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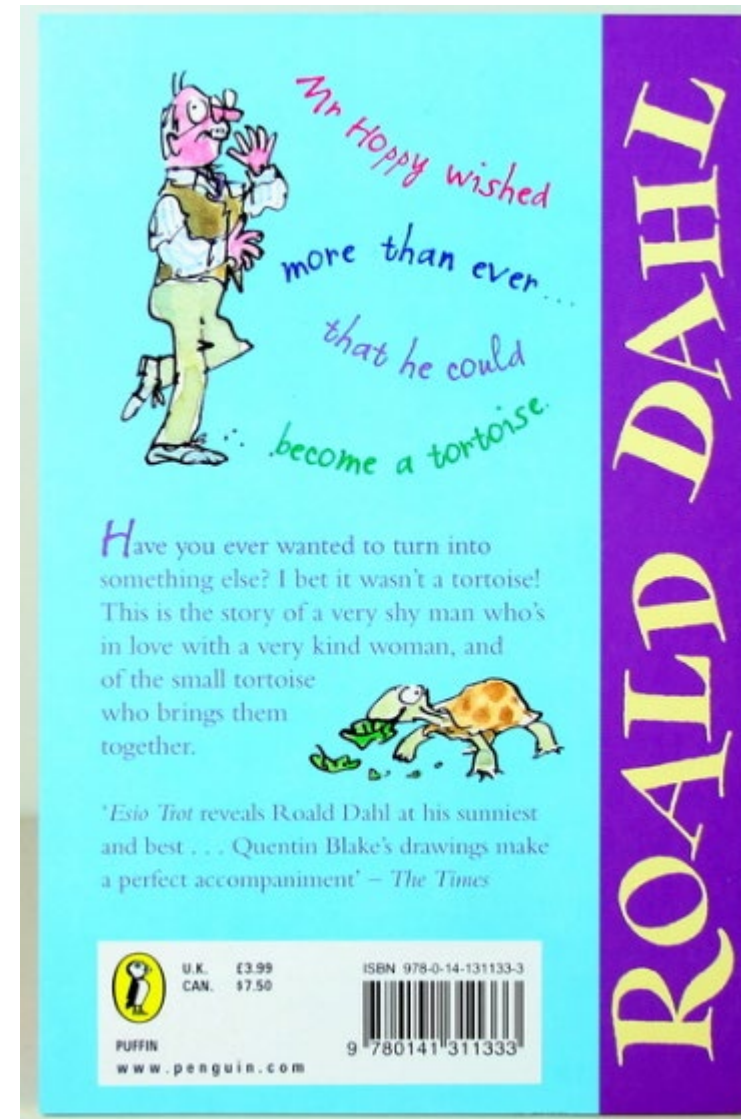
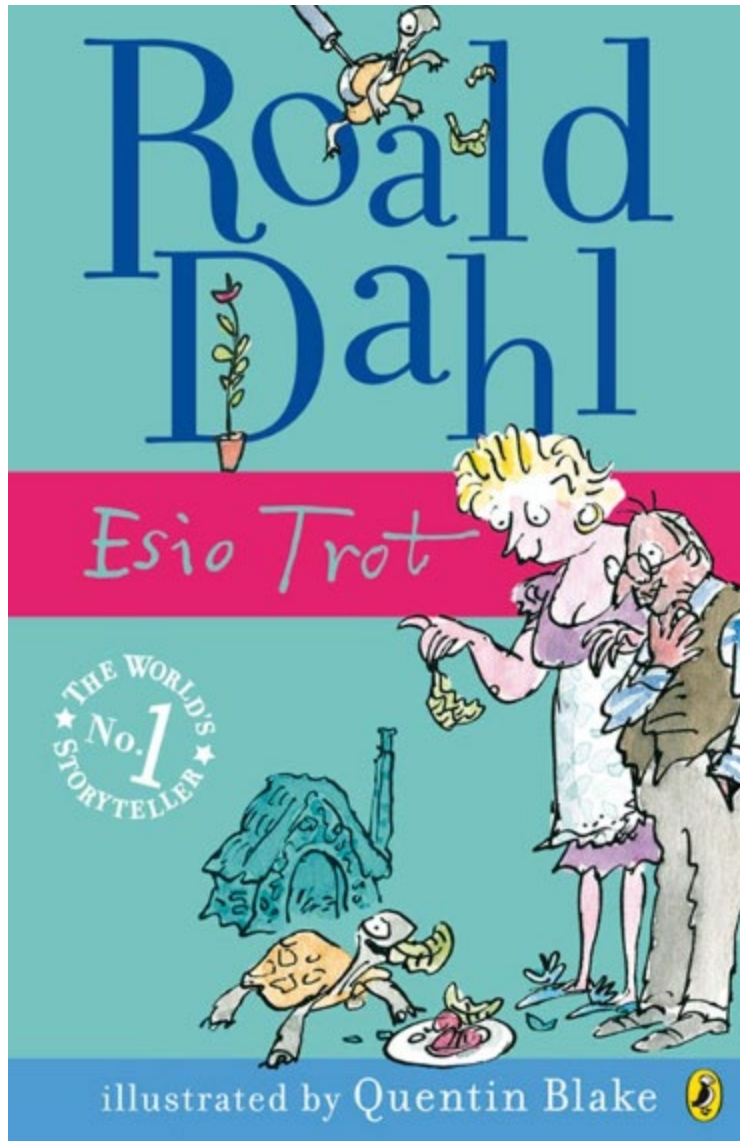
Please complete a reading task each day. These are to last you the whole week.

Week beginning- 27th April 2020

Monday 27th April

We are going to be looking at Esio Trot by Roald Dahl.

Make a prediction based on the front cover and blurb.



Write your prediction...

I predict that ...

I think this will happen because...

Tuesday 28th April

Read the text below from Esio Trot.

Mr Hoppy lived in a small flat high up in a tall concrete building. He lived alone. He had always been a lonely man now that he was retired from work he was more lonely than ever.

There were two loves in Mr Hoppy's life. One was the flowers he grew on his balcony. They grew in pots and tubs and baskets, and in summer the little balcony became a riot of colour.

Mr Hoppy's second love was a secret he kept entirely to himself.

Can you draw what you have read?
Read it carefully and close your eyes. Imagine Mr Hoppy and use this to draw your picture.

Did your drawing look like this?



Wednesday 29th April

The last sentence from the extract in the story says :

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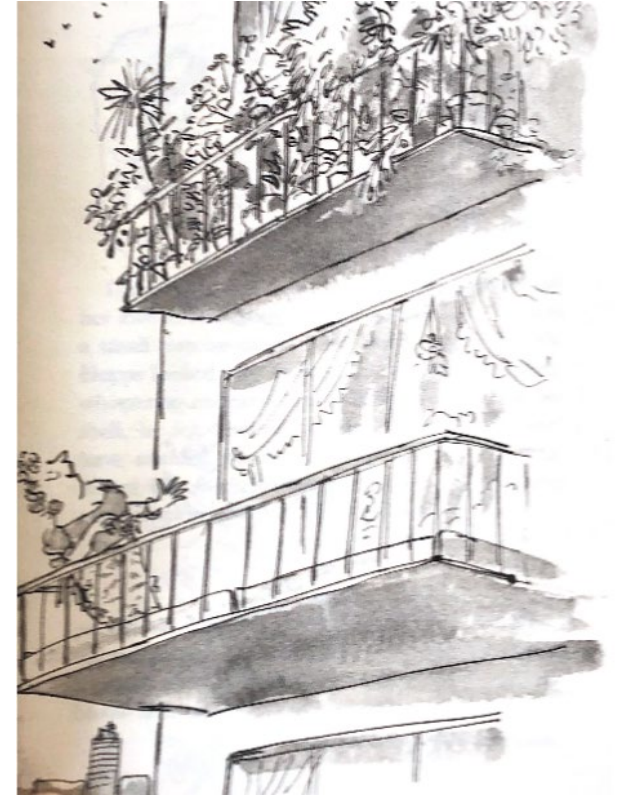
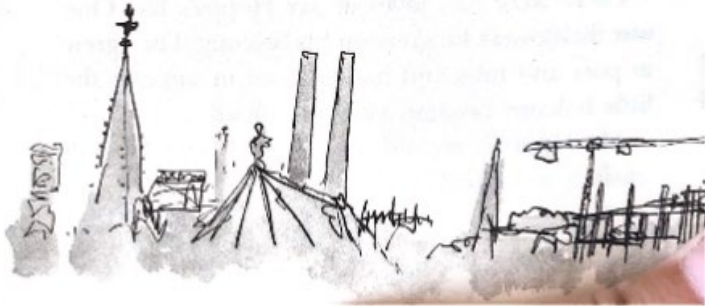
Today you are going to write what you think that secret might be. Use the information you have gathered from your prediction and the first extract from the story.

I think Mr Hoppy's secret is...

Thursday 30th April

The balcony immediately below Mr Hoppy's jutted out a good bit further from the building than his own, so Mr Hoppy always had a fine view of what was going on down there. This balcony belonged to an attractive middle-aged lady called Mrs Silver. Mrs Silver was a widow who also lived alone. And although she didn't know it, it was she who was the object of Mr Hoppy's secret love. He had loved her from his balcony for many years, but he was a very shy man and he had never been able to bring himself to give her even the smallest hint of his love.

Every morning, Mr Hoppy and Mrs Silver exchanged polite conversation, the one looking down from above, the other looking up, but that was as far as it ever went. The distance between their balconies might not have been more than a few yards, but to Mr Hoppy it seemed like a million miles. He longed to invite Mrs Silver up for a cup of tea and a biscuit, but every time he was about to form the words on his lips, his courage failed him. As I said, he was a very very shy man.



Read the next part of the story.
Were you correct with your prediction about the secret?

Are these statements true or false?

Mrs Silver lived below Mr Hoppy.

Mrs Silver lived with someone else.

Mr Hoppy wanted to ask Mrs Silver to come for a cup of tea.

Mr Hoppy was a loud man.

Mr Hoppy did not like Mrs Silver.

Sort these statements into true or false.

Read the next part of the story. Any words you don't understand write down and then look on the internet to find the meaning.
Create your own glossary.

Friday 1st May



Oh, if only, he kept telling himself, if only he could do something tremendous like saving her life or rescuing her from a gang of armed thugs, if only he could perform some great feat that would make him a hero in her eyes. If only . . .



The trouble with Mrs Silver was that she gave all her love to somebody else, and that somebody was a small tortoise called Alfie. Every day, when Mr Hoppy looked over his balcony and saw Mrs Silver whispering endearments to Alfie and stroking his shell, he felt absurdly jealous. He wouldn't even have minded becoming a tortoise himself if it meant Mrs Silver stroking his shell each morning and whispering endearments to him.



Glossary

Word	Meaning