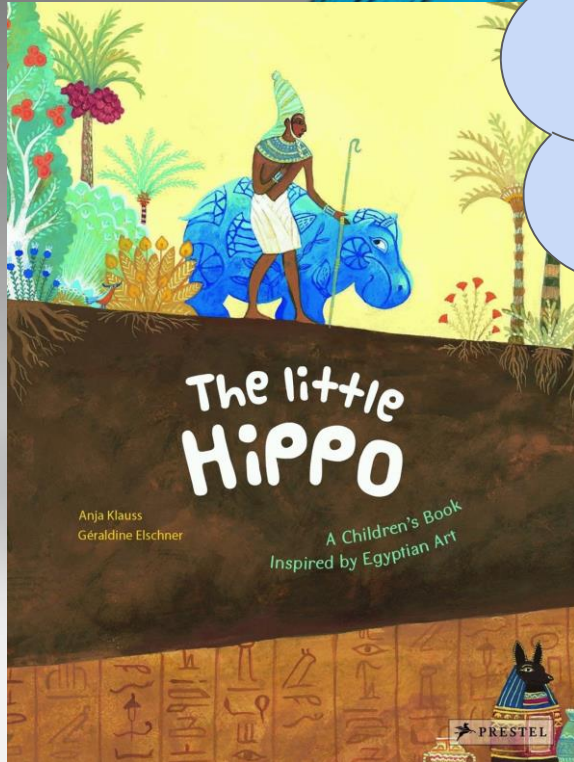




*We have a target for
reading this half
term and that is to
improve our fluency.*



Think back to last lesson.
Did echo reading help you to read and remember tricky words?



Let's read the
new words you
learnt last
lesson.

Marshes



Horizon



basked



tranquil



The River
Nile



Listen to the story again.
The more familiar we are
with a story, the better
our understanding is.



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

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

What has happened in the story so far?

As the good masters of the river Nile, the blue hippies 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.



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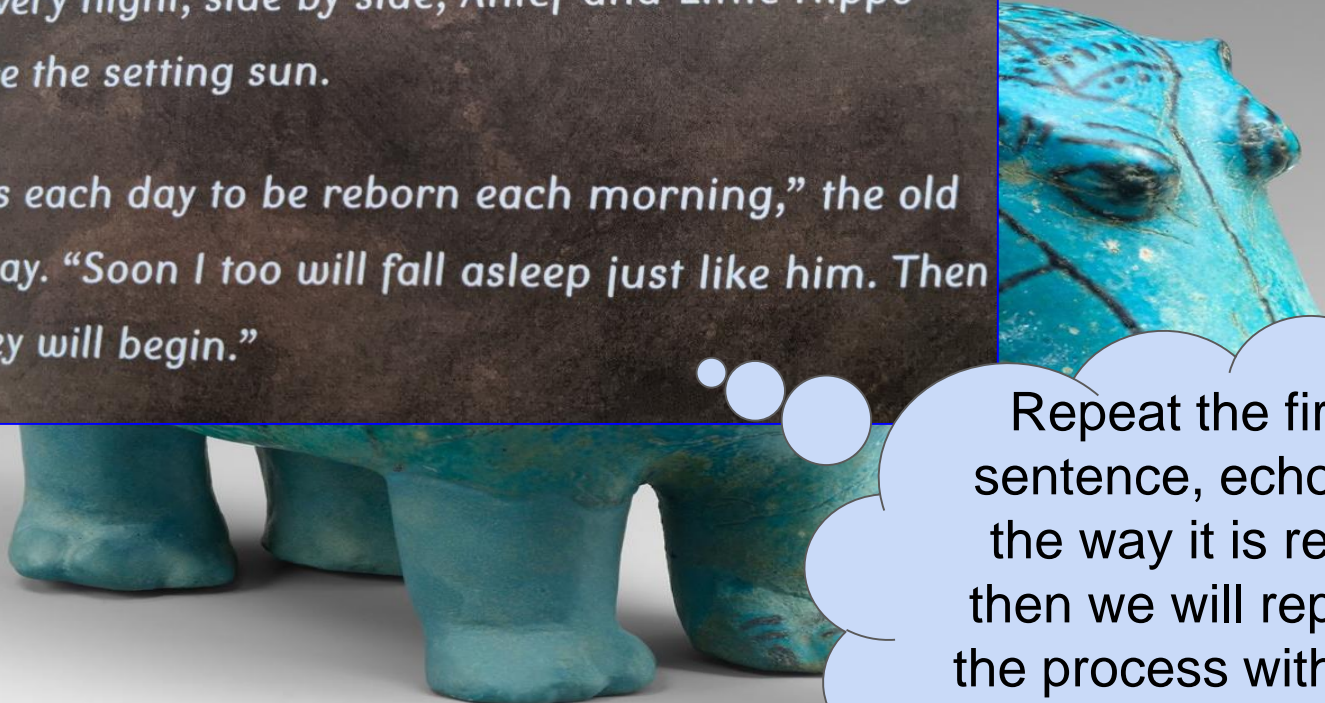
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When Antef left for this unknown kingdom, and when he was laid below the ground, Little Hippo lay down beside him and fell into a deep slumber. Time went by: days, months, centuries ...

Today you will be continuing to learn the story of, *'The Little Hippo'* using **echo reading** to help you improve your reading.

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

You have
heard some
new and tricky
words.

Admire



Reborn



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Reborn



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Think...
What does
Antef mean
when he says,
‘soon I will fall
asleep’?




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Now it's your turn.

Perform the page we have just read 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...

One day the youngest son of Antef, a tall, thin man with white hair. Every night, side by side, Antef and Little Hippo would admire the setting sun.

"The sun dies each day to be reborn each morning," the old man would say. "Soon I too will fall asleep just like him. Then a long journey will begin."

When Antef left for this unknown kingdom, and when he was laid below the ground, Little Hippo lay down beside him and fell into a deep slumber. Time went by: days, months, centuries ...

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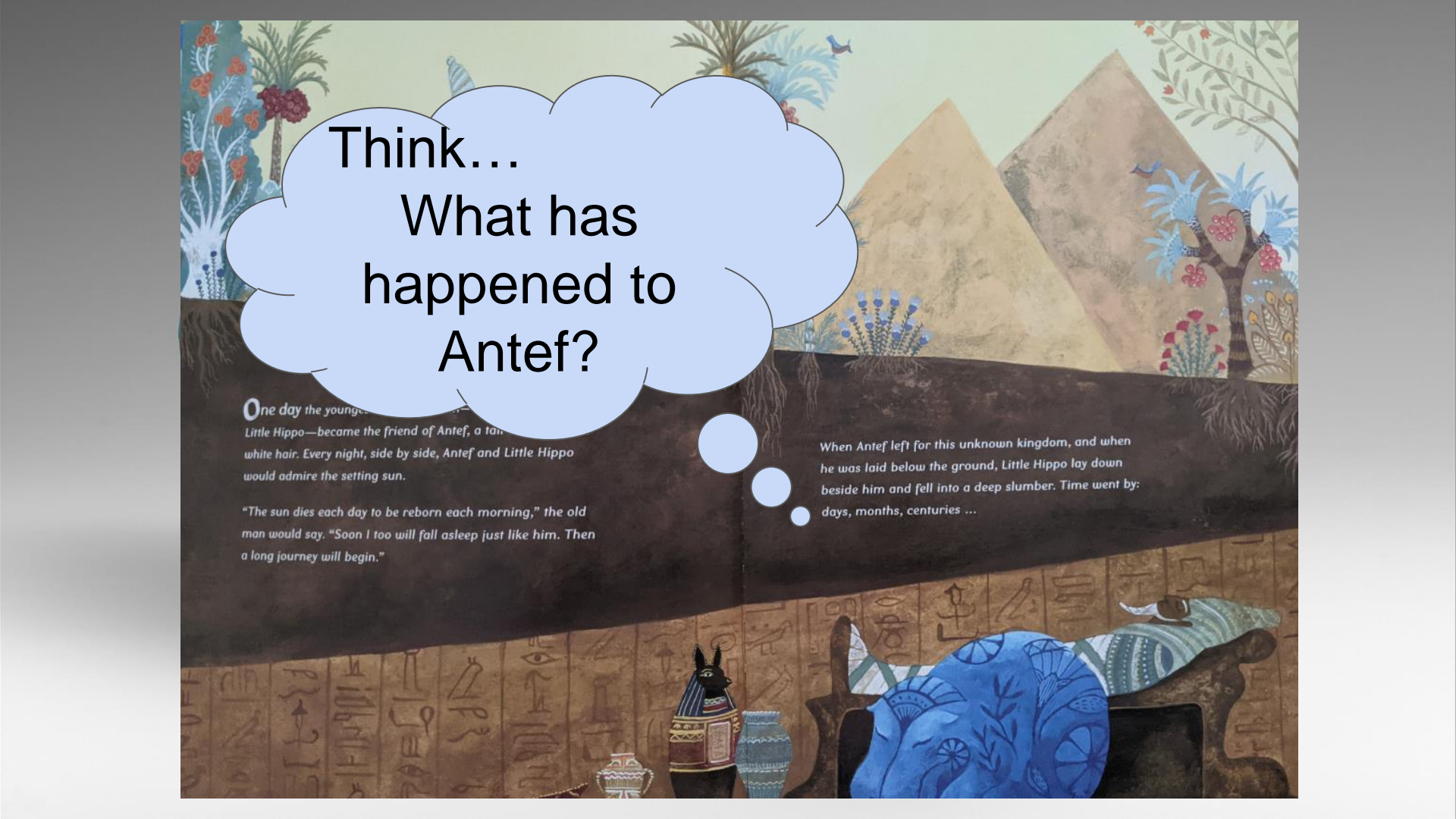


Read and echo each sentence after me.

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Slumber

The background is a stylized illustration of an Egyptian landscape. In the upper right, there are three golden pyramids. To the left of the pyramids are palm trees and other desert plants. A large, light blue thought bubble with a black outline is positioned in the center-left, containing the text. Below the thought bubble, the text is split into two columns. At the bottom of the page, there is a dark brown area representing a tomb or underground space. On the left, there is a wall covered in hieroglyphs. In the center, there is a small, decorated jar. On the right, there is a large, blue, patterned object, possibly a sarcophagus or a large jar, with a small, dark, cat-like figure perched on top of it.

Think...

What has happened to Antef?

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It's time to perform what you have been reading this lesson!

You can rewind the lesson and practise again if you would like to.

Challenge: can you read the story so far including what you read last lesson?