



Annunciation Catholic Junior School
 KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER
 YEAR 5 - JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH



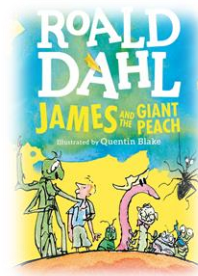
Text overview

Plot: James and the Giant Peach is the story of a young boy who escapes an abusive home in a magical peach. Along the way, he makes new friends, and discovers the joys of freedom and friendship, which had previously been alien ideas to him.

Themes: friendship, overcoming challenges, mistreatment.

Characters: James Henry Trotter, Aunt Spiker, Aunt Sponge, Old Green Grasshopper, Centipede, Earthworm, Ladybird, Miss Spider, Silkworm, Glow-Worm

Setting: A giant peach which travels from Europe to New York City.



Writing Objectives

While pupils have been introduced to formality in Year 4, this needs to be developed in Year 5. Pupils must write using a formal and impersonal tone when creating their biographies. This should include considering vocabulary and grammatical structures. There should be an emphasis on the intended audience when writing. Pupils should also explore how chronology can be signalled without obvious words and phrases

Prior Knowledge

Biographies are not introduced formally until Year 5. In Year 4, pupils write recounts in role in the form of a diary entry. They learn to expand their use of sentences beyond those with one clause, by using a wider range of conjunctions for subordination and coordination. In Year 4, the focus is largely on the character's perspective and emotions, so a clear distinction will be needed to ensure the correct tone is used in a biography.

Key Vocabulary

Spelling	Definition
peculiar	different to what is normal or expected; strange
mammoth	huge
crafty	clever at achieving one's aims by indirect or deceitful methods.
desolate	uninhabited and giving an impression of bleak emptiness.
blunt	uncompromisingly forthright.
ramshackle	in a state of severe disrepair.
beckoning	summon.
wistfully	with a feeling of vague or regretful longing.
nuisance	a person or thing causing inconvenience or annoyance.

Context

There is a large world out there and with support and friendship we can explore it all.