

Monday 27th April

L.K: Reading comprehension

The Fox and the Scorpion

The forest was on fire and all the animals swam across the river to escape the fire. The scorpion could not swim and begged the fox to help him.

“Please take me across the river on your back or I won’t make it!”

“I am not a fool” said the fox “you will sting me and I will drown”

“No” replied the scorpion “I promise that if you help me – I will not sting you”.

“Okay” the fox agreed, and the scorpion climbed on his back.

Halfway across the river, at the deepest part – the scorpion stung the fox.

“Why did you do that” the fox shouted.

“I just couldn’t help it” cried the fox as they both managed to clamber onto the riverbank. **“It’s just my nature!”**



1. Why were the animals swimming across the river? Do you think that this was sensible?
2. Why did the scorpion ask for help?
3. Why was the fox worried? Do you think he was right to feel worried?
4. How did the scorpion get the fox to help him?
5. What do you think the real meaning of this story could be?
6. How do you think the fox would have reacted if it was a snake, instead of a scorpion, that asked to be carried over the river?
7. Is there an animal that you wouldn’t carry over the river? Why?