Apostrophe Adventures with Pip the Bookworm!

Master the Mark: Use an apostrophe to show who owns it or when words join together!

■ **Possession: When one person owns something, add an apostrophe and an 's' after their name. Example: Pip’s favorite book is red.**

■ **Contraction: When two words join together, the apostrophe marks where the missing letters have gone. Example: 'Do not' becomes 'don’t'.**

■ **Be careful! Use an apostrophe for 'it is' (it’s), but do not use one for the word 'its' when it shows possession.**

■ **Plurals: Remember that most plural words do not need an apostrophe. Only use one if the plural word owns something!**

Did you know? Did you know? The word 'apostrophe' comes from an Ancient Greek word meaning 'turning away'. It is like a little comma that has floated up to the top of the line to do a very special job!

Key vocabulary: Apostrophe · Possession · Contraction · Singular · Plural