***As the story goes...***

* This activity requires each paragraph to be cut out and then randomly shuffled before being given to each group of children.
* Each table will require its own set, maybe more depending upon table size.
* The activity also requires an A3 sheet of paper and some prit stick for use by the children.
* The children will arrange the set into the order they think that the story should go into. Once the children are done it is important that a student teacher checks that the passages are in the right order before they are stuck onto the page. It is also important that student teachers circulate through the room to offer help where needed.
* The class will then be divided roughly into three groups; red, blue and green.
* Each group will then be called upon to put their hand up to read parts of the corresponding passage, so in effect green will read green passages, the red group will read red passages and so on.
* Once the passages have all been read the children will be handed question sheets which when answered will enhance their learning and understanding regarding the story.

Once up a time, a long time ago, there were two brothers named Epimetheus and Prometheus. They were good gods. They had good hearts. They were good friends.

One day, Prometheus got in trouble with Jupiter. Angry over something or other, Jupiter had declared that man did not deserve fire. Because he had a kind heart, and he knew how much man needed fire for food and warmth, Prometheus gave man the secret of fire even though Jupiter had told all the gods not to do that. Jupiter was furious that his order had been ignored. As punishment, Jupiter chained Prometheus to a rock for many years; to be pecked at by eagles.

But that was not enough punishment, not for Jupiter. Once Prometheus was chained to a rock, Jupiter went after Prometheus' brother, the gentle, kind-hearted Epimetheus. Jupiter did not chain Epimetheus to a rock. Jupiter had a more sneaky punishment in mind.

First, Jupiter ordered the gods' handyman, the maker of things - Vulcan - to make Jupiter a daughter. Vulcan used his godly powers and made a woman out of clay, a beautiful woman. He brought her to life, and then brought her to Jupiter. Jupiter named his lovely new daughter Pandora.

Jupiter knew that Epimetheus was lonely. Jupiter told Epimetheus that his brother had to be punished and that's why he was chained to a rock. But Jupiter felt sorry that this punishment left Epimetheus without the company of his brother. That's why Jupiter had decided to give Pandora in marriage to Epimetheus.

Epimetheus was kind-hearted and gentle and thoughtful, but he was no fool. He knew Jupiter was up to something. But he loved Pandora at first sight.

Jupiter gave the newlyweds a gift. Some say it was a jar. Some say it was a box. Whatever it was, it was locked. It came with a note. The note said: "DO NOT OPEN." Attached to the note was a key. It was all very curious.

You can guess what happened next. It was Pandora whose curiosity got the better of her. One day, she used the key to open the box. As she raised the lid, out flew all the bad things in the world today - envy, sickness, hate, disease. Pandora slammed the lid closed, but it was too late.

Epimetheus heard her weeping. He came running. Pandora opened the lid to show him it was empty. Quickly, before she could slam the lid shut, one tiny bug flew out. He gave Pandora a big buggy smile in thanks for his freedom and flew away. That tiny bug was named Hope. And Hope made all the difference in the world.