

Term 2, 2018

Weeks 5 and 6 (15 – 28 May)

Year 3 – 4



Storybird – Artful storytelling

[Storybird](#) is being used as part of the optional homework for all students from Prep to Year 6 this fortnight – thereby providing opportunities for some multi-age and shared learning experiences.

[Storybird](#) is a digital platform that lets anyone write and 'publish' their own picture book in seconds.

Learn how to create a picture book on [Storybird](#) in this quick three-minute tutorial. Just drag, drop, and write! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rEgdOO4UZVo>

[The flying cat](#) (PDF) is an example of a picture book that was written as part of shared writing experience with year 1 students at school. The 'book' was then uploaded to another web 2 tool – [issuu](#) – and can be viewed here: [The flying cat](#)

Sign up for a free [Storybird](#) account on behalf of your child/ren. Once a story has been written, it can be shared privately with family and friends (that is, it will not be visible to others on Storybird).

Active supervision of online tools/internet use is recommended for your child/ren.

- Support your child to select artwork and to develop a storyline (as required).
- Ask your child to re-read his/her own writing and make corrections (if needed) to clarify meaning, and correct his/her spelling and/or punctuation.

Spelling / Vocabulary

Discuss word meanings with your child. When they encounter new vocabulary in their reading, encourage them to suggest words with a similar meaning and to use the word in sentences. Ask your child to write sentences containing these new words.

Mathematics / Problem solving

- Spot 13: <https://nrich.maths.org/7513>
- Plants: <https://nrich.maths.org/36>
- Shaping it: <https://nrich.maths.org/7301>