

Dear Year 1 Parents,

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Most children are doing well when answering comprehension questions verbally during guided reading sessions at school. We have been trying to work on using short texts to get children use to reading and answering comprehension questions on paper. Please complete these sheets and return them on the first day back.

# Winter Wonderland

Step 1 Starting Reading Skills



**Q1:** Who had a snowball fight?

Tick **two**.

- Jess
- Kim
- Josh
- Len



Jess makes a snowman. It has a long scarf and a black hat. Kim and Josh play and have a snowball fight. Len goes down the hill.

**Q2:** Which word in the text best describes the snowman's hat?

Tick **one**.

- black
- long
- play
- fight



**Q3:** How do you think Kim and Josh are feeling?  
Answer with a full sentence.

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**Q4:** What did Len do?  
Answer with a full sentence.

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# The Clouds Are Falling Down

Henry was sitting in his classroom looking out of the window. School was so boring. He knew all of his numbers and how to add them up. He knew how to read books and he read them every day. Henry knew everything so he spent his days looking out of the classroom window.

**Q1:** Tick **one** word to finish off this sentence: Henry thought that school was...

fun

boring

exciting

cool



**Q2:** Circle **three** things that Henry already knew about.

playing

numbers

spelling

adding

reading

windows

Suddenly, Henry noticed something strange coming from the sky. First one speck, then two and then, more than he could count. The small, white flakes were falling from the sky and started covering up the playground floor.



“Mr Dull!” Henry shouted. “You need to look at this. I think the clouds are falling down!”

“Don’t be so silly, Henry,” replied Mr Dull.

**Q3:** What was Henry’s teacher called?



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**Q4:** Find and copy **two** words which describe the flakes falling from the sky.



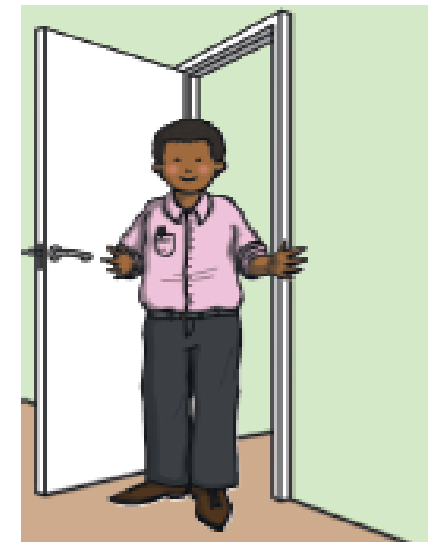
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“No, really,” insisted Henry. “The clouds are falling down. The playground is covered with them!” he said.

Mr Dull finally looked out of the window to see what Henry was talking about. The playground floor was covered smooth, white slush.

Mr Dull walked over to the classroom door. “Right, children,” he shouted. “Come with me. Let’s go and see if we can find out what is really on the playground floor.”



**Q5:** What do you think was really falling from the sky? Give a reason.

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