Question time!

Use these question prompts to spark some discussion around this picture.

Is it possible for us to touch clouds?

What are clouds made of?

Can we touch what they are made of?

What is the sky?

Where does the sky begin?

Why is the sky blue?
Sentence challenge!

Can you write a sentence that uses an apostrophe for omission?

E.g. Alice can’t fly by herself so she sat on a high flying swing to see the views.

cannot = can’t
have = I’ve
he will = he’ll
she is = she’s
we have = we’ve
will not = won’t

Extra challenge

Can you write a sentence that uses an apostrophe for possession?

E.g. Alice’s hair flew gently in the breeze.

Alice’s heart trembled as she flew higher and higher.
Boring sentences!

The sentences below are boring. Re-write and up-level the sentences to make them more interesting.

Alice held on to the chains.

She looked down.

The trees below were small.

She was scared.

What you could include:
- adjectives (emerald green, ruby red)
- adverbs (slowly, cautiously)
- outstanding openers
- punctuation (capital letters, full stops, !, ?)
- challenge punctuation – comma in a subordinating clause
High Flyer

Written task:

Can you continue the story about Alice and the hot air balloon?

Will she reach the ground safely?

Will she land in the right garden?

Story Starter!

She pulled down on the chain with her left hand, steering herself towards her target. It was supposed to be the most exciting birthday present ever; a hot air balloon ride. However, Alice had been hanging on for dear life for over 100KM (since the basket of the hot air balloon had fallen off). She was now getting used to steering the huge balloon by maneuvering her body, leaning to the left or to the right.

Terrified yet excited at the same time, Alice could just about make out her house and garden far below. It was the one surrounded by trees straight ahead, wasn’t it?

She took a deep breath and focused…
Perfect picture!

Can you draw a picture of a hot air balloon?

What would you see on the ground?