



St John Fisher RC Primary School

Year Four Knowledge Organiser – Autumn Term Two – English Reading and Writing



Quality Text and Author: The Explorer – Katherine Rundell

Written by Author Katherine Rundell, the book tells the tale of Fred and Conn and a Brazilian girl Lila and her little brother Max who find themselves lost in the Amazon rainforest after a plane crash.

Plot: A group of four children, Fred, Con, Lila, and Max find themselves stranded in the Amazon rainforest after their plane crashes. As they struggle to survive in the harsh jungle environment, they learn to find food, build shelter, and navigate the wilderness. Along the way, they encounter an enigmatic man known only as “the Explorer,” who has been living alone in the forest for years. Under his guidance, the children develop essential survival skills, face their fears, and discover the beauty and danger of the Amazon. Together, they embark on a journey of resilience, friendship, and self-discovery, learning to respect both the rainforest and each other as they strive to find a way home.

Final Outcome – Narrative third person retelling with innovation

Reason – to produce a story to read to class

Audience – classmates/children

Features – story sequence, character, setting, point of view, figurative language

Tone – to entertain

Story Path: Plot Points	<pre>graph LR; A[1. Introduction to the main character and journey.] --> B[2. Something unexpected happens and the character faces a problem.]; B --> C[3. The characters make a shelter.]; C --> D[4. The characters find water.]; D --> E[5. The characters find food.]; E --> F[]; style F fill:none,stroke:none</pre>				
Themes	Journey Anticipation	Disaster Rescue	Survival Shelter	Survival Hydration	Survival Hunger
Vocabulary	cockpit jerked shreik	stumbling gasping jungle	Rescue stranded weave	bewildered delicious clearing	Unenthusiastic Grubs Shudder
Features	paragraphs imagery	paragraphs imagery	paragraphs imagery	paragraphs imagery	paragraphs imagery
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