



Knowledge Organiser

The Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo

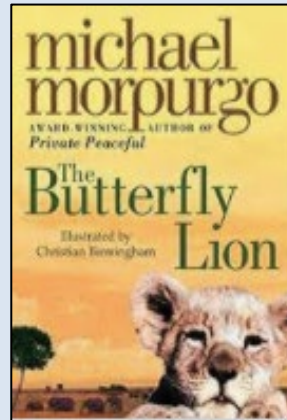
Able to demonstrate what I have read, talking about characters, events and settings and answer a range of questions about the text.

Recognise that texts and books are structured in different ways and discuss words and phrases that capture the reader's interest. I can understand and explain the meaning of words in context.

Able to understand what I have read by asking questions, retrieving and recording facts, drawing inferences and identifying how language and structure contribute to meaning.

Star vocabulary

- Confines** limits
- Discernible** obvious or visible
- Flamboyant** show off
- Khaki** army green
- Hoisted** lifted
- Lament** crying
- Ominous** threatening or gloomy
- Plaintive** sad
- Pungent** strong
- Precinct** area
- Sentinel** look-out guard
- Unscathed** unhurt



Key characters

- Michael** a young runaway boy
- Bertie Andrew's** a boy who lives in South Africa
- Bertie's mother**
- Bertie's father**
- Millie** becomes friends with Bertie
- Monsieur Merlot** the Frenchman

Afrikaans words and meanings

- impala** – animal like a deer
- Johannesburg** – one of the biggest cities in South Africa
- kopje** – a small hill in a flat area
- shingayi tree** – tree with a thick trunk that grows in the dry land of South Africa
- Timbavati** – an area in North Eastern South Africa, inside the Kruger National Park
- veld** – farm land / countryside

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Born in St Albans on October 5th, 1943
 Became a primary school teacher after graduating from the University of London
 Set up 'Farms for City Children' after leaving his job as a primary teacher.
 Michael was awarded an OBE from the Queen in 2006.
 Michael has written over 120 books.
 Michael writes all his books in exercise books.

Context

The Victoria Cross (VC) was awarded to 627 recipients for action in the First World War (1914-1918). The Victoria Cross is a military decoration awarded for valor.

French words and meanings

- Amiens** a city in Northern France
- Chateau** a large country house
- Le cirque** the circus
- Triste** sad
- Magnifique** magnificent