

A Snowy Surprise at the Library

Learning objective: To read a short narrative and answer comprehension questions about the characters, setting, and plot.

Read the story below with an adult. Then, answer the questions to show how much you remember about Pip and Leo's winter adventure.

It was a frosty December evening. Pip the caterpillar was curled up in the cosy library, reading a book about winter. Suddenly, Leo the lion tapped on the window. 'Pip!' Leo roared softly. 'Look outside!' Pip crawled to the glass. The library garden was covered in a soft, white blanket of snow. Every tree sparkled as if it were covered in glitter. Leo had brought a small box of paper stars to decorate the old oak tree. 'Let's make the garden look magical,' Leo said. They worked together, hanging stars on the branches. When they finished, the tree looked beautiful under the moonlight. Pip and Leo felt very happy. They decided that sharing their time was the best way to celebrate the festive season.

Word bank: library · snowflake · adventure · celebrate · twinkle · generous

1. Where were Pip and Leo at the start of the story? (2 marks)

2. What did the garden look like after it snowed? (2 marks)

3. What did Leo bring in his box to decorate the tree? (1 mark)

4. Why do you think Pip and Leo felt happy at the end of the story? (2 marks)

5. If Pip wanted to buy a new star decoration for £2, and he had a £5 note, how much change would he get? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Pip and Leo standing by the decorated oak tree in the snowy garden. Don't forget to draw the twinkling stars!



Extension challenge: Write one sentence about a kind thing you could do for a friend this winter.