

Dolphin Swimmers Literature

Session 4

During Session 4, we will be reading the “Frances Books” by Russell Hoban. Frances is a smart little badger who experiences common childhood problems, and learns important lessons from them. These books were published in the 60’s and 70’s, but still have very timeless themes.

Last session, everyone had a chance to write and draw each week in response to our story. I will continue to make time for everyone to write some words or phrases during each class. Our main character, Frances, likes to make up little songs about her experiences. We may also try our hand at writing short songs or poems! Because we have all different kinds of writers in our class, our assignments will meet each student at his or her ability level. I want to allow everyone to practice putting their thoughts into words, and their words on to paper (as always, I will be ready to offer lots of support along the way).

Please let me know if you have any questions. I’m looking forward to this session!

Week 1 (April 5)

Book: Bedtime For Frances by Russell Hoban, illustrated by Garth Williams
It’s bedtime, but Frances isn’t ready to go to sleep.

Week 2 (April 12)

Book: A Baby Sister For Frances by Russell Hoban, illustrated by Lillian Hoban
Frances adjusts to having a new baby sister in the house.

Week 3 (April 26)

Book: Bread and Jam For Frances by Russell Hoban, illustrated by Lillian Hoban
France loves to eat bread and jam. Will she ever try anything new?

Week 4 (May 3)

Book: A Birthday For Frances by Russell Hoban, illustrated by Lillian Hoban
Frances is not looking forward to her sister’s birthday party.

Week 5 (May 10)

Book: Best Friends For Frances by Russell Hoban, illustrated by Lillian Hoban
Frances experiences what it’s like to be excluded, and learns that it’s more fun to include everyone.

Week 6 (May 17)

Book: A Bargain For Frances by Russell Hoban, illustrated by Lillian Hoban
Frances is tricked by her friend and must decide how to deal with her dilemma.

Week 7 (May 24)

Book: Egg Thoughts and Other Frances Songs by Russell Hoban, illustrated by Lillian Hoban
Can we remember when Frances sang each song? Review of books from this session.

Week 8 (May 31)

Frances-themed games and activities. Preparation for Grand Finale