

Key vocabulary and phrases

Avenged – inflict harm in return for an injury or wrong done to oneself or another.

Courteous – polite, respectful, considerate.

Haunches – back of an animal.

Mangy – in poor condition.

Mischief – playfulness that is intended to tease or create trouble.

Sprawling – spreading out over a large area in an untidy or irregular way.

Threshold – point of entry or beginning.

Writing focus

Character description – extending vocabulary choices. Linking ideas using a range of conjunctions.

Writing own 'Just So Story' – using the style of Rudyard Kipling. Focus on effective use of paragraphs and punctuation.

Year 5 & 6 Autumn 1: English Knowledge Organiser The Jungle Book

Written by: Rudyard Kipling

Themes:

Courage, Friendship, Loyalty,

Context

The Jungle Book follows the adventures of a boy named Mowgli who lives in the jungle. He has been raised by wolves and builds bonds and friendships with the animals in the jungle. He has an enemy, Shere Khan, who wants to kill Mowgli. He tries to understand his place between the human and animal world.

Genre: Classic fiction

Setting: A forest in India.

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Main characters

Mowgli – also referred to as 'Man cub'. A boy raised by wolves, Bagheera & Baloo.

Bagheera – a black panther. One of Mowgli's mentors & protectors.

Baloo – a bear. One of Mowgli's mentors and friends.

Kaa – an Indian rock python. Mowgli's wise mentor & friend.

Shere-Khan – a vicious man-eating Bengal Tiger who is the main villain and archenemy of Mowgli.

Akela – The chief and leader of the wolf pack.

