

Book talk:

Ideas about text, opinions, retelling, missing chapter, point of view, character maps, predictions/ summary/ inference/ empathy/ author traits - style - atmosphere/ genre.

Vocabulary Extension:

VCOP/Phonics/wordgames/language - Foster parent/ wilderness / Greenfinches Larks/ Cygnets/ Kingfisher/ Woodpecker/ Moorhens/ Foxgloves/ sparrow Habitat/ Diet/ food chain/ environment

Cherubically-Having a sweet nature or beautiful face, like an angel

Voluminous-Something that is very large or contains a lot of things

Infectious- Likely to spread or influence others

Proprietary - Ownership, belonging to someone or thing.

Unceremoniously- Done in a rude, sudden, or informal way.

- pensive
- endear
- obstinately
- impervious
- resolutely
- reluctant
- communicate
- frequent
- uninterested...
- disguise

Character list:

Billy Bunch
William Fitzackerly
Aunt May

SPAG:

Possessive apostrophes.
Comma after fronted adverbials and subordinate and main clauses.
Introduce brackets/ semi colons/ colons (Y5)
Re-visit and embed speech punctuation.

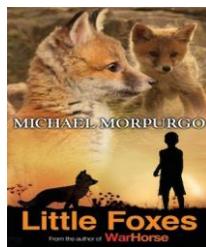
Environment:

- role-play area, display, vocabulary, learning walls
- Woodland habitat- Flowers/ trees/ river/ field.



Hundertwasser - Artist who explores human architecture and nature using shape and colour.

Text
- Little Foxes



Drama and role play:

- Interview William Fitzackerly
How did he feel when he found the baby?
- Hot seating Billy - *how does he feel when he finds the foxes? (*
- P4C -What is family? - What makes us who we are?
- Debate - *is he right to feed the foxes?*
- Freeze frame - *How does Billy feel when he finds out the mother has been killer.*
- *Alternatively, when he has to shoot to let her go?*

Multi-media links: websites, audio recordings, film clips, use of flipcams

- <https://www.everyyschool.co.uk/science-key-stage-2-habitats.html>
- <https://www.stem.org.uk/resources/community/resource/5630/animals-plants-and-their-habitats-ks2>
- <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>
- <https://www.michaelmorpurgo.com/>

Synopsys:

Billy Bunch is an orphan who has had many foster families which never worked out. He is currently living with a foster mother in the suburbs of a city. They don't get on well. At school Billy is not good at subjects, especially English (he cannot read out loud because he stutters). One night, while Billy tries to run away, he runs into the nearby abandoned land where there are the ruins of a monastery. There is plentiful wildlife living in this place that others call "The Waste Ground". Billy calls it his "Wilderness." Billy connects with the nature and wildlife there, rescuing an injured swan and nurturing some fox cubs, finding solace in the process. Aided by the comfort he finds in his new animal friends in his Wilderness, Billy is able to outgrow his stutter. He remains in his foster home and continues to visit his friends in Wilderness for a while. This does not last long before others in his neighborhood begin to view the area as a danger and the wildlife within it as a threat. Events take some unfortunate turns, and eventually Billy runs away with one of the young foxes. The two of them have several adventures and develop a strong bond. On one of these adventures, he meets a man who has a boat and cares for all the birds around the river. The man says that Billy can stay with him on his boat as they are going in the same direction. For the first time in his life, Billy has somebody who allows him to be himself while also helping him understand some hard truths about life. The journey down the river on the boat begins a journey into young adulthood for both Billy and his beloved fox

Writing Genres:

Non-chronological report - animals/ habitats - link to Science and Learning challenge - link to text Chapter 2 - SWAN and other animals mentioned in the wilderness e.g. moorhen/ lark/ - FOXES.

Newspaper Report - Baby found abandoned/ Foxes killed/ Boy goes missing.

Leaflet - How to take care of wild animals/ abandoned foxes.

Instructions - How to make a bird feeder/ how to create a wildlife habitat/ mini -beast home/ garden with food for wildlife.

Recipe - for bird feeder fat balls.

Poetry - habitat/ animal/ saving species.

Setting description - Billy's Wilderness.

Character description - Aunt May/ Billy/ Swan FOXES.

Tension / emotion - FOXES death

Persuasive letter - protected area/ don't destroy/ build a car park.

Narrative - story/ missing chapter - Billy's journey to the canal.