Fantastic Mr Fox

Chapter 5

The Terrible Tractors

Task 1

Questions for chapter 5

Remember to write whole sentences for your answers.

For example:

Q1. Roald dahl described the hole that the farmers had dug as being…

1. On page one, how does Roald Dahl describe the size of the hole that the farmers had dug?

2. Why is this a good description?

3. On page 2, why did Bunce have to shout at Bean twice?

4. On page three, Road Dahl describes the tractors as ‘murderous, brutal looking monsters.’ Why has he used this language and what effect does it have on the reader?

5. On page four, in what different ways does Roald Dahl show the power of the tractors? Think about the way he describes their movement and their actions.

6. On page five, look at this section, ‘Look!’ said one of the Small Foxes. ‘Our tunnel’s got shorter! I can see daylight!’

What is happening in the story for the small fox to say this?

7. How do you think the fox family feel when they hear the tractors?

8. At the end of the chapter, why do you think that ‘Dig, dig, dig!’ has been written in italics?

Task 2

Draw an illustration that you think would go well with any part of the story that you have read so far. Add a caption to the drawing to explain what it shows. You could choose a sentence form the text as a caption.

For example;

‘Soon, two enormous caterpillar tractors with mechanical shovels on their front ends came clanking into the wood.’

‘The machines went to work, biting huge mouthfuls of soil out of the hill.’

‘Down in the tunnel the foxes crouched, listening to the terrible clanging and banging overhead.’