

# Knowledge Organiser The Firework Maker's Daughter – Philip Pullman

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

**merchant** – a person whose job is to buy and sell products in large amounts, especially by trading with other countries

**apprenticeship** – a paid job where the employee learns and gains valuable experiences

**pestilential** – relating to or causing serious infectious disease that spreads quickly and kills large numbers of people

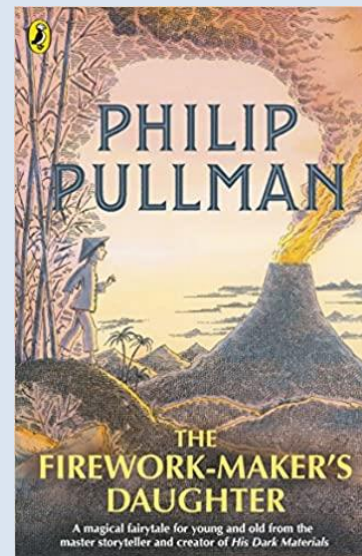
**drastic** – severe and sudden or having very noticeable effects

**tarpaulin** – heavy waterproof cloth used as a covering

**apprehensive** – feeling worried about something that you are going to do or that is going to happen

**laboriously** – in a way that needs a lot of time and effort

**solemn** – serious and without any humour



## Key characters:

Razvani  
Lila  
Hamlet  
Chulak  
Lalchand

## Author-Philip Pullman



Philip Pullman was born on October 19, 1946, in Norwich England. In 1982 Pullman's first children's book *Count Karlstein*, was published. Most of Pullman's stories are written for children and young people, through many of them have proved popular with adults too. Pullman's books make the reader think about the nature of the world, God, wisdom, religion and the purpose of life.

## Context

A young girl called Lila wants to become a firework-maker, like her father Lalchand. Despite her talents, Lalchand believes this is an unsuitable job for girls. Lila disagrees, and journeys to get Royal Sulphur from Razvani the Fire-Fiend at Mount Merapi, as all aspirant firework-makers do.