

Annunciation Catholic Junior School KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER YEAR 4 - OLIVER & SEAWIGS Explanations

Text overview

Plot: Oliver grew up in a family of explorers-but his biggest adventure was about to begin. With new friends, a grumpy old albatross, a short sighted mermaid and a friendly island called Cliff, Oliver goes off in search of his missing parents. Before he can put his rescue plan into action, there is an army of pesky sea monkeys to contend with...

Themes: Comedy, trust, mistrust, injustice, poverty, loneliness, responsibility and kindness.

Characters: Oliver, Mum & Dad, Mr Culpeper, Iris, Cliff, Thuristone, Stacey De Lacey

Setting

Deep water bay, St. Porrocks, or wherever they parked their camper van.

Features of the genre

The strength of the story often depends on a character facing a difficult (or seemingly impossible) dilemma, with a limited choice of actions. A strong, simple story structure usually leads the character to the dilemma quite quickly and then makes the reader wait to find out how it is dealt with.



Reading Objectives

Children should use the story to help their understanding of a clear story structure.

Discuss words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination

Draw inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence

Ask questions to extend knowledge and understanding of a text.

Key Vocabulary

Spelling	Definition
albatross	large bird with long narrow wings
anguish	great mental or physical pain
bewildered	great confusion - very puzzled
collided	forceful impact
composure	ability to stay calm
distraught	someone who is very troubled, confused or has gone crazy
obnoxious	extremely unpleasant
repulsive	horrible and disgusting

Prior Knowledge

In Year 3 pupils explore moral dilemmas for characters using drama. They write stories with a problem and resolution that are organised into paragraphs using adverbs. Year 3 children are introduced to using dialogue to move the plot on. Pupils begin to group material into paragraphs in Year 3.