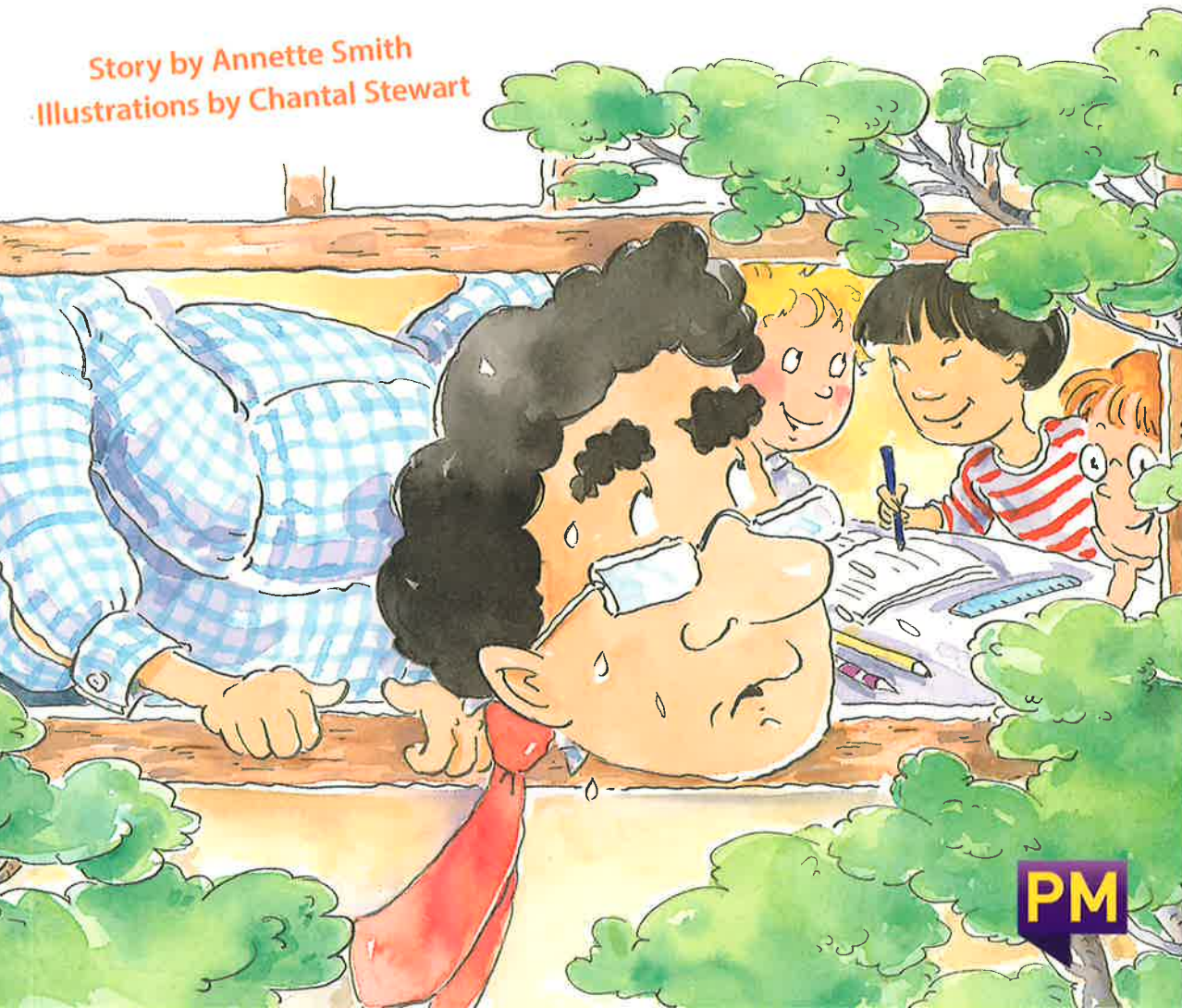
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Level 21

Running Words 693 **Text Type** Narrative (Imaginative)

Curriculum Areas Literacy; Science

Retelling to encourage critical thinking about the content

Ask each student to retell the story in his or her own words.

Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to reinforce meaning and stimulate discussion

Literal

1 Why were some children scared of Mr Gomez?

2 Why did Mr Gomez shut the doors and windows during lunchtime?

3 Why couldn't the class use the school hall each afternoon?

Inferential

4 Why was Logan Aiden's best friend?

5 Why did the children walk quietly into the classroom after lunch?

6 Why did Logan look at Aiden and grin when Mr Gomez opened the window?

7 Why did Mr Gomez close several windows tightly?

8 What did Ruby mean when she said *'the cicadas always have a concert on hot days'*?

Applied Knowledge

9 Why is soft piano music relaxing?

10 How did the children feel about Mr Gomez at the end of the story? Why?

Links with other PM Guided Reading Books and Cards

Level 21	Card	Discussion	*Are Loud Noises Necessary?*
Level 21	Book	Narrative	*The Guinea Pig Rescue*
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Chapter 1

Back to School

School had started again after the summer holidays.
This year, Aiden and his best friend Logan
were in the same class.
Logan always told jokes and made everyone laugh.



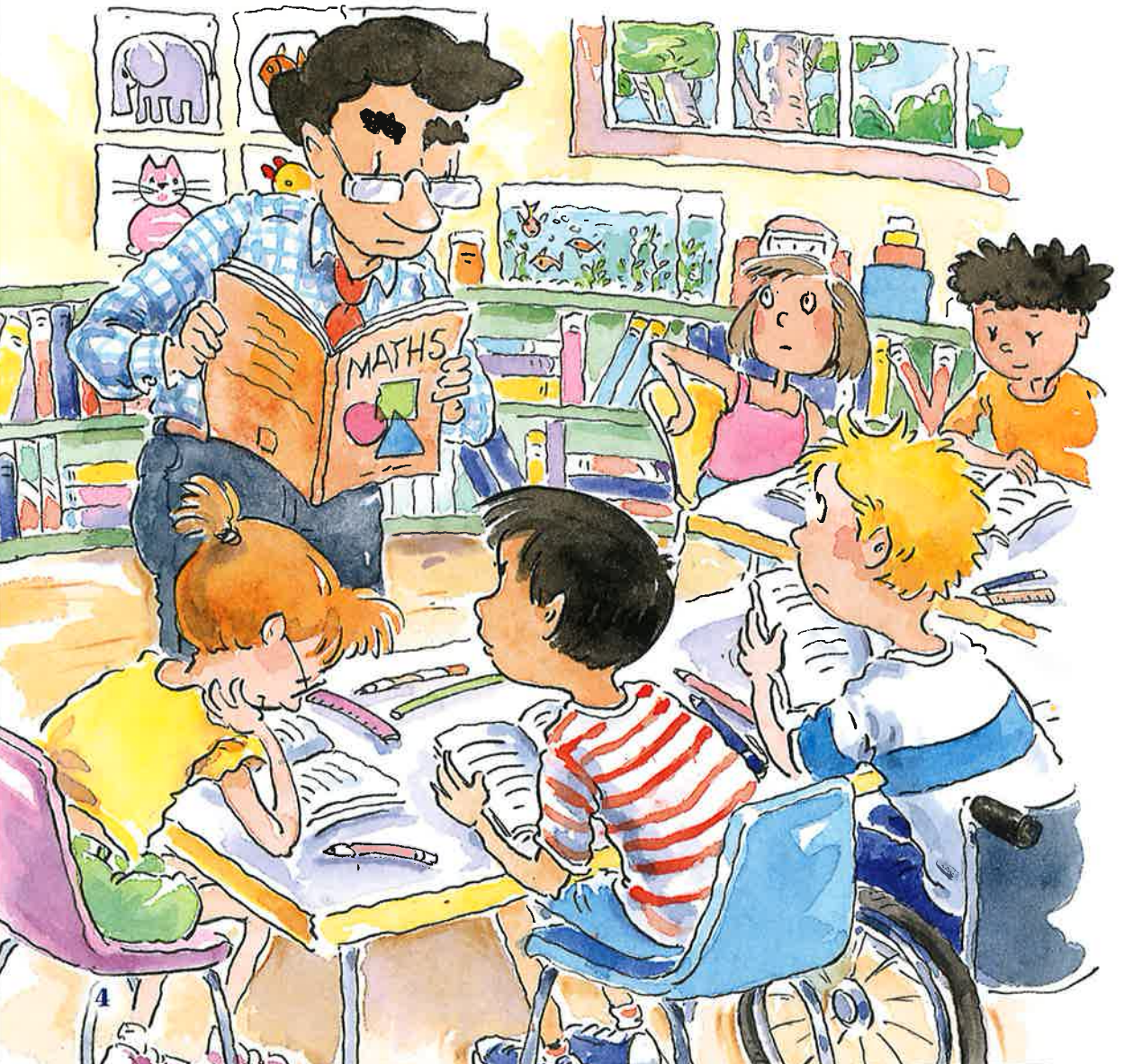
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Their teacher, Mr Gomez, was new to this school.
Some of the children were a bit scared of him,
because he frowned at anyone who made too much noise.

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After lunch, the children walked quietly
back into the classroom and sat down at their tables.
When they were settled, reading their books,
Mr Gomez got ready to start the maths lesson.



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During lunchtime, Mr Gomez had closed the doors and windows to shut out the noise coming from the playground.

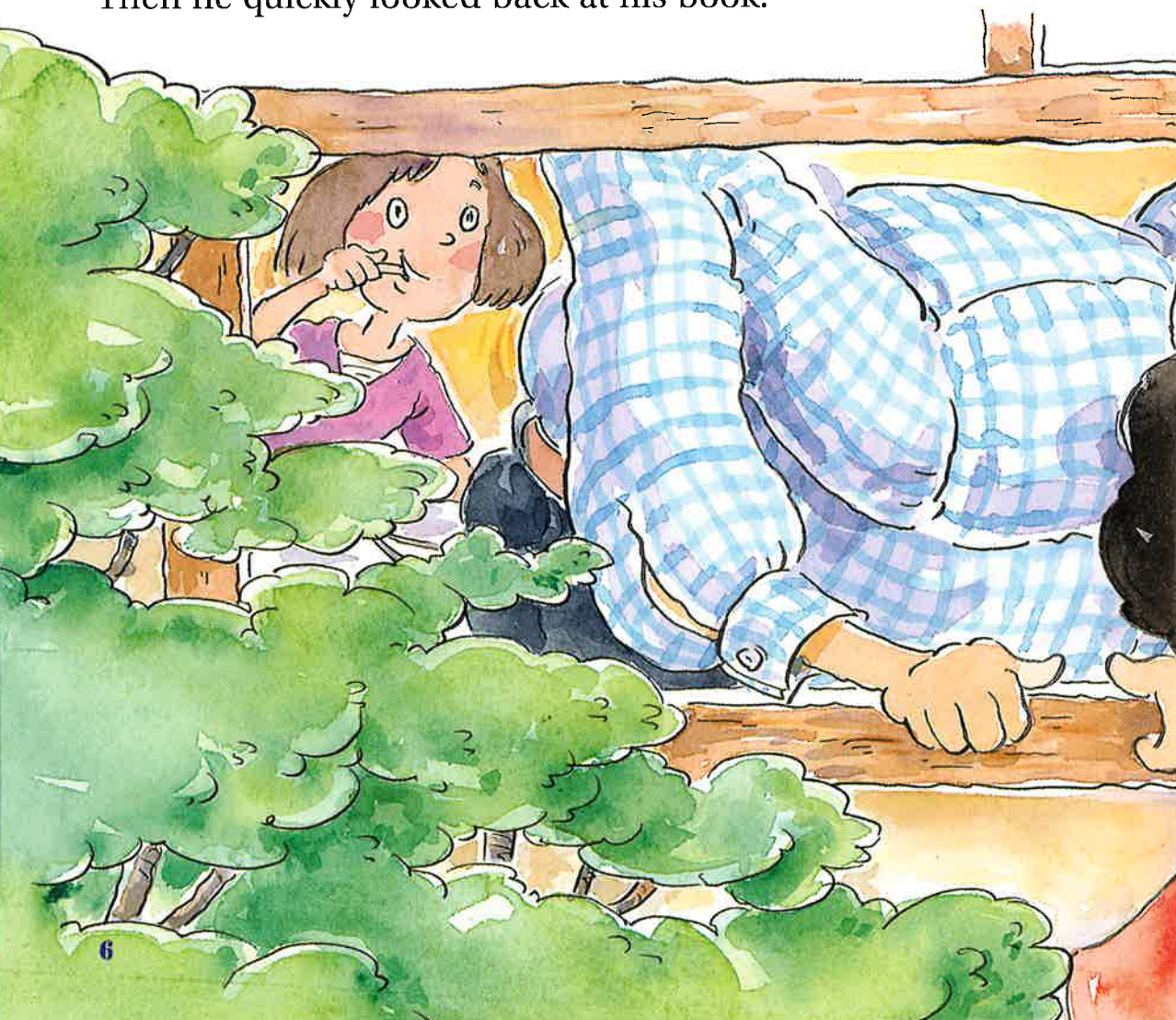
But now that everyone was back inside, he opened all the windows again.

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Chapter 2

What's That Noise?

All of a sudden, a loud noise could be heard from outside. Logan looked across at Aiden and grinned. Then he quickly looked back at his book.



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Mr Gomez peered out the window at the big trees. Then he closed several windows tightly.

