Finding Tale - Adventure at Sandy Cove – Week 1

Adventure at Sandy Cove

“Hurry up,” shouted Joe as he climbed over the rocks. Carefully, Rahul followed. The two boys stopped at a rock pool and began to search for shells. “Hey, what’s this?” shouted Joe to Rahul. In the rock pool was a small, black box wrapped in plastic. The boys tugged it loose. What was inside? Joe pressed the silver catch and the lid popped open. It was full of jewels!

At that moment, a scruffy old man shouted at the boys. His wolf-like dog barked menacingly. Joe snapped the lid down, picked up the box and the two boys began to scramble over the rocks. They slipped and struggled towards the cliffs.

“Quick! Let’s hide in here,” said Joe, rushing into a cave. It was dark and damp inside and they could hear water dripping. They felt their way further in and crouched behind a rock. Rahul’s heart pounded. All at once, the scruffy man appeared at the cave mouth. He shone a torch around. The light cast shadows on the cave wall. The children ducked down and kept as still as stone, but the dog could sense them. It padded closer and closer, growling menacingly. Rahul gripped Joe’s arm. They could see its white teeth, smell its damp hair and feel its hot meaty breath.

Suddenly there was a distant shout. ‘Here Dog!’ hissed the man, roughly grabbing its collar. “Those boys have got away. Quick. After them!” Joe and Rahul held their breath until they could hear the sound of the man and his dog stumbling back across the rocks. They waited for a long while before creeping out. Even though the beach was empty, the boys ran home as fast as they could.

At first Mum didn’t believe them. It was only when Joe opened the box that she decided to call the police. When the police arrived they told Mum that the big house up the road had been burgled only the night before. They had spent all day searching for a trace of the jewels. Their only clue had been the footprints of a large dog. Joe shut his eyes. He could imagine the headlines: ‘PRICELESS JEWELS FOUND BY SCHOOLBOY DETECTIVES. And there was a reward too!

**Monday and Tuesday – Create a story map and retell the story**

Read the finding tale ‘Adventures at Sandy Cove’. Over the next two days, create your own story map for the story and practise retelling the story out loud using your story map. It’s a good idea to make up actions for your retelling, as this will make it more fun and help you to remember it.

**Wednesday – Understanding the story**

Discuss what happens in the story with an adult. Is there anything you don’t understand? Are there any words which you are not sure of? Use a dictionary to find the definitions of these words. Write each word along with its definition. Then write a sentence for each new word to show that you have understood the meaning.

**Thursday – Toolkit**

Can you find these things in the text? Highlight or underline each of them in a different colour. Create a key, or use the one below to show what each colour represents.

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| Toolkit | colour |
| Show don’t tell – Showing how a character feels by their actions e.g. Rahul’s heart pounded. |  |
| Speech to take the characters to the next place e.g. “Quick! Let’s hide in here,” |  |
| Threatening noises e.g. the dog growled |  |
| Questions that make the reader think e.g. What was inside? |  |
| Empty words e.g. something, someone |  |