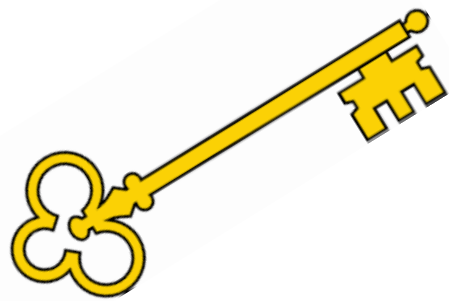




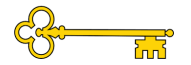
Our Learning Keys

Fiction

Why the Whales Came

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Year 4
Spring 2



Questions

- Why are Gracie and Daniel scared of the birdman?
- Why aren't the community open to the birdman?
- How does their opinion of him change?
- What can we learn from this narrative?



Blurb and Main Themes

Gracie and her friend Daniel have always been warned to stay away from the Birdman and his side of the island. But then they find a message in the sand and discover the Birdman is not who they thought. They build up a lovely friendship with him, but when the children get stranded on Samson Island they don't know whether to believe the birdman's story that the island is cursed.



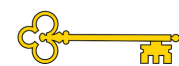
Links

- Geography - Scilly Isles
- Science - Weather
- PSHE - Community
- History - WW2



Vocabulary

Warned	incriminating
Keeled	rumours
Retrieve	nuisance
Sheltered	howled
Menacing	blight
Beached	strewn
Fleet	wincing
Bombarded	law-abiding
Snarl	bristling
Rigging	The King's Shilling
Frequented	vigilant
Curse	basked
Coast	cormorant



Reading Skills

- V - Vocabulary
- I - Inference
- P - Prediction
- E - Explain
- R - Retrieval
- S - Summarise



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