英語科　節分特別課題

AI界の巨匠 ChatGPT の書き下ろし作品「暗い森に住む優しい鬼」より

　　　A long time ago, there was a kind oni (demon) named Taro. He lived in a dark forest far away from a village. Taro was different from other oni. Most oni were scary, but Taro was not scary. He wanted to help people, but no one knew this.

　　　Every year, the villagers had a festival called Setsubun. During the festival, they threw beans to drive away the bad oni. People would say, "Out with the oni! In with good luck!" Taro felt sad every year because people did not know that he was a kind oni.

　　　One year, a big storm hit the village. The storm destroyed many houses. The villagers did not know how to fix them in time for the cold winter. Taro heard them and wanted to help.

　　　At night, Taro went into the village quietly. He used his strong hands to carry heavy stones and wood. By morning, all the houses were fixed. When the villagers woke up, they could not believe their eyes. "Who fixed the houses?" they asked.

　　　On the day of Setsubun, the children did the usual thing. They threw beans and shouted, "Out with the oni!" Taro wanted to join them, but he stayed hidden in the forest. Then a little girl named Yuki decided to find him. She had heard about the kind oni who helped the village.

　　　Yuki found Taro sitting by a tree. She was not afraid. "Why do you hide?" she asked. Taro looked at her sadly. "I am an oni. People think I am bad."

　　　Yuki smiled and said, "You are not bad. You helped us! You are a kind oni."

　　　Taro was surprised. He had never heard anyone call him kind before. Yuki held his hand and said, "Come with me! The villagers will be happy to see you."

　　　When Taro went to the village, the villagers were shocked. They had always been afraid of oni, but now they saw that Taro was good. From then on, Taro was no longer an enemy. He became a friend.

　　　Each year after that, the villagers invited Taro to the Setsubun festival. The children would throw beans at the old, scary oni, but they threw flowers and candies for Taro. Taro was happy. He had found friends, and the villagers learned that Taro was not a bad oni.

次の問題に日本語で答えなさい。
（１）鬼のタロウは何をしたかったですか？

（２）村人たちはなぜ節分を祝うのでしょうか？

（３）節分の前に村で何が起こったのでしょうか？

（４）タロウはどのように村人たちを助けたのでしょうか？

（５）ユキはタロウを見つけたとき、何をしましたか？

＜正解＞
（１）タロウは人々を助けたかったです。
（２）村人たちは悪い鬼を追い払って、幸運を呼び込むために節分を祝います。
（３）大きな嵐が村を襲い、たくさんの家が壊れました。
（４）タロウは石や木を運んで家を修理しました。
（５）ユキはタロウに優しい鬼だと言って、村に連れて行きました。