

English

For English over the next couple of weeks we are going to be using a story called 'Lila and the Secret of the Rain'. I think you'll love it!

1. Think about how you would feel if you were told it was never going to rain again. Would it be good or bad?

2. Listen to the story here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DZG5NbuXMgY>

3. Look at the text below. Read through it and put actions to it. I want you to practise this every day!

For weeks and weeks **the sun beat down** on the Kenyan village where Lila lived. It was so hot that Lila, her mama and brother and all the other villagers stayed in their houses to keep away from the bright burning sun. It was too hot to gather firewood, too hot to weed the garden and even too hot to milk the cow.

That night, Lila **overheard** her **parents** talking about the well that had dried up and the crops that were failing. She was terribly worried. Just before bed, Lila's grandfather sat next to her and **told** her a story about how to make it rain. He told her to **climb** to the top of the highest mountain and tell the sky the saddest thing that you know. Lila listened very carefully to what her grandfather said.

The following morning, **when the sun was asleep**, Lila left the village and went to **climb** a mountain. When Lila reached the top of the mountain she began to tell the sky the saddest things she knew but the sky remained wonderfully blue. Lila began to cry. "What can I do?" she said to the sky. "The well is dry and the crops are failing. Without crops there will be no food and **everybody** will become sick".

How very sad it was! Nothing could be heard except the sound of Lila **weeping**. Then a gentle breeze began and dark, gloomy clouds slowly started blocking out the sun's **scorching** rays. Suddenly **a flash of lightning tore across the sky** and the rain started to fall.

What a fabulous sight it was! As fast as she could, Lila ran down the mountain. By the time she reached home, all the **people** in the village were celebrating the rain with music and dancing.

4. All of the red words are your spelling words for this week. Please practise them.