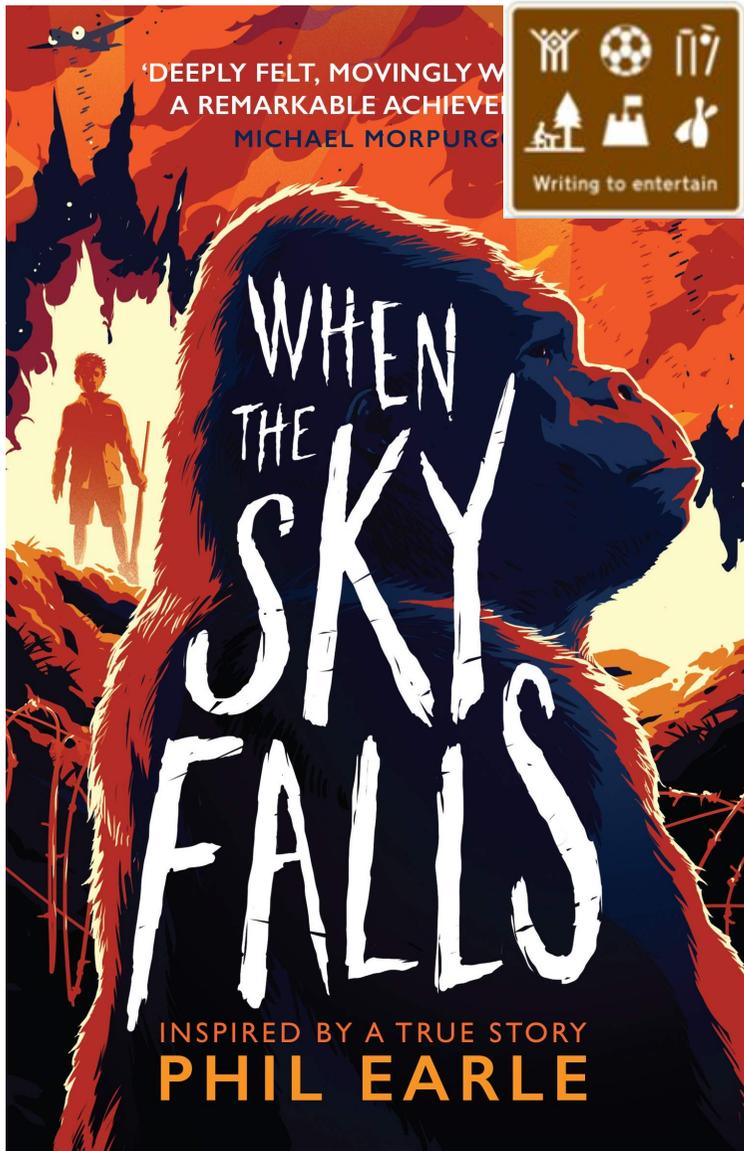


Year 6 Knowledge Organiser

Narrative - Evacuee Diaries



Features of Diary Writing

- First person interpretations of events, including personal opinions and feelings
- Emotive language to convey the severity of the situation
- Events described in chronological order, in this case across multiple days
- Time adverbials to add cohesion (following that, after I left the shelter)

Story Synopsis

Inspired by a true story. It's 1940, and Joseph has been packed off to stay with Mrs F, a gruff woman with no great fondness for children. To Joseph's amazement, she owns the rundown city zoo where Joseph meets Adonis, a huge silverback gorilla. Adonis is ferociously strong and dangerous, but Joseph finds he has an affinity with the lonely beast. But when the bombs begin to fall, it is up to Joseph to guard Adonis's cage should it be damaged by a blast. Will Joseph be ready to pull the trigger if it comes to it?

Key Characters in When The Sky Falls

Joseph - the protagonist of the story, a twelve-year-old boy who has been evacuated

Mrs F - the owner of the zoo and the person who takes care of Joseph during his evacuation

Adonis - a gorilla at Mrs. F's zoo that forges an important relationship with Joseph

