

# Guided Reading Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June

## The Magic Box by Kit Wright

Today I would like you to complete some independent reading. This does not have to be a full book. Perhaps it can be a chapter or two.

Answer the following questions:

Who is the main character in your story?

What personality does the main character have? What makes you think this?

What is the setting of the story? How would you describe it?

What are the main events that have happened in the book/chapters you have read?

# *The Magic Box*

I will put in the box

The swish of a silk sari on a summer night,  
Fire from the nostrils of a Chinese dragon,  
The tip of a tongue touching a tooth.



I will put into the box

A snowman with a rumbling belly,  
A sip of the bluest water from Lake Lucerene,  
A leaping spark from an electric fish.



I will put into the box

Three violet wishes spoken in Gujarati,  
The last joke of an ancient uncle,  
And the first smile of a baby.

### ચોહાનની લખેલી સુવાર્તા

૧ આદિએ શબ્દ હતો, અને શબ્દ દેવની સંઘાતે હતો, અને શબ્દ દેવ હતો. ૨ તે જ આદિએ દેવની સંઘાતે હતો. ૩ તેનાથી સઘળું ઉત્પન્ન થયું; એટલે જ કંઈ થયું છે તે તેના વિના ઉત્પન્ન થયું નહિ. ૪ તેનામાં જીવન હતું; તે જીવન માણસોનું અજવાળું હતું. ૫ તે અજવાળું અંધારામાં પ્રકાશ છે; પણ અંધારાએ તેને સ્વીકાર્યું નહિ. ૬ દેવે મોકલેલો એક માણસ આવ્યો. તેનું નામ 'ચોહાન' હતું. ૭ તે શહેરીને સારુ આવ્યો કે અજવાળા વિષે તે શહેરી આપે, એ માટે કે સર્વ તેનાથી વિશ્વાસ કરે. ૮ તે તો તે અજવાળું ન હતો, પણ તે અજવાળા વિષે શહેરી આપવાને તિ આવ્યો હતો].

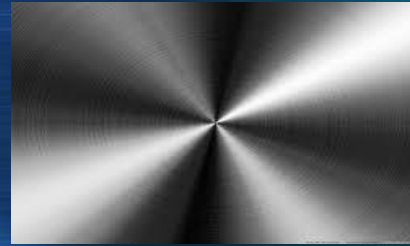


I will put into the box

A fifth season and a black sun,  
A cowboy on a broomstick,  
And a witch on a white horse.



My box is fashioned from ice and gold and steel,  
With stars on the lid and secrets in the corners.  
Its hinges are the toe joints of dinosaurs.



I shall surf in my box  
On the great high-rolling breakers of the wild Atlantic,  
Then wash ashore on a yellow beach  
The colour of the sun.



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