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Worksheet 1: Phonics

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Create new words with /ar/.

- Read these words:

arm, harm, dark, park, mark

- Swap or add a sound in the table below.
- Write the new word.
- Read the new word.

arm	add h to the beginning	
harm	Swap h for ch	
dark	Swap d for p	
park	Swap p for m	
mark	Swap m for b	

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Worksheet 1: Phonics - continued

Name: _____ Date: _____

2. The two sounds of /th/.

Sometimes we say /th/ with voice, like in **the, there, this**.

Sometimes we say /th/ with just breath, like in **panther**.

Say the /th/ words you know. Put one hand on your throat. Put one hand in front of your mouth. Can you feel the breath? Can you feel the vibrations in your throat? Create a learning card to teach people about the two sounds of /th/. Include a picture to show them where they will feel the sounds.



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Worksheet 2: Comprehension

Name: _____ Date: _____

Answer the questions about the story.

1. What did Jack's mum ask him to do for her?

2. What is an oak?

3. What did Jack think the dark thing might be?

4. How did Jack find out that the dark thing was NOT a panther?

5. Who is Hop-Hop?

6. How did Chen work out what the dark thing in the oak really was?

7. At the end of the story, Jack says, "The sun has fooled us. It was one big hoax." What is a 'hoax'?

8. Do you think Jack is brave? Why or why not?

9. Choose a name for the cat that scared Jack and Chen.

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Worksheet 3: Science: Shadows

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Do a shadow experiment.

Shadows change. Sometimes they are big. Sometimes they are small.

You will need:

- A piece of chalk
- A ruler

What to do

- Go outside on a sunny day. Take your chalk.
- Look for the shadow of something which will not move. It could be a tree, a building, or something else that is fixed in place.
- Mark the edges of the shadow with your chalk.
- Go back to your classroom and wait for an hour.
- Return to your shadow and chalk marks.
- Have the edges of the shadow moved? Mark the new edges.
- Do this at least three times throughout the day. Then answer the questions below.

2. What thing's shadow did you mark with chalk?

3. What happened to the shadow you were watching?

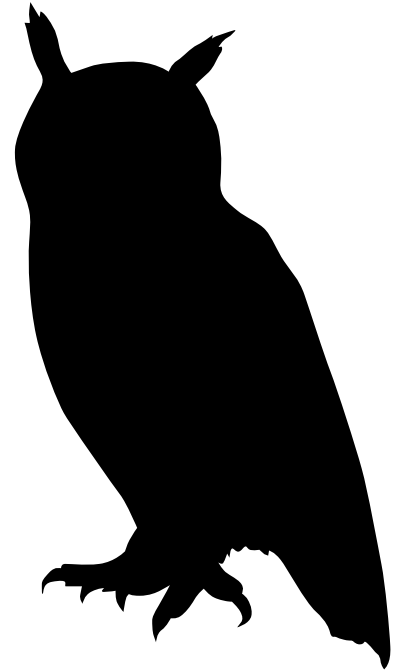
4. Why do you think this happened?

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Worksheet 4: Art - spooky tree silhouettes

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. A silhouette is the dark shape and outline of something. It looks like a shadow. What do you think this is a silhouette of?



You can make interesting art with silhouettes.

Spooky tree task

You will need:

- White paper (A3 or A4)
- Crayons
- Black paper
- Scissors
- Glue

What to do:

- Use crayons to draw sunset colours on the white paper. Fill the whole page with colour.
- Cut a spooky tree silhouette out from the black paper.
- Glue the tree silhouette onto the sunset background.

You could try this method for other spooky silhouette shapes too:

- A cat
- A haunted house
- A pumpkin
- A witch on a broomstick
- A crow

* The silhouette above is an owl. Did you guess?