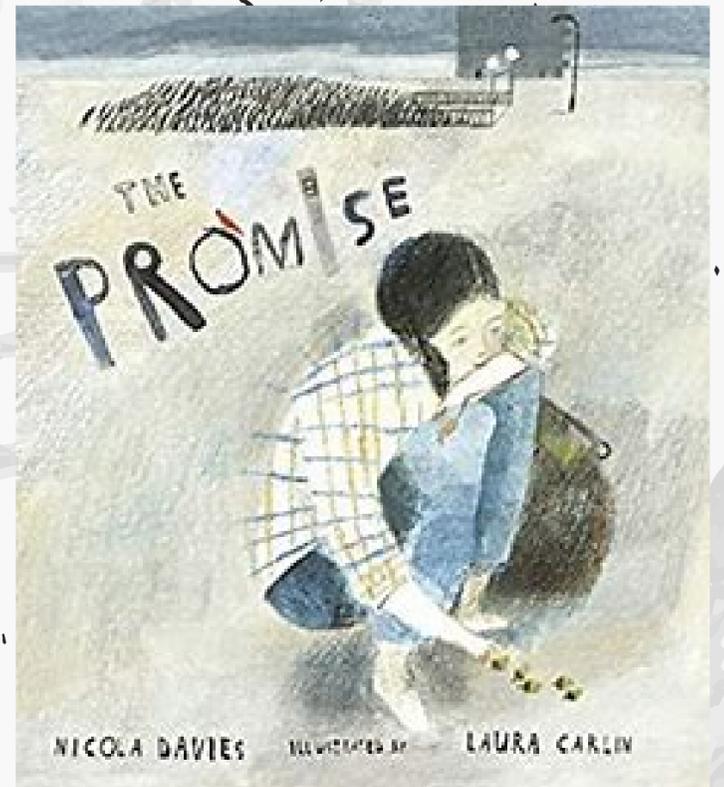


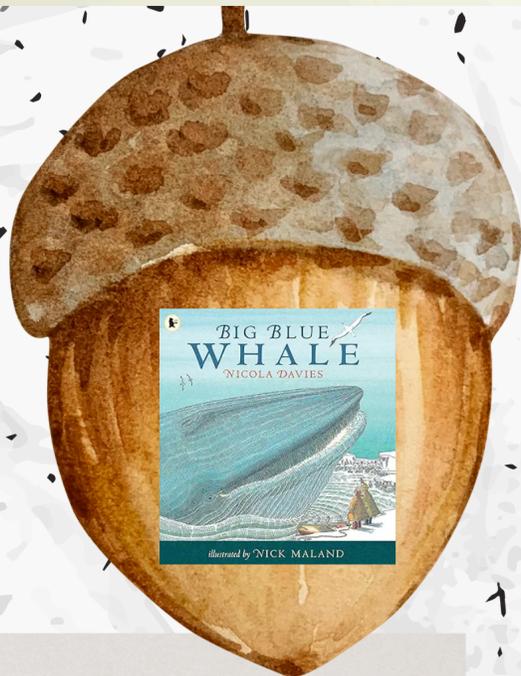
# YEAR FIVE BOOK WARMER

Our text this half term is:

On the dark streets of a city that is mean and hard and ugly, a young thief tries to steal an old lady's bag. But the old lady hangs on with unexpected strength, only at last agreeing to give up her bag if the thief will make a promise in return. When she discovers that the bag does not contain money and food, but only acorns, the young thief finally begins to understand the promise she has made. As she travels through the city, she plants acorns on roads and roundabouts, among rubble and by train tracks, embarking on the first steps of a journey that will transform the world around her – and her own life – in ways she could never have imagined.



Other texts by the author:



Acorns are the seeds of oak trees, each one a tiny powerhouse of life. Dropping in autumn, they nourish wildlife like squirrels and birds. With their tough shell and cap, they symbolize strength and potential. If they take root, they grow into majestic oaks—nature's quiet promise of resilience and renewal.

## VOCABULARY CHECK:

**shrivelled** - refers to something that has become dry, wrinkled, and shrunken, often due to age, lack of moisture, or decay.

**frail** - describes someone or something that is physically weak, delicate, or easily damaged.

**victim** - person or living being who has suffered harm, injury, or loss—often due to crime, accident, abuse, or misfortune.

**vision** - the ability to see or to imagine future possibilities.

**abandoned** - something or someone that has been left behind, deserted, or given up, often with no intention of return.

**parched** - extremely dry, often due to intense heat or lack of water.

**scowled** - to make a frowning, angry, or displeased facial expression.

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