



St John Fisher RC Primary School

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



Quality Text and Author: The Primrose Railway Children Jacqueline Wilson

The Primrose Railway Children was inspired by E.Nesbit's novel The Railway Children. Jaqueline Wilson published The Primrose Railway Children in 2021.

Plot: Phoebe loves her dad more than anything. So when he leaves home without warning, she is confused and hurt. And that's made worse by the strangers with cameras who lurk outside the house and knock on the door with odd questions. When Mum takes Phoebe and her siblings out of school and relocates them to a dilapidated cottage in the middle of nowhere, her confusion grows. But things look brighter after Mum explains that Dad is on a secret assignment for a television company. And when they discover the Primrose Railway not far away, everything seems better. Until the cracks in Mum's story start to show...

Final Outcome – Narrative third person retelling with innovation

Reason – to produce a story to read to class

Audience – classmates/children

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

Tone – to entertain

Story Path: Plot Points	<pre>graph LR; A[1. Introduction to the main character and setting.] --> B[2. Something unexpected happens and the character faces a problem.]; B --> C[3. The problem impacts on the main characters behaviour.]; C --> D[4. Journey to a new setting.]; D --> E[5. Main character arrives at the new setting.]; E --> F[]; style F fill:none,stroke:none</pre>				
Themes	family friends	change anticipation	longing frustration	journey confused	sadness loneliness
Vocabulary	arguments weird ludicrous	immaculate trail bobbed	angry rational tearfully	strange abandon relentlessly	coax irritable trekking
Features	paragraphs imagery	paragraphs imagery	paragraphs imagery	paragraphs imagery	paragraphs imagery
Grammar	Expanded noun phrases Subordinating conjunctions	Fronted adverbials Subordinating conjunctions	Expanded noun phrases Subordinating conjunctions	Fronted adverbials Expanded noun phrases Subordinating conjunctions	Expanded noun phrases Subordinating conjunctions