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CLASS IV SUBJECT – ENGLISH (2020-21)

TEXT BOOK: MY CANVAS MCB

TOPIC- THE RIVER BANK {Continued}

NAME _____ CLASS IV _____ DATE - 06/04/2020

Hello children! Do you remember the story we read about a Mole and a Water Rat titled 'The River Bank'? If not, don't worry. Click on the following YouTube link to recall it.

<https://youtu.be/-KqsUBGBDd0>

Let's Practise (to be done in the English notebook)

(Write down the questions also)

Q1. Complete the following sentences based on your reading of the story. Choose from the options given in the brackets.

- The Mole had been working hard to _____ his home. (**decorate/clean**)
- The Mole felt _____ when he saw the river for the first time. (**sad/excited**)
- Beyond the Wild Wood came the _____. (**Wide World/ Woodland**)
- Weasels, _____ and _____ lived in the Wild Wood.
(**rats/stoats/river bankers/foxes/moles**)
- The Water Rat had never been to the _____ and did not wish to go there too. (**Wild World/Wide World**)
- The story is set in the _____ season. (**spring/summer**)

Q2. Answer these questions with reference to the context. (RTC)

I. "That? Oh, that's just the Wild Wood."

- Who said these words and to whom?
- Where was the Wild Wood located?
- Why did the speaker not like going to the Wild Wood?

II. "Do you know, I've never been in a boat before in my life?"

- Who said these words and to whom?
- What was the listener's reaction on hearing these words?
- List any three food items which the listener carried with him to eat in the boat?

Vocabulary Fun!

HOMOPHONES are words that have the same pronunciation but different spellings and meanings. For example: two/ to /too and right/write

Task: Look for at least 4 such words in the story 'The River Bank' and write their corresponding Homophones based on your own knowledge **in the notebook**.

(HINT: You can find 9 such words on the first page of the story itself.)

Let's recall orally (NOT to be done in the notebook)

- Q1. Describe the appearance of the Water Rat.
- Q2. Why did the Mole suddenly decide to come out of his hole?
- Q3. What did the Water Rat tell the Mole about the weasels, stoats and foxes?
- Q4. Why did the Water Rat consider the river its brother, sister and world?
- Q5. How did the Water Rat like to spend his day?
- Q6. Do you think the Water Rat was a friendly creature? Give reasons for your answer.

Now remember, that this is just the first chapter of this amazing story book, 'The Wind in the Willows'. If you want to know what happens to the Mole and the Water Rat after this, click on the link below to watch a short video of the complete story.



https://youtu.be/8oZ_O6k5kdc

LIFESKILLS ACTIVITY FOR THE DAY

Staying Fit & Fab

Children, you all are enjoying an extended break at home. During this time, it's very easy to get out of routine and get glued to the mobile phones or television sets. Therefore, I urge you to take out at least half an hour everyday for physical activity. Since we all have to stay indoors, we can do skipping, yoga, aerobics or zumba to stay fit and energetic. Many online videos are also available for the same. Here are some useful links to do the same. Some even offer interesting stories along with exercising. Write your experience in the **Lifeskills diary** in brief.

<https://youtu.be/pn65ltyntp4>

<https://youtu.be/U9Q6FKF12Qs>

<https://youtu.be/ymigWt5TOV8>

https://youtu.be/L_A_HjHZxfI

<https://youtu.be/X655B4ISakg>

1 The River Bank

Work in groups of four. Imagine you went on a holiday to a place where you met people very different from you. Describe your experience.

The Mole had been working very hard all the morning, cleaning his little home, till he had dust in his throat and eyes, and splashes of whitewash all over his black fur.

Spring was moving in the air above and in the earth below and around him, penetrating even his dark and lowly little house. It was small wonder that he suddenly flung down his brush, said 'No more cleaning!' and made for the steep little tunnel which took him to the surface of the land. So he scraped and scratched and scabbled till at last, with a 'Pop!' his snout came out into the sunlight, and he found himself rolling in the warm grass of a great meadow.

He thought his happiness was complete when suddenly he stood by the edge of a full-fed river. Never in his life had he seen a river before, and the Mole was delighted. By the side of the river he trotted as one trots, when very small, by the side of a man who holds one fascinated with exciting stories; and when tired at last, he sat on the bank and looked across the river.

A dark hole in the bank opposite, just above the water's edge, caught his eye, and dreamily he considered what a nice and cosy dwelling place it would make for an animal with



few wants and fond of a riverside residence. As he gazed, something bright and small seemed to twinkle down in the heart of the hole, like a tiny star.

A brown little face, with whiskers, small neat ears and thick silky hair.

It was the Water Rat!

'Hullo, Mole!' said the Water Rat. 'Would you like to come over?'

The Rat, then, lightly stepped into a little boat, rowed smartly across and made fast. Then he held up his forepaw as the Mole stepped gingerly down and found himself actually seated in the stern of a real boat.



'Do you know,' said Mole, as the Rat shoved off, 'I've never been in a boat before in a my life?'

'What?' cried the Rat, open-mouthed. 'Believe me, my young friend, there is NOTHING—absolute nothing—half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats. Simply messing. Look here! If you've really nothing else on hand this morning, we can drop down the river together, and spend a long day on it. I have pickled gherkins, salad, French rolls, cress sandwiches, lemonade, soda water...'

'O stop, stop,' cried the Mole in ecstasy. 'This is so new to me. So-this-is-a-River!'

'THE River,' corrected the Rat. 'I live on it and in it. It's brother and sister to me, and food and drink, and (naturally) washing. It's my world, and I don't want any other.'

'What lies over THERE?' asked the Mole, waving a paw towards a background of woodland.

'That? O, that's just the Wild Wood,' said the Rat shortly. 'We don't go there very much, we river-bankers. Weasels, stoats, foxes and so on live in the Wild Wood. They're all right in a way, but, well, you can't really trust them, and that's the fact.'

'And beyond the Wild Wood again?' asked Mole. 'Where it's all blue and dim, and one sees what may be hills or perhaps they may not be, and something like the smoke of towns, or is it only a cloud?'



'Beyond the Wild Wood comes the Wide World,' said the Rat. 'And that's something that doesn't matter, either to you or me. I've never been there, and I'm never going, nor will you, if you've got any sense at all. Don't ever refer to it again, please.'

Adapted from The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame

New Words

| | |
|-----------------|--|
| splashes | drops of any liquid |
| penetrating | coming through |
| steep | (<i>here, of the tunnel</i>) rising suddenly |
| scraped | cleaned by rubbing with something sharp |
| scrabbled | moved hands and feet about quickly |
| trotted | moved with fast bouncy steps |
| fascinated | charmed |
| gingerly | carefully |
| stern | the back part of a ship |
| crisp | eatable plant with leaves |
| weasels | a type of small flesh-eating animals |
| stoats | animals similar to the weasels |
| caught his eye | brought to his notice |
| in the heart of | at the centre of |
| made fast | (<i>here</i>) moved quickly |

Give wings to your imagination



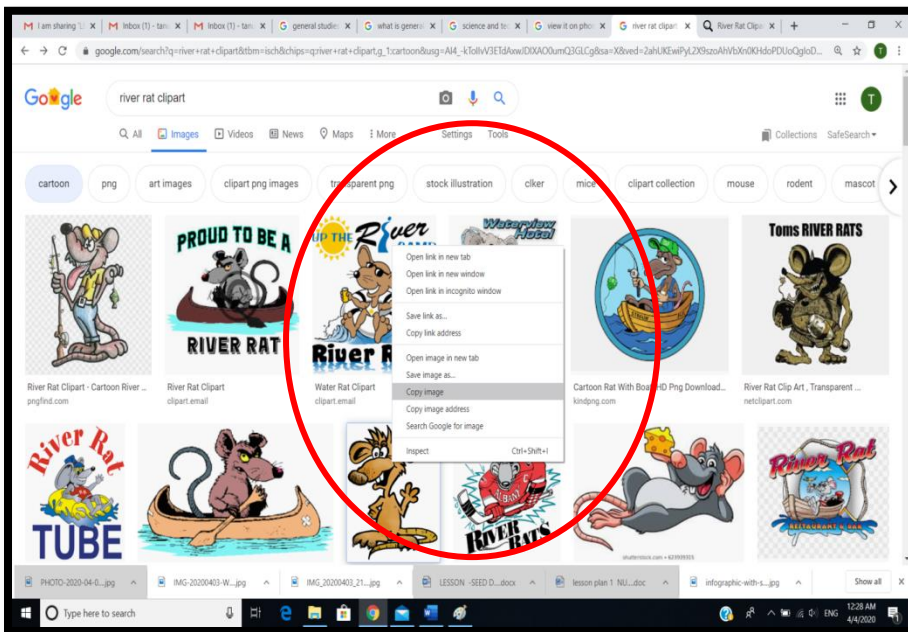
Using MS Paint, draw a beautiful riverbank scene depicting the Mole and the River Rat enjoying the boat ride in the river.

Hint:

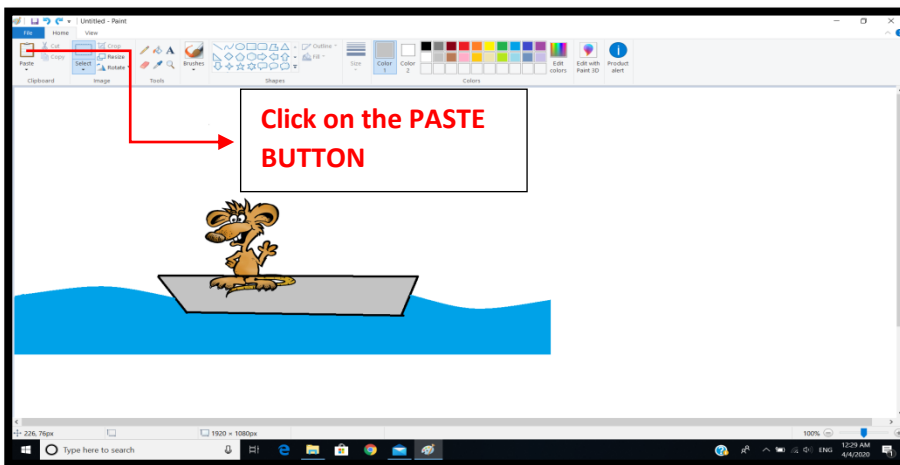
To add the images

Example: To add image of a River Rat:

- Go to Google > search River Rat Clipart and press ENTER
- Right Click on the image you want to choose and select COPY IMAGE from the drop down menu.



c) Now go to MS PAINT and click on the PASTE BUTTON.



d) Now you can use the different shapes and color tools to add river, mountains and trees etc.