

In this unit, students will be exposed to classic children's stories and will learn about the elements of fictional narratives.

What's the story?

Students will explore interesting **themes** and discuss **character traits** through a variety of classics, from *The Wind in the Willows* to a selection from *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*.

What will my student learn?

Students will learn about the **elements of fictional narratives**, including dialogue, narration, characters, plot, and setting. They will be **exposed to rich language** and a variety of **vocabulary** and will **discuss literature** with their teacher and classmates.

Students will be guided through a variety of **writing experiences** focused on different purposes for their writing. They will also **collaborate** with their classmates and **share** their **ideas** as they develop and deepen their understanding of these literacy skills.

Conversation starters

Ask your student questions about the unit to promote discussion and continued learning:

1. Who were the main characters in your reading today?
Follow up: What are some adjectives you would use to describe those characters?
2. Where did the story you read today take place?
Follow up: How would you describe that setting?
3. What are themes? (broad ideas that come up many times over the course of a story or book)
Follow up: What are some of the recurring themes that you have noticed in the stories you have been reading or in the stories your teacher has been reading to you?
4. I know you have been learning about the word *meandered* in this unit. Can you use that word in a sentence for me? I will try to use it in a sentence too!
5. Whose perspective was your Read-Aloud told from today?
Follow up: How did you know that?