

Can discuss a book that has been read, taking turns and listening to what others have to say. Can ask questions to improve understanding of the text.

Can infer characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions and justify these inferences with evidence from the text. Can identify a main idea from an extract of text.

Be able to justify their views drawing evidence from the text and explain their understanding through presentation and debate.

## Star vocabulary

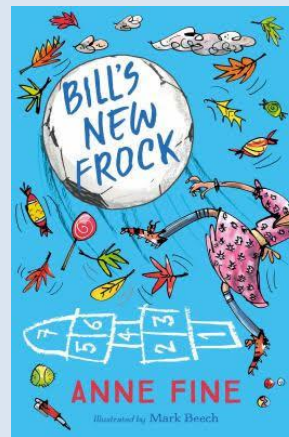
**Astonishment** – a great surprise.

**Dismay** – concern and distress caused by something unexpected.

**Glower** – to have an angry or sullen look on one's face.

**Scamper** – to run with light quick steps, especially through fear or excitement.

**Wander** - to walk or move in a leisurely or aimless



## Themes

Gender inequality,  
gender politics,  
friendship, respect  
and kindness

## Context

### Genre: Fiction

One morning, a horrified Bill wakes up in a girl's body! He is sent to school in a frilly pink frock with fiddly shell buttons and finds that life is suddenly very different. His schoolwork is supposed to be ultra-neat, and (worst of all!) he gets cast in the school play as Lovely Rapunzel, who never gets to say anything! By the time Bill gets home, the pink frock is covered in mud.

## Author : Anne Fine



Anne Fine began writing professionally in the late 1970s. Much influenced by her study of politics at Warwick University and a brief stint working at Oxfam, her stories contain pertinent social and political issues accessible to, and experienced by, many children.

## Key Characters

**Bill Simpson** – The protagonist of the story.

**Mean Malcolm** – The bully. He bullies all of the children in the story.

**The Teachers** – sexist culprits.