

KS1 YEAR 2 Autumn Term Expectations

- draw ideas together across a whole text
- pick out relevant information from text
- discuss events, characters with reasons
- note key features and whether they liked the book with reasons

Can you answer the questions below....?

Read the text carefully first.



CHAPTER 3

Kasper stood still at the top of the steep steps leading to the unknown below. He waited for his eyes to become **accustomed** to the blackness around him. Kasper felt frightened - his heart was beating loudly in his chest and his long, orange fur stood on end in fear. Swallowing hard, he knew he had to move fast before Old Rufus caught him and foiled his crafty plan.

Down he went, slowly and for once in his safe life he threw caution to the wind and pounced down the stairs like a tiger; even though he had no idea what would greet him at the bottom of the staircase, but he had spent the last two years waiting and guessing and this was his chance and he was determined to take it! No matter how frightened he was! Suddenly behind him, the door at the top of the steps slammed shut and extinguished the light! Kasper was plunged into pitch blackness and he sat and waited, unable to do anything else.

Finally he heard a rasp and crackle of a struck match and saw Old Rufus' face lit by the slender candle held in his hand, the heavy thud of his feet echoed as he descended the steps. Kasper jumped into the unknown darkness and watched Old Rufus come closer. As he reached the floor, the secret of the hidden room was released to Kasper as the **candlelight bounced around the walls** of the cellar.

Why do you think Kasper had to move fast down the stairs?

Which two words describe how the match was lit in the cellar?

What does the word **accustomed** mean?

Feeling something		Get used to something		Feeling sad		Feeling lonely	
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What does this phrase mean '**candlelight bounced around the walls**'?

As Kasper hid in the darkness at the bottom of the stairs, write in the thought bubble below how he might be feeling? Can you also say your reasons why?

