

Knowledge Organiser

Year Group	Subject	Topic
6	English	Skellig

The Big Picture

In this unit the children will be reading the book 'Skellig' which is a story of an unlikely friendship between a boy and the creature that lives in his garage. The children will complete a range of comprehension tasks to help develop understanding of character. For their final piece of writing, the children are going to create a story about a search for a special object.

Enquiry Question

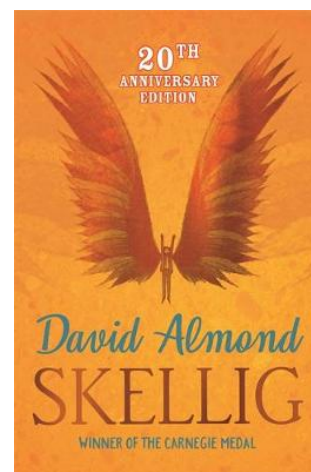
- What makes a good story?
- What makes a good character?
- What are the key themes in this story?
- How do the characters help each other?
- What is the significance of having birds in every part of the story?

Key Vocabulary

Arthritis	Inflammation of a joint or joints.
Asprin	A tablet that is used for pain relief.
Astounding	Something that is shocking or surprising
Azure	A shade of blue
Belch	Another word for burp.
Demolition	An action that completely destroys everything
Dumpster	A large public bin
Hunch	When you have intuition or a predictive idea
Inhibit	To stop or restrict someone for doing something
Rustling	A small quiet sound
Scuttle	To run with very quick small steps
Sledgehammer	A heavy hammer used to break stones and concrete.
Totter	Walk in an unstable way.

Key Characters

Michael	The boy who finds the creature in the garage.
Mina	Michael's new friend
Skellig	Creature/human Michael finds
Dr Death	The house doctor who visits Michael's sister
Leakey and Coot	Michael's friends
Grace	Old woman from hospital
Discussion points	
1	Who is the most influential character?
2	Who saved who in the story?
3	Why are birds so integral to the whole story?



Structure of a story	
Opening	Describe the setting and introduce the main characters.
Build up	Here you introduce what problem or problems the main characters have to overcome
Problem	Here the main characters have to face the problem or dilemmas. The focus on here should be fast paced plot.
Resolution	How the character solved the problem? What need to change in order to achieve it?
Ending	What are the main characters going to do now? What have they learnt? Is the moral or theme of the story obvious?

