

# Knowledge Organiser

Text: *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio

Dear parents/carers,

Attached is your child's knowledge organiser which is linked to the text they are currently covering in class.

At David Livingstone, we have started to use knowledge organisers to provide children and parents with key information that pupils will need to know, in order to fully understand their text.

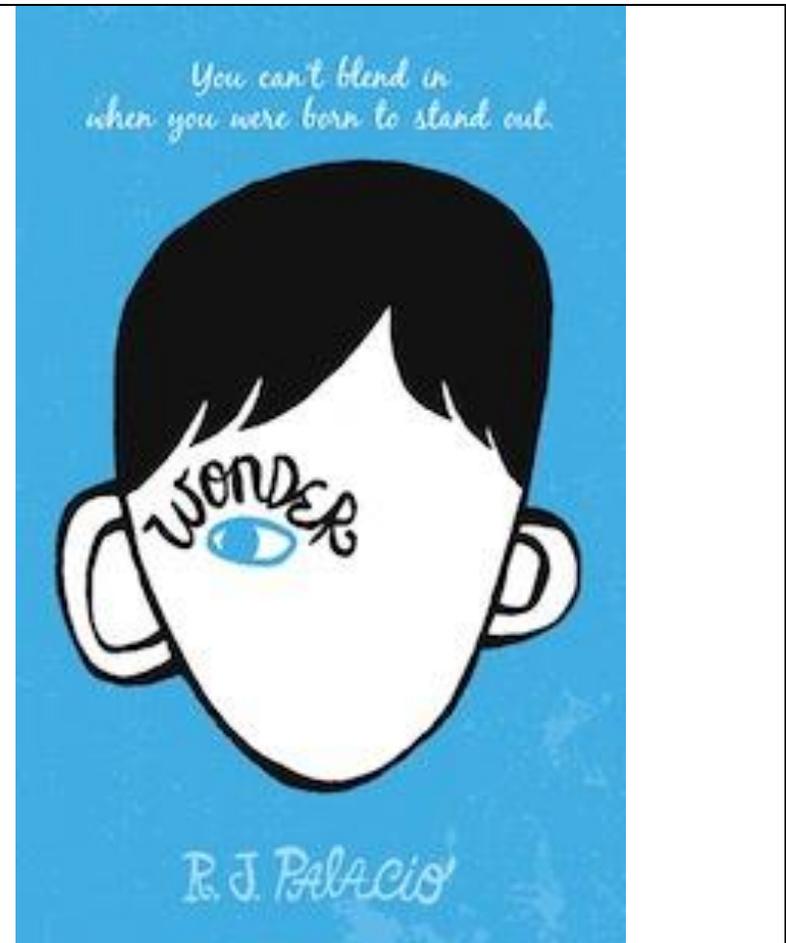
Children will be quizzed regularly on these facts to ensure that they are committed to long- term memory.

We hope you find the knowledge organisers useful and supportive. Please spend time going over the information with your child at home to support them with their learning journey.

Please speak to your class teacher or a member of the senior leadership team if you have any further questions.

Many thanks,

Mr McNally & Mr Edge  
(Year 6 class teachers)



Context Knowledge Overview  
Year Group: 6

Text: Wonder  
Author: R.J. Palacio

**Definitions:**

**Examples**

North River Heights, Manhattan

Based upon an area known as Hudson Heights in the Manhattan district of New York City, USA.

The area is quite wealthy, with many private schools and expensive houses.



Connecticut

A bordering state of New York City in the USA. Connecticut is 97 miles away from New York City and it takes approximately 2 hours to drive there.

Other state borders include Canada, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Vermont and Massachusetts.

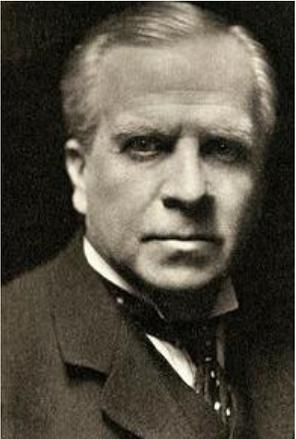


Craniofacial difference

The medical term used to describe any condition which affects the physical appearance of someone's head or face.

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| <p>Mandibulofacial dysostosis (Treacher Collins Syndrome)</p> | <p>A rare condition which affects the facial structure as a result of underdeveloped bones and tissue within the human face and skull. Many sufferers also experience other health conditions including breathing difficulties, problems with vision and deafness due to TCS.</p> <p>TCS cannot be cured, but surgery often helps the symptoms by attempting to rebuild the face.</p> <p>TCS often results in distorted facial features, slanting eyes, a small mouth/jaw and a cleft lip (where the top lip does not meet correctly).</p> <p>TCS affects 1 in every 50,000 births in the USA.</p> |  |
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| <b>American Education:</b> |  |
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| Fifth grade                | The American equivalent of being in year 6.  |
| Middle school              | A school attended by American children between the ages of 10-13. From the age of 14-18 you would move onto high school. |
| Kindergarten               | The American equivalent of being in reception.   |
| Elective                   | A choice of what you would like to study in school (August chose science).   |

| <b>Treacher Collins:</b>   |  |
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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Edward Treacher Collins was an English surgeon and ophthalmologist (a doctor who studies the eyes).</li> <li>• He was born in London on May 28<sup>th</sup> 1862 and never lived out of the city.</li> <li>• He died on December 13<sup>th</sup> 1932.</li> <li>• His father and brother were also highly respected ophthalmologists.</li> <li>• His career began as a hospital pathologist (performing examinations on the deceased).</li> <li>• The work which made him famous was a book he published in 1896 titled <i>Researches into the Anatomy and Pathology of the Eye</i>.</li> <li>• Treacher Collins is credited with the discovery of mandibulofacial dysostosis, which is why it is often referred to as Treacher Collins Syndrome.</li> <li>• He was an outstanding athlete.</li> <li>• He even treated eye diseases on his honeymoon, as he was asked by the Prince of Persia to cure his son.</li> </ul> |

## Wonder Quiz Questions:

1. On what area is North River Heights based upon?
2. Where is Manhattan?
3. What is the distance between Manhattan and Connecticut?
4. Name 3 states that share a border with New York City.
5. Define *craniofacial difference*
6. What is the medical term for August's craniofacial difference?
7. What is meant by fifth grade?
8. What is an elective?
9. Who was Edward Treacher Collins?
10. Define the job of an ophthalmologist?