

# **Knowledge Organiser**

# **Rooftoppers by Katherine Rundell**

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

Scholar a specialist in a particular branch of study

**Ward** a child who has a guardian appointed by the court to take responsibility for that person

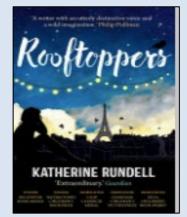
**Cello** a bass instrument of the violin family, held upright on the floor between the legs of the seated player

Orphan a child whose parents are dead

#### Context

Children orphaned during Victorian times was not unusual because mortality was so high during this time.

Orphans who could not find a place in an orphanage sometimes had to live on the streets or in workhouses. Workhouses provided food and shelter in return for hard, unpleasant work.



## Key characters Sophie – the main character Charles – Sophie's father. The man who finds Sophie when she is just a baby. Miss Elliot – child care officer Matteo – Sophie's friend she meets in Paris. The Garriers -the group of boys who live at the train station.

### Genre

A fantasy historical adventure story

# The River Seine in Paris



Born 1987 Spent her childhood in Africa and Europe. She completed a degree in English and a doctorate. She is now a full-time writer. In 2014, her book Rooftoppers won the Waterstones Children's book prize and the Blue Peter Book Award for best book.

