

Year 4 English Knowledge Organiser Autumn Term 2025

Overview

On the rugged Cornish coast, where the land meets the sea, lies the village of Zennor. Here, there are stories and whispers of a villager capturing the heart of a mysterious and beautiful stranger from the sea ... a mermaid! From a landscape rich with myth and magic comes this classic folk tale. With beautiful watercolour illustrations from award-winning artist Michael Foreman.



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Creative Writing

- ✓ Make predictions using modal verbs: would / could / should / might
- ✓ Respond to a letter, in character
- ✓ Write a warning letter
- ✓ Write a descriptive piece in the third person using powerful verbs, adjectives, time connectives and expanded noun phrases.

Remember:

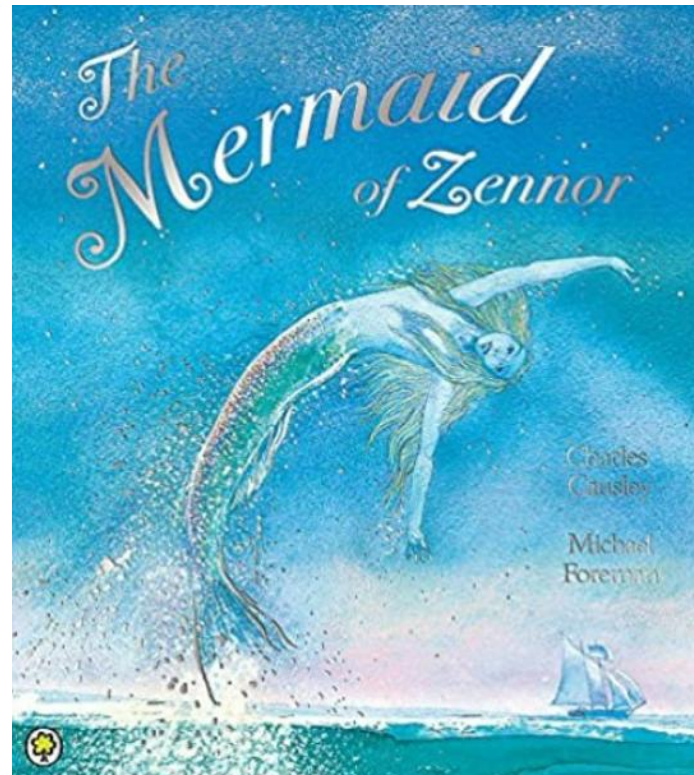
Present perfect tense

Have + past participle

Eg. I have felt my heart flutter.

It has taken me some time to write this letter.

The Mermaid of Zennor by Charles Causley



Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling:

Questions: using different question openers and a question mark.

Word classes: What are nouns, proper nouns, adjectives, verbs, prepositions, adverbs?

Using a thesaurus to build and extend vocabulary by finding synonyms.

How can:

- subordinate clauses build detail?
- conjunctions extend sentences?
- I use the present perfect tense?