsters

Chapter 1 & 2

1. As you begin reading page 64 what do you think is happening to Charlie at first? What is really happening to him?
2. What language infers(hints) at that Charlie doesn’t like rose scented perfume?
3. Why were M and Charlie really at Dobbin’s department store?
4. What words infer(hint) that M’s little brother Troy is ‘tricky’?
5. Why couldn’t any of the children see Santa?
6. Use a dictionary and look up the word ‘arduous’ and write the meaning of it in your jotter.
7. Why do you think the author uses *italics* when he says *‘That would make finding Father Christmas easier’?*

Follow Up Task

\*Scan read through your book and note down a list of 10 nouns and 10 adjectives in your jotter.

Chapter 3 & 4

1.Who did the two elves and ‘*Santa’* turn out to be?

2. What joke does the author make about Little Ben?

3. Write a very short description of how the presents had been stolen?

4. Who did Mr. Dobbins suspect could be behind the robbery and why?

5. Who did M and Charlie think the people who replaced the twins as elves were?

Follow Up Task

\*Design a wanted poster for Mo and Ed. Remember to include all the nasty things they have been involved in, a contact number, a picture of what they look like.

Chapter 5, 6 & 7

1. What humour does the author use on the top of page 83 when Charlie slams his brakes on?
2. Describe how Sir Grisly Swindhelm looks like on page 84.
3. Why do we know Sir Grisly doesn’t like to spend money and is mean?
4. What were Mo and Ed(dressed as elves) expecting parents to pay for a toy for their children?
5. What happened to the inflatable Santa?
6. What punishment did Mo and Ed receive from the court?

7. What two things did M say Charlie had to do for her?

Follow Up Task

Write a letter to the author telling them the parts of the book you liked and disliked. Discuss with your teacher how to set out a letter.