

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Writing Task – Mouse Bird Snake Wolf



They did try, and Little Ben almost fell asleep, as he did most afternoons because he was still so small. And they lay there on the ground in the sunshine, just as the gods lay on the clouds above. And they thought of the things they had made, just as the gods did, and were extremely pleased with themselves, just as the gods were.

But Sue couldn't keep still, and Harry couldn't keep quiet.

*"I don't want to have a rest,"* he said.

*"Nor do I,"* said Sue.



They stood up straight and they stared across the earth and they stared into their minds and they searched their thoughts and they searched their dreams and they wondered.

They started to walk, and to talk as quickly as they walked.

"Listen," said Sue.

"What we need now is a thing called a wolf."

"A wolf?" said Little Ben, who had to hurry to keep up.

"Yes," said Harry.

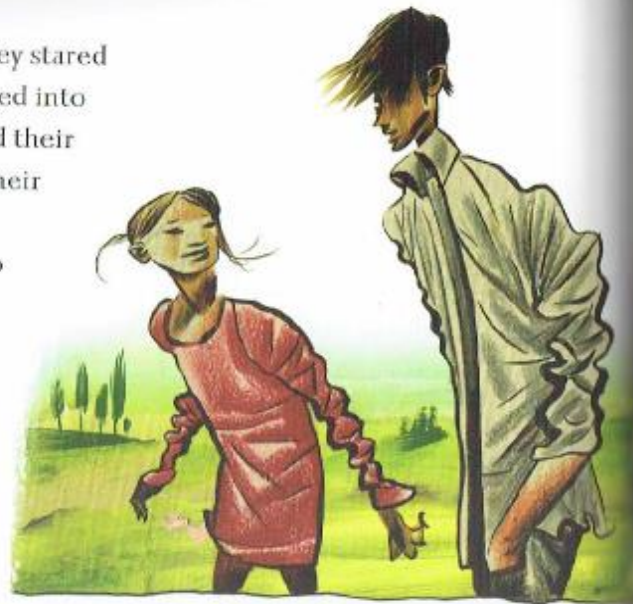
"Sue's right. We absolutely definitely need a wolf."

"What in the world is a wolf?" asked Ben.

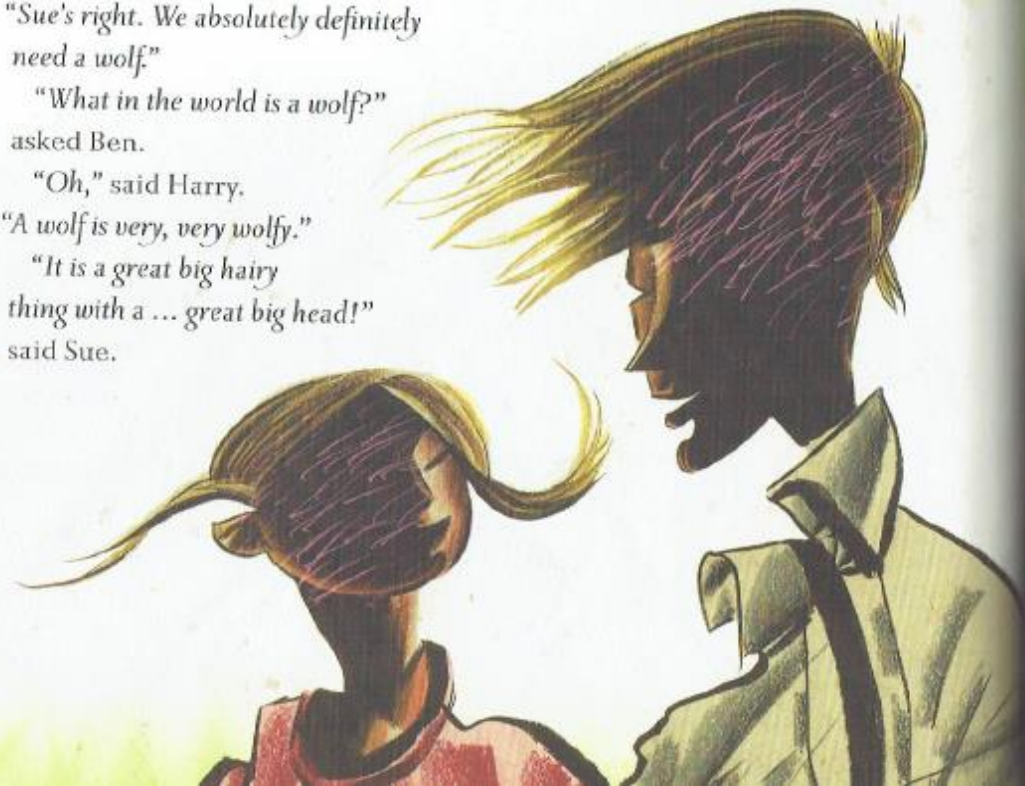
"Oh," said Harry.

"A wolf is very, very wolfy."

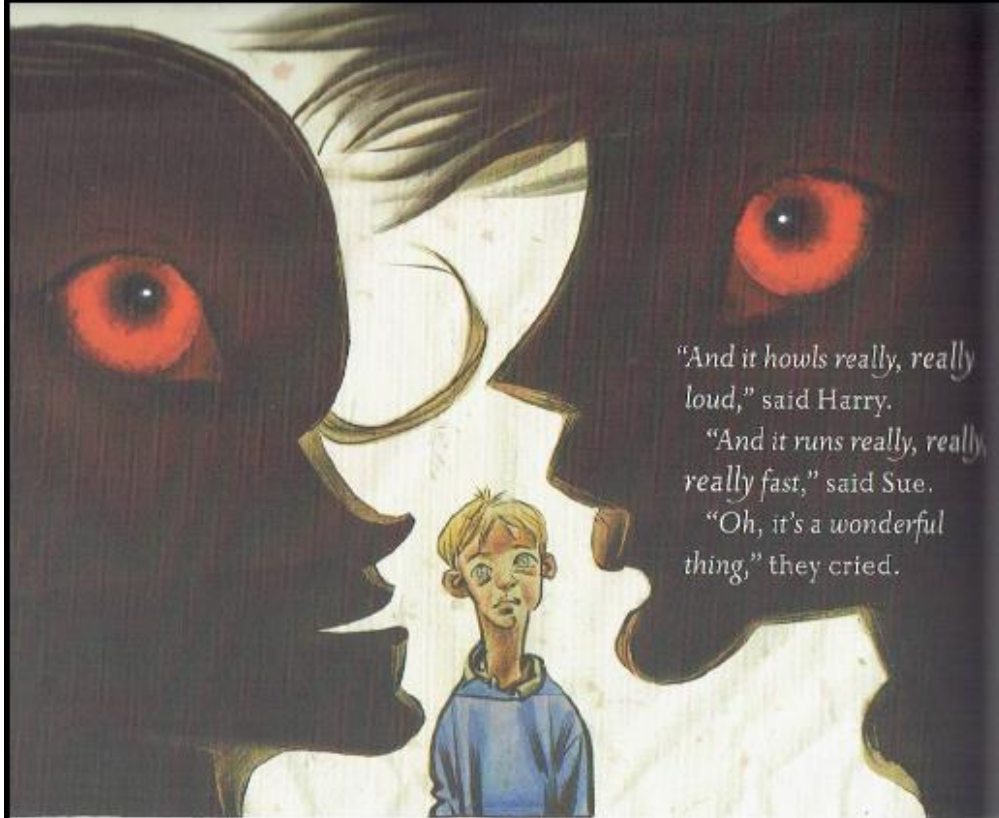
"It is a great big hairy thing with a ... great big head!" said Sue.



"That's right," agreed Harry. "And it has great big massive teeth."



"And long strong legs and ... great big paws," said Sue.



*"And it howls really, really loud,"* said Harry.

*"And it runs really, really, really fast,"* said Sue.

*"Oh, it's a wonderful thing,"* they cried.



Little Ben said,  
*"But isn't that a bit...?"*


He scratched his head,  
as if he didn't know  
the word he was  
looking for.

*"A bit scary,"*  
he said at last.

*"No!"* said Harry and  
Sue.

*"Isn't it a bit ...  
dangerous?"*





*Do you think the  
children's actions are  
sensible ?*

*Are they filling a  
necessary gap or  
space in their world ?*

In this session, you are going to be writing in role as someone who has been secretly watching Harry, Sue and Ben as they created the mouse, bird and snake. You have to imagine that yesterday, you overheard Sue and Harry talk about what they want to make next – a wolf!

You are going to write a note to Harry, Sue and Ben.

You need to decide if in your note you are either going to support of Harry and Sue as you think there is a place in your world for a wolf. Or do you, like Ben, think it sounds a bit dangerous and you don't think they should make anything else.

You can choose which point of view you will have!

*Write a note to them offering your advice:*

*What do you think they should do? Or should not do ?*

*Should they create the wolf or not ?*

*If yes, explain **why** ?*

*If no, you need to explain **why not** ?*

*Try to present a balanced argument whichever point of view you take!*

# WAGOLL

Dear Harry, Sue and Ben,

**I've been watching what you have been doing and I have to be honest I really don't think you should make anything else, especially not this wolf.**

*The mouse was .....*

*Sue's bird was .....*

*Harry, your snake, well I .....*

*I understand that you .....*

*I have often wanted to -----*

*Creating is something that .....*

*Do you think it is -----*

*Why don't you think again because .....*

*Please think carefully about ....*

*Have fun with your writing in role, remember to make thoughtful word choices, join your ideas together with conjunctions – check your punctuation – re-read your writing as you go along to make sure you have all your ideas down on paper in a clear and logical order.*

**From a grateful/ concerned/ worried friend – *this will depend on whether you have seen this as a positive thing to do or not!***