



Storm Whale by Benji Davies

Key theme: loneliness

Author purpose: To tell our own story

Tier 2 words: storm, sneak, great, spotted, excellent, secret, noticed, belonged



Texts to read alongside:

The Storm Whale by Benji Davies

The Storm Whale in Winter by Benji Davies

Grandma Bird by Benji Davies

Grandad's Island by Benji Davies

On Sudden Hill by Linda Sara and Benji Davies

The snail and the whale by Julia Donaldson

Big Blue Whale by Nicola Davies

How to Catch a Star by Oliver Jeffers

Bog Baby by Jeanne Willis and Gwen Millward

Katie Morag Island Stories

Town is by the Sea by Sydney Smith

Small in the city by Sydney Smith

1. To explore the themes in a text
2. To explore new vocabulary in a text
3. To be a character detective
4. To think about the emotions of a character

Full stops
Capital letters
Fingers spaces

To describe a character

- 6&7. To retell a story using a story map
8. To sequence a story

Full stops
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9&10. To retell a story
[imitate]

11. To change a story
 12. To use and to join ideas
- To retell my story using a story map

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14&15. To innovate story

1. Theme: Loneliness – have you ever been lonely? What helps you when you're lonely? Can animals be lonely? Is it ok to be lonely? Is it bad to be lonely? Read other books linked to loneliness
2. Tier 2 words and key words lesson
3. Read the story – what do we know about Noi? Have to be detectives (might need to clear up what a detective is!) Use the pictures and the words to find out about Noi – model as a whole class, stopping and discussing. Children could go to tables and write on post its something they have learnt about Noi. This gets added to a big picture of Noi. Repeat – thinking about how is he feeling, what does he do etc. Children sort ideas from the text into groupings – what he looks like, where he lives, local area.
4. Discuss feeling words, talk about emotions – how do you feel when... Read the story, pausing to talk about how Noi is feeling. Give children images from the story and they write how he is feeling "Noi is lonely" – extend to use because where appropriate.
5. Children write sentences about Noi. Encourage using and.

6&7. Retell story using story map as a class. Give children story map in trios broken up into separate sentences – they practise retelling sections of it – share back as a class – focus on oracy framework
8. Children sequence images and write key words/sentences underneath (moving towards structure of modelled write).

9&10. Children imitate narrative – give basic structure if needed

11. If I found a lion, I would... children have a picture of a lion and draw/write what they would do with him e.g. eat ice cream, play games, read stories, have a bath
12. Use and to join the ideas together – put them into a sentence
13. Retell story with story map. Innovate as a whole class onto the story map. Give children a copy of the story map. They innovate themselves and retell to a partner. Share back as a class.
- 14&15. Children innovate narrative – give basic structure if needed

Full stops
Capital letters
and

Noi is a little boy and he lives with his dad. He lives in a house on the beach. He has six cats. His dad is a fisherman. He is lonely because he doesn't have any friends. He found a small whale on the beach and he wanted to be friends with it.

Full stops
Capital letters
and

Noi lived with his dad by the sea. Noi spotted a whale on the sand. He put him in the bath and read him stories. His dad found the whale. They set the whale free into the ocean. Noi missed the whale.

Full stops
Capital letters
and

Noi lived with his dad **by the park**. Noi spotted **a big lion in the park**. He put the lion in **his bedroom** and **fed him yummy burgers**. It was a secret. His dad found the **lion**. **They took the lion back to the safari park**.

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Noi lived with his dad and his six cats **by the park**. Noi spotted **a big lion in the park**. He put the lion in **his bedroom** and **fed him yummy burgers**. The lion was an excellent eater. Noi kept him secret but one day his dad found the **lion**. **They took the lion back to the safari park** where he belonged. It was hard to say goodbye. He hoped he would see his friend again.

Transcript of text:

Noi lived with his dad and six cats by the sea. Every day, Noi's dad left early for a long day's work on his fishing boat.

One night, a great storm came. In the morning, Noi went down to the beach and he spotted something in the distance.

As he got closer, Noi could not believe his eyes. It was a little whale washed up on the sand. It wasn't good for a whale to be out of the water. 'I must be quick!' he thought.

Noi did everything he could to make the whale feel at home. He put it in the bath and told it stories. The whale was an excellent listener. Noi was worried that his dad would be angry about having a whale in the bath. Somehow, he managed to sneak some supper for his whale but he knew it couldn't last.

Noi's dad said they must take the whale back to the sea, where it belonged. Noi knew it was the right thing to do. It was hard to say goodbye. Noi often thought about the storm whale. He hoped that he would see his friend again.