

Our Learning Keys

Reading Skills

Fiction - Fly Eagle, Fly by Christopher Gregorowski

Year 3
Autumn 1



Questions

- What do you 'wonder' about this text?
- Which other stories does this link to? How are they linked?
- Why was the farmer's friend so determined to let the eagle fly away instead of him staying with the chickens?
- What could the meaning be of the repeated words; 'You belong not to the earth but to the sky. Fly, Eagle, fly!'



Blurb and main themes

After a stormy night, a farmer, searching for his lost calf, finds a baby eagle that has been blown out of its nest. He takes it home and raises it with his chickens. When a friend comes to visit one day, he tells the farmer that an eagle should be flying high in the sky, not staying on the ground. "But this eagle walks like a chicken, eats like a chicken, even thinks like a chicken," the farmer replies. Twice, the farmer's friend tries to get the eagle to fly, but it sees the chickens on the ground and drops down each time. At last the friend, followed by the farmer, carries the young eagle back into the mountains and places the great bird on a rocky ledge, just before sunrise. As the air is filled with golden light and the sun appears, the friend cries, "Fly, Eagle, fly!" and the eagle raises its wings and soars upward, out of sight. This simply told yet dramatic story from Africa will delight children everywhere and encourage them to "lift off and soar," as Archbishop Tutu puts it in his foreword. In lovely, expressive paintings of great beauty, sparked with touches of humour, Niki Daly, an internationally known artist, catches the essence of this powerful tale.



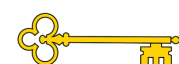
Links

- Geography - different cultures and contrasting localities
- PSHE - animal welfare
- Poetry - creating class description poem
- Drama
- Writing in role



Vocabulary

eagle	chicken
captivity	village
calf	African
ledge	valley
crevice	ledge
reluctantly	sleepily
majestically	convinced
King of the birds	gully
thatch	unusual
needs	cradled
among	prove
scrambled	begged
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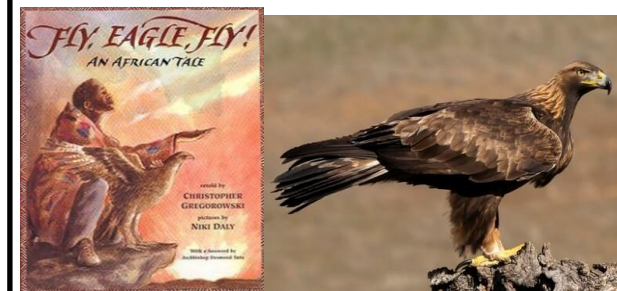


Reading Skills

- To enjoy a story and understand its meanings
- To understand the themes of the text and make links to other, similar texts
- To understand the meaning of new vocabulary and broaden the children's vocabulary
- Make inferences and justify using evidence from the text
- Predict what might happen using details stated and implied
- Identify how meaning is enhanced through the choice of words and phrases
- Retrieve and record key information
- Summarise the main ideas from more than one paragraph



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