

This half term, you will learning and reading the story of, '***The Little Hippo***'.



Look at the front
cover closely.

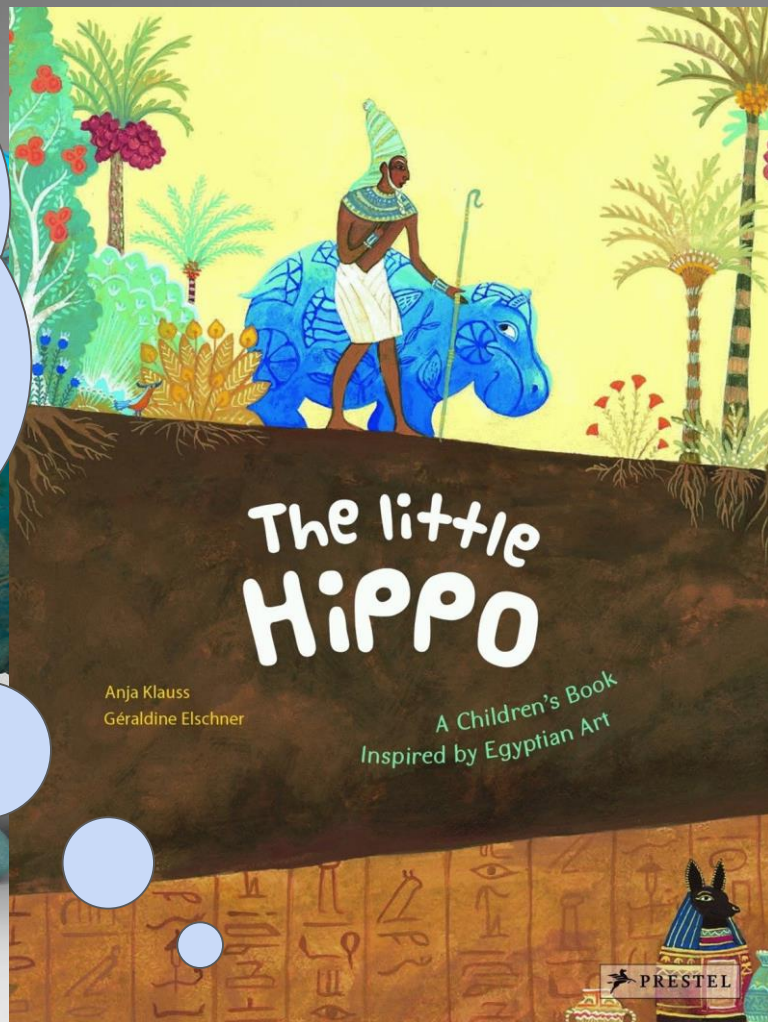
Think...

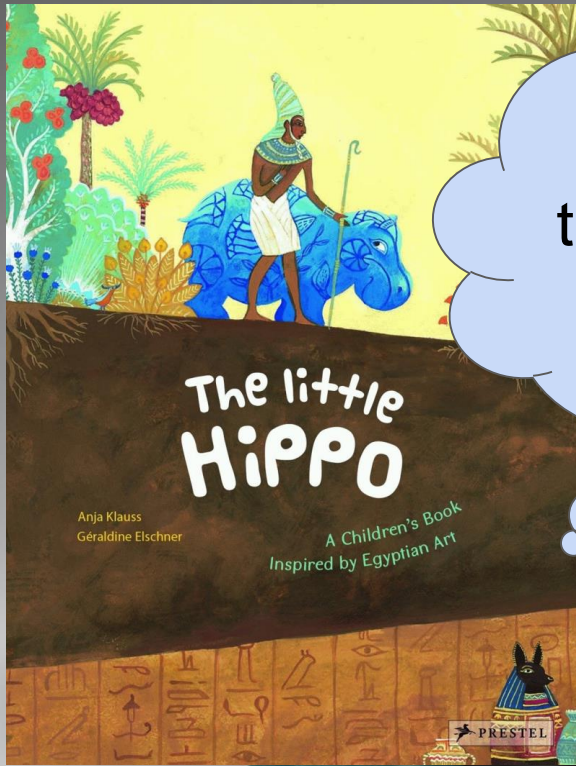
What is the story
about?

Where is it set?

How do you know?

What clues are there
to help you?

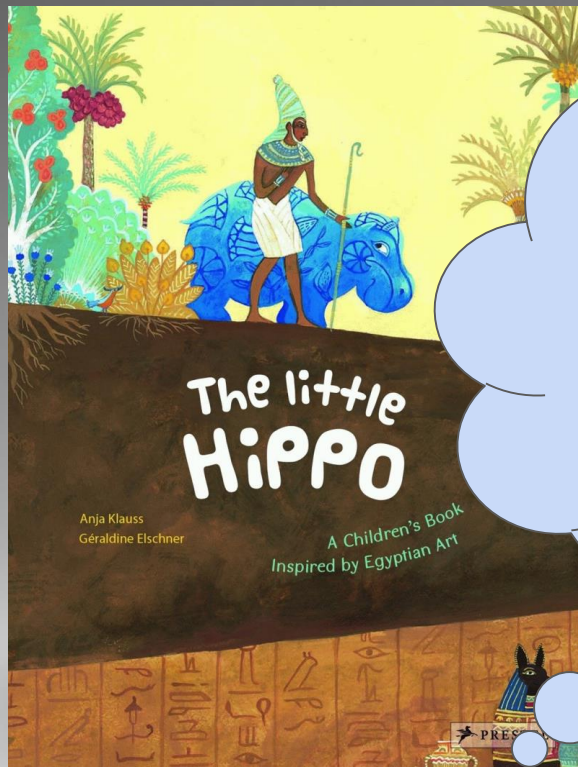




Now click on
the link to listen
to the story.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mYhhx07BX7w>



Tell someone at
home what the story
is about.
You can listen to the
story again if you
would like to.

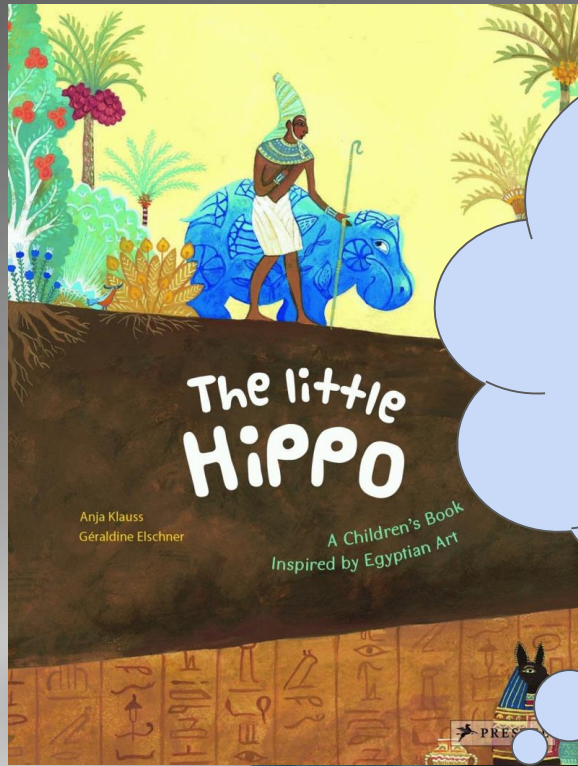


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*We have a target for
reading this half
term and that is to
improve our fluency.*





Over this half term,
we will be 'echo
reading' to help you
improve your fluency
and become better
readers.

Echo Read



Repeat exactly what the teacher says.

Echo reading simply means that I read a sentence and then you repeat it back to me in exactly the same way as I read it to you.

This story begins in Ancient Egypt, during the happy age of blue hippos. At that time, if you gazed at the watery marshes that lined the cities, you could see the hippos' backs curled up along the horizon.

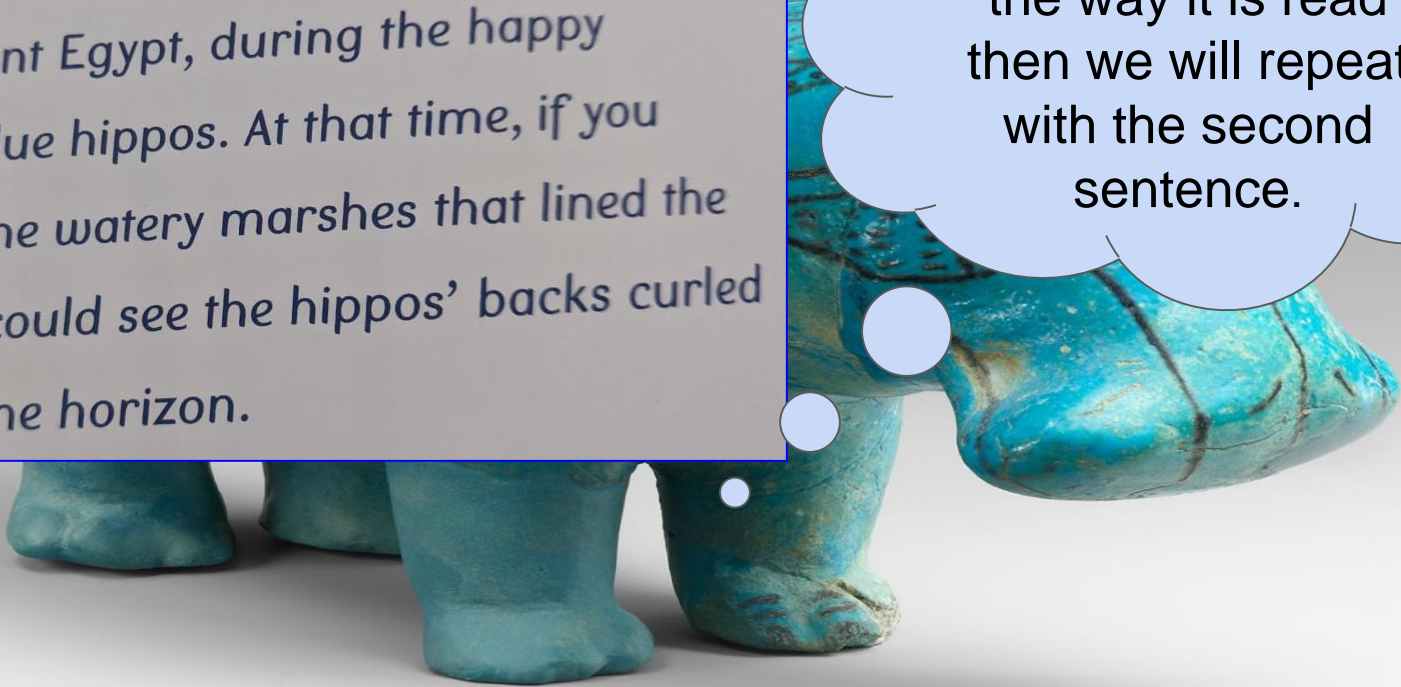
Let's try it.. I will read a sentence and then you will read it back to me, following the text with your finger and using the same expression as I use.



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age of blue hippos. At that time, if you
gazed at the watery marshes that lined the
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up along the horizon.

Repeat the first
sentence, echoing
the way it is read
then we will repeat
with the second
sentence.



You have
heard some
new and tricky
words.

Marshes



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new and tricky
words.

Horizon



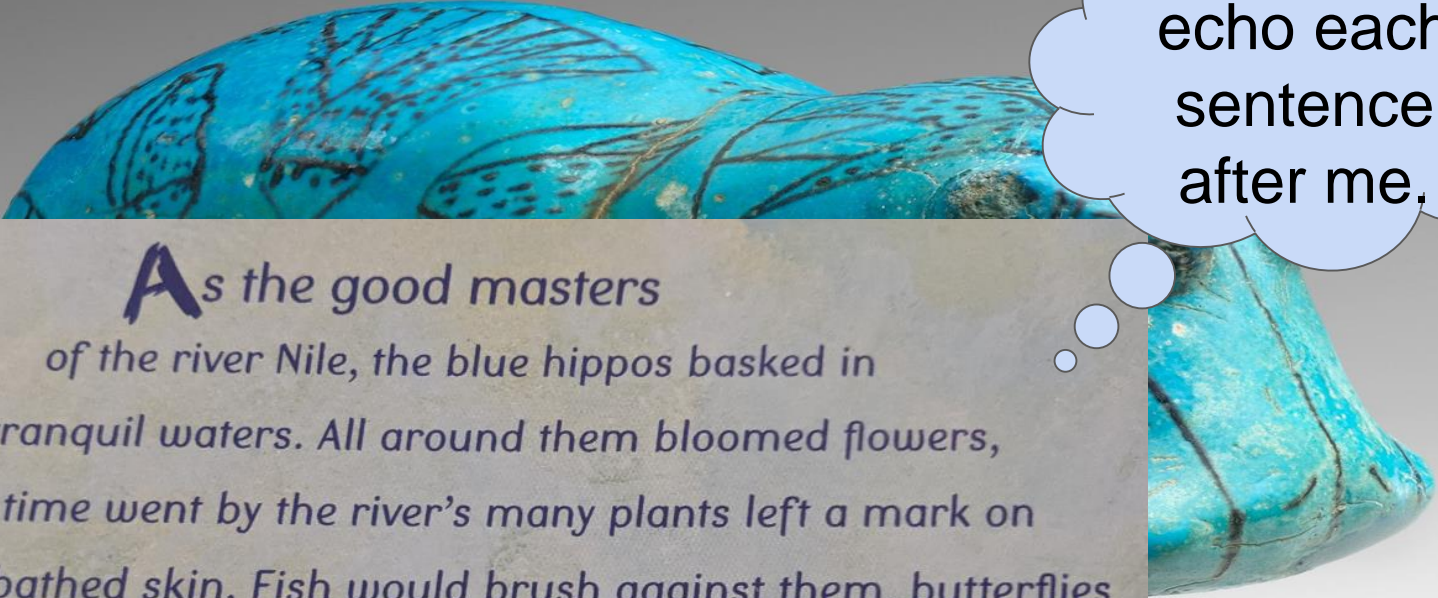


Now it's your turn.

Perform the first page of the book to someone at home but **remember**, you must try to read the text in the same way that you read it with me!

Let's read
some
more...



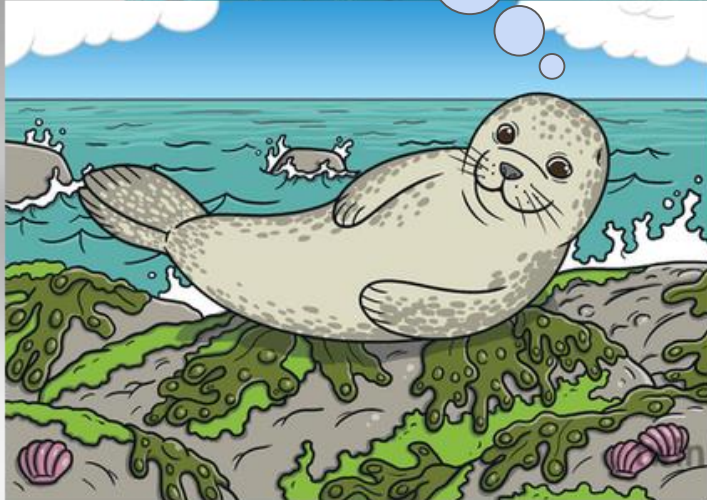


Read and
echo each
sentence
after me.

As the good masters
of the river Nile, the blue hippos basked in
its tranquil waters. All around them bloomed flowers,
and as time went by the river's many plants left a mark on
their sunbathed skin. Fish would brush against them, butterflies
would land on them, and birds pecked without fear at
these strange turquoise creatures.

You have
heard some
new and tricky
words.

basked



Sun worshippers basking in the warmth



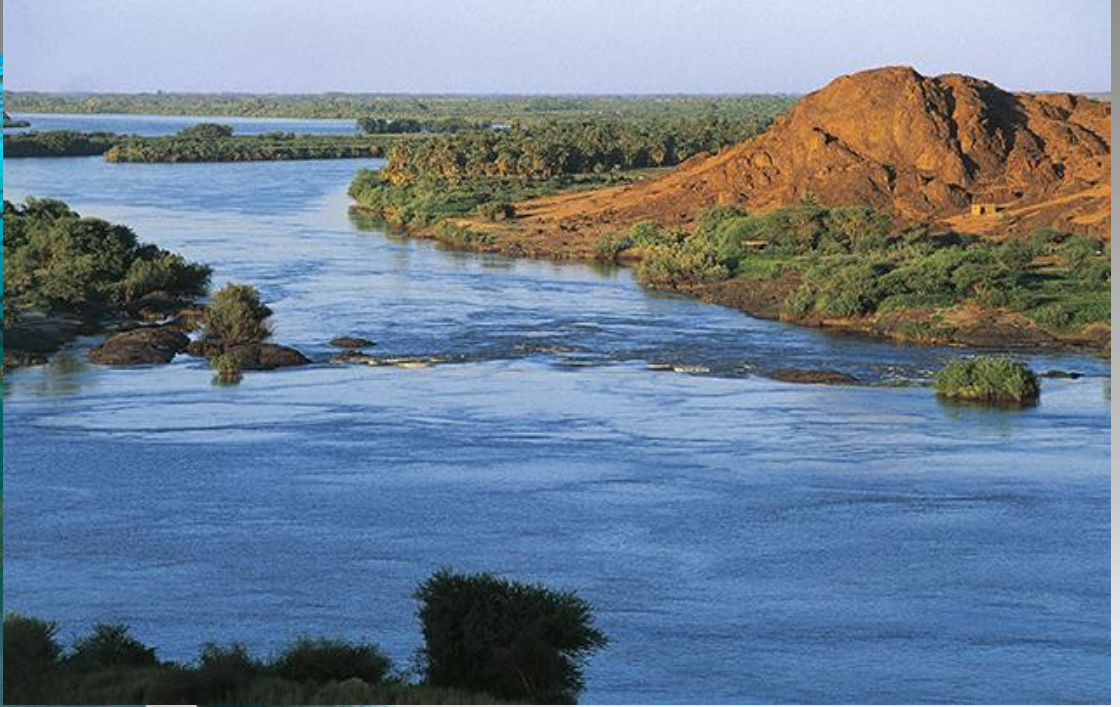
You have
heard some
new and tricky
words.

tranquil



You have
heard some
new and tricky
words.

The River
Nile





It's time to perform the next page of the story!
You can rewind the lesson and practise again if you would like to, then perform the next page to someone at home.