



One of his socks slid halfway down his leg, revealing a large multicoloured bruise on his shin and a swollen red sore beside.

‘That’s a nasty ole thing,’ Tom said, pointing to it. ‘What give you that?’

Willie paled and pulled the sock up quickly.

‘Best drink that afore it gits cold,’ said Tom, sensing that the subject needed to be changed.

Willie looked intently at the changing shapes of the flames in the fire and slowly drank the tea. It thundered in his throat in his attempt to swallow it quietly. Tom left the room briefly and within a few minutes returned. ‘I gotta go out for a spell. Then I’ll fix your room, see. Up there,’ and he pointed to the ceiling. ‘You ent afraid of heights, are you?’ Willie shook his head. ‘That’s good or you’d have had to sleep under the table.’ He bent over the range and shovelled some fresh coke into the fire.

‘‘Ere’s an ole scarf of mine,’ he muttered, and he threw a khaki object over Willie’s knees. He noticed another bruise on the boy’s thigh, but said nothing.

‘‘Ave a wander round the graveyard. Don’t be scared of the dead. Least they can’t drop an ole bomb on yer head.’

‘No, mister,’ agreed Willie politely.

‘And close the front door behind you, else Sammy’ll be eatin’ yer bacon.’

‘Yes, mister.’

Willie heard him slam the front door and listened to the sound of his footsteps gradually fading. He hugged himself tightly and rocked backwards and forwards on the stool.

‘I must be good,’ he whispered urgently, ‘I must be good,’ and he rubbed a sore spot on his arm. He was such a bad boy, he knew that. Mum said she was kinder to him than most mothers. She only gave him soft beatings. He shuddered. He was dreading the moment when Mr Oakley would discover how wicked he was. He was stronger-looking than Mum.

	OPENING TASK	FOLLOW UP					
MONDAY Vocabulary development & Familiarisation	Skim the text. Can you quickly find the following words? <table border="1" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>intently</td> <td>afraid</td> <td>shovelled</td> <td>wander</td> <td>urgently</td> </tr> </table> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Write the words and their meanings. Write 3 synonyms and 3 collocations for each word. Explore and identify synonyms (same meaning) and antonyms (opposite meaning) and any collocations (words that are linked and commonly used together). 	intently	afraid	shovelled	wander	urgently	Complete 3 out of these 6 stem sentences: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I know this text is about... I found this text.... I like this sentence because... This reminds me of..... I have never heard of.... I already know about....
intently	afraid	shovelled	wander	urgently			
TUESDAY Fluency & understanding	Listen to Miss Bellwood read the text and read along. Now read the text slowly to yourself. Read it aloud slowly to a pet or cuddly toy. Now read again, BUT read each sentence 3 times before moving to the next one.	Read the text again aloud and record for your portfolio. Summarise the text in a maximum of 3 sentences or draw a cartoon strip to show the main point.					
WEDNESDAY Word attack	Read the text again slowly in your head. Use the new vocabulary from Monday in sentences. Look at the word multicoloured . Can you break it apart using your phonics skills? What is the root of the word? What other words can be made from the root word e.g. 'colour'?	Find and copy Often you are asked to 'Find and Copy'. It is important to be able to find the answers quickly by scanning the text. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Find and copy a word meaning 'shut loudly'. Find and copy a group of words that tell us Tom is walking away from Willie. Find and copy a group of words that tell us how Willie feels about the bruises on his legs. 					
THURSDAY Prosody (reading with appropriate pace and expression) & Prediction	Read it like a robot . Read it like a newsreader . Read it like it's the most interesting piece of writing you have ever read!	At this point in the text "He was stronger-looking than mum" What do you think Tom is thinking or feeling? What do you think the Willie is thinking or feeling? What do you think is going to happen next?					
FRIDAY Focused Comprehension Skills	Answer the following questions: Who should Willie not be afraid of in the graveyard? What does the fire look like? Where is the second bruise that Tom notices? What does Willie do when Tom leaves the house? How did Tom initially see the bruise?	Extra Challenge What do you think Tom is going out to do and why? Why do you think Willie refers to himself as a 'bad boy'? Explain why Tom is encouraging Willie to visit the graveyard?					