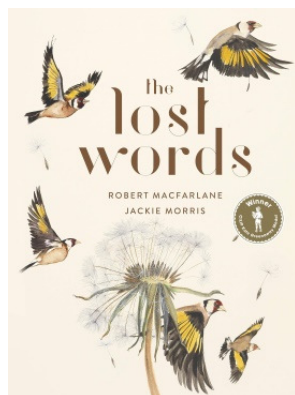


Elveden C of E Primary Academy LKS2 Knowledge Organiser – Lost Words

The Lost Words

“Once Upon a time, words began to vanish from the language of children. They disappeared so quietly that at first almost no one noticed – fading away like water on a stone. The words were those that children used to name the natural world around them: acorn, adder, bluebell, bramble, conker – gone! Fern, heather, kingfisher, otter, raven, willow, wren...all of them gone! The words were becoming lost: no longer vivid in children’s voices, no longer alive in their stories.”



Jackie Morris



Jackie Morris and Robert Macfarlane’s aim with *The Lost Words* was to restore vocabulary about the natural world to the lives of children and families; and this has expanded into a national ‘cultural phenomenon’ that has inspired countless readers to re-engage with nature.

After winning the CLLP award, Jackie Morris said: ‘They say the pen is mightier than the sword. But I say that the brush speaks across borders in ways the pen can only dream of. Images need no translation.

There’s another saying, coined I think by Neil Gaiman, that a library without a librarian is just a room filled with books. I would take this further to say that a book without a reader is just a bundle of paper neatly bound. A book comes alive when the author, illustrator speaks into a reader’s mind and heart.

Key Words

adder 	A small venomous snake which has a dark zigzag pattern on its back. It is the only poisonous snake in Britain.
dandelion 	A common small, bright yellow wild flower that has a lot of long, thin petals arranged in a circular pattern around a round centre
fern 	A green plant with long stems, leaves like feathers, and no flowers
heather 	A low, spreading bush, usually with small pink, purple, or white flowers, that grows wild, especially on hills
heron 	A large bird with long legs, a long neck and grey or white feathers that lives near water
ivy 	An evergreen plant that often grows up trees or buildings
kingfisher 	A small brightly coloured bird with a long pointed beak, that lives near rivers and lakes and eats fish
otter 	A mammal with four legs and short brown fur that swims well and eats fish
raven 	The largest bird in the crow family, with shiny black feathers
willow 	A tree that grows near water and has long, thin branches that hang down, or wood from this tree
wren 	A very small, brown bird

