



Blackbirds are reading The Matchbox Diary written by Paul Fleischman and illustrated by Bagram Ibatoulline.

The story is about a little girl who visits her great-grandfather . The great grandfather asks the girl to choose an object and he will then tell her all about his life. She chooses an unusual object to learn about: an old cigar box. What she finds inside surprises her: a collection of matchboxes making up her great-grandfather's diary, containing objects she can hold in her hand, each one evoking a memory. Together they tell of his journey from Italy to a new country, before he could read and write .

My favourite part of the story is when the boy found a coin because it meant that he could go to another baseball match. The family was poor so he wouldn't have been able to go again if he hadn't found the coin.





I liked it when the boy's father sent photos to the family because they hadn't seen him for a long time. It made the family really happy.



My favourite part of the story is when the family joined the dad in America. They hadn't been together for a long time and they were all happy to see each other and had a lot of hugs.

The children's homework task was to collect together three small objects that either reminds them of significant events in their life or are symbolic/representative of three significant events.

Here are some examples:

Object 1



**My first
pandora
charm
which is
also my
birth stone.**

Emelia

Object 1



this is Big teddy, he was given to me by my mummy and daddy when i was a baby and he is my favourite teddy

My Lego collection is special to me because I started it when I was four years old and I still play with it now.

