

# Guided Reading Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June

## The Magic Box by Kit Wright

Re-read the poem again – once out loud to yourself and once to someone in your household/bubble. Then answer the following questions:

1. What season does she refer to in the first line?
2. The snowman is hungry, how do we know this?
3. What colour is the water in Lake Lucerene?
4. What verb describes the spark from the electric fish.

# *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.



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



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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].

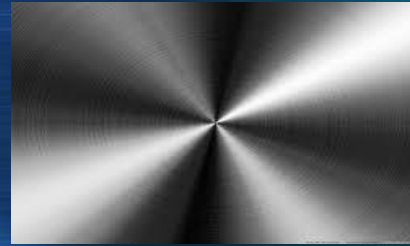


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A fifth season and a black sun,  
A cowboy on a broomstick,  
And a witch on a white horse.



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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