

Knowledge Organiser – Pig Heart boy by Malorie Blackman

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

Transplant – take (living tissue or an organ) and implant it in another part of the body or in another body.

Research - the systematic investigation into and study of materials and sources to establish facts and reach new conclusions.

Cardiovascular – relating to the heart and blood vessels.

Surgery - the branch of medical practice that treats injuries, diseases, and deformities by the physical removal, repair, or readjustment of organs and tissues, often involving cutting into the body.

Circulation – movement to and fro or around something, especially that of fluid in a closed system

Paediatric – relating to the branch of medicine dealing with children and their diseases.

Donor – a person who provides blood or an organ for transplant, transfusion, etc.

Transgenic surgery - Xenotransplantation is any procedure that involves the transplantation, implantation or infusion into a human recipient of either live cells, tissues, or organs from a nonhuman animal source.

Blurb:

You're thirteen. All you want is a normal life. But most normal kids don't need heart transplants.

So there's this doctor. He says there's a chance for you. But he also says it's experimental, controversial and risky. And it's never been done before.



Genre

Fiction

Author- Malorie Blackman



Malorie Blackman OBE (born 8 February 1962) is a British writer who held the position of Children's Laureate from 2013 to 2015.^[1] She primarily writes literature and television drama for children and young adults. She has used science fiction to explore social and ethical issues. Her critically and popularly acclaimed Noughts and Crosses series uses the setting of a fictional dystopia to explore racism. Her book, New Windmills Spring, sold out within a week of publishing it.

Context

Pig-Heart Boy is a children's novel by Malorie Blackman, which was first published in 1997. Described by the Guardian as 'A powerful story' it shows the life of a teenage boy with a viral heart transplant. It was shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal. The novel was adapted into a television series, which was broadcast by Children's BBC in 1999.

Key characters

Cameron Kelsey – The main character, boy who needs a heart transplant.

Catherine Kelsey and Michael Kelsey – Cameron's Mother and Father.

Dr Bryce- The doctor who looks after Cameron.

Nan – Only heard of through quotes by Cameron.

Marlon – Cameron's best friend.