



## **Chapter 1 - Childhood Loss**

Read Chapter 1 of *DOTTY and the Calendar House Key* and then consider the following questions:

1. How do you think Dotty is feeling right now?
2. What does Mrs Gobbins do to make Dotty feel welcome? Give examples of what the other characters in the book do to ease her situation?
3. The class should now divide into 4 groups. Working individually, write your own personal reflection on Dotty's situation, as seen through the eyes of each of the following characters:

Group A – Dotty's best friend Sylv

Group B - Mrs Gobbins

Group C - Great Uncle Winchester

Group D – Dotty

4. Each group should choose one person to present their individual reflection to the class.