‘The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time’ – revision for Review 2

In the first part of Review 2, you will be asked to read an extract from a text (similar to this one but a bit longer) and then to answer a series of related questions in an answer booklet.

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It was 7 minutes after midnight. The dog was lying on the grass in the middle of the lawn in front of Mrs Shears' house. Its eyes were closed. It looked as if it was running on its side, the way dogs run when they think they are chasing a cat in a dream. But the dog was not running or asleep. The dog was dead. There was a garden fork sticking out of the dog. The points of the fork must have gone all the way through the dog and into the ground because the fork had not fallen over. I decided that the dog was probably killed with the fork because I could not see any other wounds in the dog and I do not think you would stick a garden fork into a dog after it had died for some other reason, like cancer for example, or a road accident. But I could not be certain about this.

I went through Mrs Shears' gate, closing it behind me. I walked onto her lawn and knelt beside the dog. I put my hand on the muzzle of the dog. It was still warm.

The dog was called Wellington. It belonged to Mrs Shears who was our friend. She lived on the opposite side of the road, two houses to the left.

Wellington was a poodle. Not one of the small poodles that have hairstyles but a big poodle. It had curly black fur, but when you got close you could see that the skin underneath the fur was a very pale yellow, like chicken.

I stroked Wellington and wondered who had killed him, and why.

Then you will be asked to answer some questions based on what you have read. There are some example questions below which you could try. You will be asked to answer more questions than this!

1. What was the name of the dog and what happened to him? (2 marks)
2. How long ago did this happen to the dog? (2 marks)
3. Who was the dog’s owner? (1 mark)
4. Find a quotation which describes the appearance of the dog (1 mark)
5. Which writing technique is used here “It looked as if it was running on its side”? Why is it effective? (3 marks)
6. Write a PEE paragraph to show how our speaker feels in this extract. (5 marks)

In the next lesson, the second part of your Review 2 will involve you writing in a certain style (a monologue). You should revise how to use the correct layout for these types of writing and revise the techniques that we have used in our writing so far this year (eg APROMISE, sentence openers, ambitious vocabulary and a variety of sentences types / punctuation).

Complete a knowledge organiser from the template below for the following question: Write a monologue as Gretel about your new life at “Out-with”.

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| **(AV) Ambitious Vocabulary to use:** | **(SO) Sentence Openers:** | **(WT) Writer’s Techniques to use:**  **Alliteration**  **Personification**  **Repetition**  **Onomatopoeia**  **Metaphor**  **Imagery**  **Simile**  **Emotive Language** |
| **(PL) Context:**  (what has happened so far in the story?) | **(Eng) Character:**  (how would your character describe their emotions?) |
| **(ST) The main ideas you will cover:**  **1.**  **2.**  **3.** | |