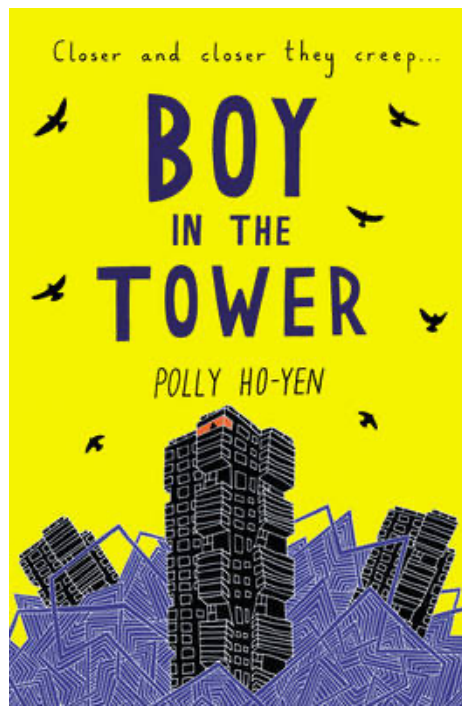




Monday 13th January 2020

LO: Prediction



When they first arrived, they came quietly and stealthily as if they tip-toed into the world when we were all looking the other way. Ade loves living at the top of a tower block. From his window, he feels like he can see the whole world stretching out beneath him. His mum doesn't really like looking out-side — but it's going outside that she hates. She's happier sleeping all day in-side their tower, where it's safe. But one day, other tower blocks on the estate start falling down around them and strange, menacing plants begin to appear. Now their tower isn't safe anymore. Ade and his mum are trapped and there's no way out...

What questions do you have?

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What do you think the book will be about? What makes you think this?



Tuesday 14th January 2020

LO: Identify the definition of unknown words in context.

Words discussed:

Tower blocks

Estate

Flaky

Swaying

Wispy

Daze

Unwilling

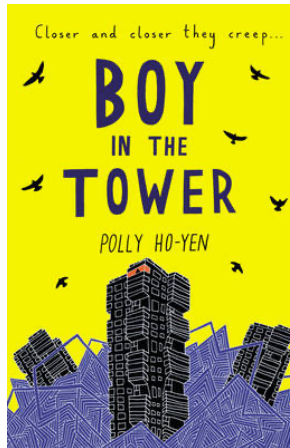
Upright

Stealthily

Clump

Devastation

Bustle



The Boy In The Tower

Polly Ho-Yen

Write the word in another sentence with a similar meaning:

Word:	Word in a sentence :
bustle	
devastation	
daze	

Match the words to their definition:

flaky ●

stealthily ●

unwilling ●

clump ●

● In a manner to avoid detection.

● Breaking into small thin pieces.

● Not wanting to do something.

● A lump or mass of something together.



Wednesday 15th January 2020

LO: Retrieve information from the text

1. How did Ade find out about the Bluchers before other people?

2. When did Ade not go into school?

3. What is the ceiling like in Ade's flat?

4. What does the narrator tell us about Gaia?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

What do you think the Bluchers are? What are they? What have they done? How has everything changed?



LO: Infer meaning from clues in the text

I look at the ceiling. At the spot of flaky paint and the stain that looks like a wobbly circle, and at the swaying, wispy spider's web

What impression do you get of the flat? Why might this be?

I wish I could wake up to another Monday like that.

Why does the narrator wish it was a cold, grey Monday?

Before, if there was a day when I didn't go into school because I was ill or Mum wasn't well, I used to sit on my windowsill and watch the other children coming out to play.

Why might the narrator not go to school when his mum his ill? Do you think this happens a lot?

What clues are there that show that Ade lives quite high up in the tower block?

LO: Answer comprehension questions independently.

Questions 1 – 5 are about *The Boy In The Tower* by Polly Ho-Yen

1 *I would have to force my legs off the mattress and I'd dress in a daze, unwilling to believe it was time to be upright again.*

Which word means to make something do an action against its will?

2

	<u>True</u>	<u>False</u>	<u>Not clear</u>
People expected the bluchers to arrive.			
The view from Ade's flat changed because of the bluchers.			
Gaia is a child from Ade's school.			

3 What caused everything to change for Ade?

4 *I would see her walking along the edge of the playground. Never in the middle, never in a group. Always walking round and round by herself. Walking in circles.*

Why might Gaia be doing this?

5 Summarise the chapter into two sentences. The first must start with 'Before' and the second must start with 'Now'.

Before _____

Now, _____
