An illustration at the top of the page shows a young boy with blonde hair, wearing a green shirt, standing on a green field. To his left is a small white dog with black spots. The background is a solid green color with some faint, light-colored specks scattered across it.

Today we are reading a new book.
I am not going to tell you the name of the
book...YET!

We are going to do some predicting.


Have a think, as we read this. What might
the title of this book be?

Balance Targets

-Identify the main ideas within a text or within a paragraph

-Predict what might happen from details stated and also those which the reader need to infer

We will be working on these targets for the next couple of weeks.

An illustration of a young boy with blonde hair, wearing a green shirt, standing on a green field. A small white dog is running to the left. The background is a bright green field with some small white flowers. The entire scene is framed by a blue border.

Listen to part 1 of the story.



Building sandcastles was one of Marcel's favourite pastimes. He would spend hours on the beach with his dog Whippy, creating amazing sculptures out of sand, shells and pebbles.









But annoyingly, when the tide
came in, Marcel's lovely creations
were always washed away.

He tried building his sandcastles
further away from the sea,
but the sand was just too dry and
wouldn't stick together.



He dug really deep moats around
them, but they eventually
filled up with seawater
and his creations crumbled.



No matter how big and strong Marcel built his sandcastles, the sea was always bigger and stronger!



Before bedtime, as Marcel was washing the sand out from his toes, he had an amazing idea!

What was he going to do?

What is he going to do?



No matter how big and strong Marcel built his sandcastles, the sea was always bigger and stronger!

Marcel has had enough.
What do you think he might do to stop the
water destroying his fantastic creations?

What is he going to do?

Write your prediction. Think about what he has tried already. Is there anything that he hasn't tried? Is there something else that he could do?

Explain your prediction. Why do you think he will do that? Are there any clues in the story that made you think that?

I think that Marcel will..... I think this because..... In the story I noticed that.....
