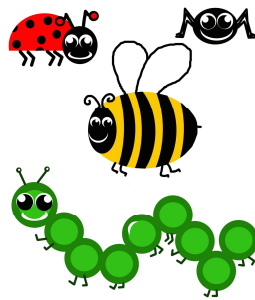


The School Play

There was great excitement at Oakvale School, especially among the children in Year Two. They were busy practising for a summer concert which was all about mini-beasts. There were lots of songs to sing and poems to say. Some children were even dressing up as insects and acting out little stories.



Everyone was looking forward to the concert except for Danny.

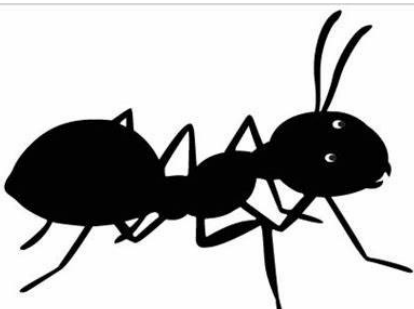
1. Which year group was doing the concert at school?

2. What was the concert about?

3. Who was not looking forward to the concert?

4. List two things the children would be doing in the Summer concert.

Danny did not want to be in the concert. He had been chosen to be an ant, but he did not like ants. Tom, his best friend, was a worm. "Why can't I be a worm like Tom?" Danny asked his Mum. "He has a great time. He crawls on the floor and gets really dirty. I just run around and pick up food to give to the baby ants. It's really boring."



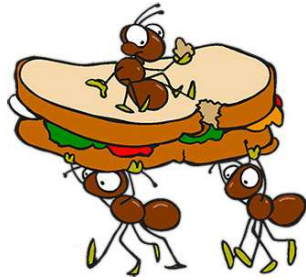
5. What was Danny's best friend going to be in the concert?

6. Why did Danny want to be a worm?
so that he could sing _____
so that he could run around _____
so that he could get dirty _____
so that he could be with Tom _____
7. Why did Danny not want to be an ant in the concert?

The next day at school, Class two practised for the concert. Kelly had to stand up and talk about ants. All the other ants had to run around and pretend to pick up food to give to the baby ants. Danny didn't run around.

"Danny, why aren't you running around?" asked Mrs James his teacher.

"I don't feel like it!" said Danny.



8. Who had to talk about ants?

9. Who is Mrs James?

10. Why was Danny not running around with the other children pretending to be an ant?

he felt sick _____

he wanted to play out _____

he didn't want to _____

he had a headache _____

Mrs James was very cross.

"You are lucky to be an ant," she said.

"There are lots of other children who would like to be ants instead of you."

"But I want to be a worm," said Danny.

"We've got enough worms," said Mrs James.

"Now then, I'm going to tell you about something else that ants do and then you can have a go at doing it too."

Mrs James told Class Two that sometimes ants marched from one place to another to make a new nest.

"Now we're going to march along in threes, just like ants do." She said.

Danny was very happy. "Oh good, I like marching," he said and jumped up and down with excitement.

"Yes," said Mrs James, "I know you do. I suppose you are happy to be an ant now aren't you?"

Danny just nodded and smiled.

11. Which word in the text tells you Mrs James was upset with Danny. _____

12. Why do ants march from one place to another?

13. How were the children going to march like ants?

on their own _____

in twos _____

in threes _____

in a circle _____

14. How did Danny feel about marching?

It made him feel tired _____

It made him feel sad _____

He enjoyed it _____

He loathed it _____

15. How does Danny show his excitement to be a marching ant? _____
