



**Topic: Power of Reading Text – The London Eye Mystery**

**Year: 5**

**NC Strand: Fiction**

### What should I already know?

Our last text- Mama Miti- helped you to develop lots of different reading and writing skills. You learnt to:

Make meaning from illustration and text. Ask questions and clarify my understanding. Scan and close reading a text. Make predictions, evaluate and summarise a text. Read an illustration and moving image. Examine and use non-fiction explanatory voice. Manipulate language and meaning through use of homophones and expressions. Use paragraphs to organise my ideas. Use persuasion through explicit use of modal verbs, conjunctions, bias. Use descriptive and scientific language by focusing on verb prefixes. Understand and use the terms nouns, pronouns and determiners. Apply this knowledge to my writing for cohesion. Use commas and parenthesis to clarify meaning in my writing.

### What will I know by the end of the unit?

I will be able to:

- To enjoy exciting stories with memorable characters
- To draw inferences about characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions
- To explore themes and issues, and develop and sustain ideas through discussion
- To develop creative responses to the text through drama, storytelling and artwork
- To write in role in order to explore and develop empathy for characters
- To write with confidence for real purposes and audiences

### Key Characters

Ted	The protagonist of this story who has Asperger's Syndrome. He loves figures and facts, statistics and phenomena. Ted has difficulty reading social cues and understanding people. He is very clever but doesn't make friends easily.
Kat	She is Ted's sister. She is named after the hurricane Katrina. She used to lie a lot. She has many friends, unlike Ted.
Salim	He is Ted and Kat's cousin, who mysteriously fails to get off the London Eye Capsule. He is a mosher and a cool dude at school. Is moving to New York because his mum got a new job.
Aunt Gloria	Salim's mother and Ted and Kat's Aunt. She smokes a lot at the start of the novel. She argues a lot with people, especially her sister Faith.

### Key Vocabulary:

Meteorologist	An expert in or student of meteorology; a weather forecaster.
Claustrophobic	A person who has an extreme or irrational fear of confined places.
Syndrome	A syndrome is a set of medical signs and symptoms which are connected with each other and often associated with a particular disease or disorder.
Asperger's Syndrome	Is a developmental disorder and a form of Autism Spectrum Disorder. Young people with Asperger's Syndrome have a difficult time relating to others socially and their behaviour and thinking patterns can be rigid and repetitive.
Phenomenon	A remarkable person or thing.

**Homework tasks**

**Like this book?**



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Each week pupils will receive spellings to learn via Spelling Shed. They may wish to complete one of the following tasks below:

Create a 3D building or landmark using SketchUp Free

Visit London and see the London Eye... or take a virtual tour online!

Learn more about other famous London landmarks

Watch the movies 'Wonder' and/ or 'Stormbreaker'

If you like The London Eye Mystery you might like the following:

*The Guggenheim Mystery by Robin Stevens*

*High Rise Mystery by Sharna Jackson*

*Framed by Frank Cotterell Boyce*

*The Falcon's Malteser by Anthony Horowitz*

*How to look for a lost dog by Ann Martin*

*Wonder by R J Palacio*

### Overview

Ted, a boy with Asperger syndrome, and his sister Kat, solve the mystery of how their cousin, Salim, seemingly vanishes from inside a sealed capsule on the London Eye. While queuing for tickets, a stranger approaches the cousins with a ticket for the Eye, saying he's afraid of small spaces. They decide Salim should board as he has never been on the Eye before. Half an hour later, when Salim's capsule lands, Kat and Ted discover that Salim is nowhere to be found. When Aunt Gloria and Ted's mother find out about this, they become extremely angry with Kat for allowing Salim to take a ticket from a stranger. Over the next few days, Ted somehow figures out how Salim might have managed to leave the London Eye disguised without being noticed. He also deduces where he might be. Salim is finally discovered trapped in a building due to be demolished.