

Autumn 1 Knowledge Organiser – Year 5

Katherine Rundell

Katherine Rundell is a British author who was born in Kent in 1987. She spent the first ten years of her life in Africa before her family moved to Europe.



If you enjoyed *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell, you could check out *Impossible Creatures*, *Rooftoppers* and *The Wolf Wilder* by the same author.

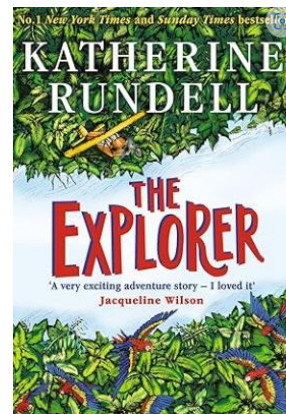
Text: *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell

Genre: Adventure

School Value Links: Care, community, perseverance and inspiration

What is the text about?

A plane carrying four children crashes into the Amazon rainforest in the early 1900s. Eventually, they find a human-made den and stay there until they can figure out what to do next. Alone and desperate, they develop resourcefulness and survive. This novel is about bravery, survival and the power of teamwork.



Characters

Fred	Fred is British boy with a fascination for adventure. He is imaginative and curious.
Lila and Max	Lila and Max are Brazilian siblings. Lila is gentle and Max is often seen as vulnerable.
Con	Con is a British girl who seems tough on the outside. However, she is a cautious personality. She encourages the other characters to stay focussed.
The Explorer	The Explorer is a mysterious, knowledgeable man who lives alone in the Amazon. He is wise and experienced but is also secretive. He supports the children and teaches them survival skills.

We will also read excerpts from *Survivors* by David Long and *Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls* by Elena Favilli. These anthologies are collections of real-life survival stories from around the world. In addition, we will research information for a variety of non-fiction texts and websites to support our understanding of locations.