

# ENGLISH: Year 7 Autumn Half Term 1 – Lion

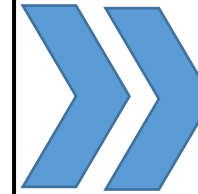
## What are we learning about?

In this topic, we will be learning about how writers use first person to tell a narrative (story). We will also learn how to **read critically** as we discuss and explore the big ideas of a text such as identity, resilience and adventure.



## Why are we learning about it?

We are learning about Saroo Brierley's *Lion* because it is important to learn about experiences and cultures that differ from our own. Reading has the power to teach us **empathy** and compassion, so that we can demonstrate acceptance and understanding of different cultures as **positive role models**.



## What new **KNOWLEDGE** will I gain?

New knowledge will include what life is like in parts of India and Australia, as well as unique experiences like international adoption. You will learn that literary non-fiction has a lot of similarities to fiction, and will look at how the writer still creates characters and tension.



## How does this build on the **SKILLS** I already have?

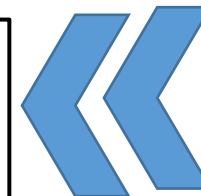
This unit builds on your skills of reading for comprehension, plus skimming and scanning to retrieve key information.

You will also develop your ability to make inferences and explain the effect of a writer's language. You will continue to practise and develop a range of writing types including to describe and explain.



## What new **SKILLS** will I develop?

You will develop the new skill of learning how to analyse a writer's use of language. You will also learn how contextual knowledge shapes our understanding of a text.



## How does this build on the **KNOWLEDGE** I already have?

This builds on your knowledge of narrative structure (beginning, middle and end) and character. You will also develop a richer understanding of another culture and be able to apply your own viewpoints and empathise with the experiences of others/