



Blurb

Frankie and his parents live a quiet life. Frankie's dad reads for hours in silence. His mum sits upstairs with the crossword. But when Frankie decides to learn the trumpet, everything begins to change. Not only can Frankie hear the sounds he makes - he can see and smell them too! And the more he plays, the more infectious his music becomes . . .

Something about the Author

Tim Hopgood is an award-winning picture book author and illustrator. His first book, *Our Big Blue Sofa*, published by Macmillan, won the Cambridgeshire Read it Again! award for best debut picture book. In 2008, he won the Booktrust Early Years Award for Best Emerging Illustrator, with the hugely successful *WOW! Said the Owl*. Tim's favourite colour is blue, and one of his favourite albums to work to is *A Kind Of Blue* by Miles Davis. Tim has two children and lives with his wife in York.

SPaG Focus

- Proper nouns** - A proper noun is a specific name for a particular person, place, or thing. It always begins with a capital letter.
- Common nouns**- a common noun is not capitalised unless it either begins a sentence or appears in a title.
- Abstract Nouns** - naming words that you cannot see, smell, touch or perceive by any of your five senses.
- Suffix (adding -ness)** - Suffixes are strings of letters that are added to the end of words to alter and change their meanings. For instance, when -ness is added to an adjective it becomes a noun.
- Consonants**- a speech sound that is not a vowel.
- Vowels**- one of the two groups of letters in the English alphabet. There are five vowels: a, e, i, o, and u.

Genre Features – Fiction

- Prediction** - A prediction is a statement that someone makes about what they think is going to happen.
- Inference**- a conclusion reached on the basis of evidence and reasoning.
- Scanning**- look at all parts of something carefully in order to detect some feature.
- Summarising** - give a brief statement of the main points of something.
- Questions and statement sentences** – Answering questions by stating facts.

Vocabulary

Announcement- a public or formal statement.

Awful- extremely bad or unpleasant.

Chess- one of the oldest and most popular board games. It is played by two opponents on a checkered board with specially designed pieces of contrasting colours, commonly white and black.

Crossword puzzle- a puzzle consisting of a grid of squares and blanks into which words crossing vertically and horizontally are written according to clues.

Ear-splitting- extremely loud.

Fidgety- restless or uneasy.

Pickled- food preserved in vinegar or salt water.

Practise- perform (an activity) or exercise (a skill) repeatedly.

Trumpet- a brass musical instrument with a flared bell and a bright, penetrating tone.

Tune- a series of pleasing musical tones.

Weird- something strange or odd; puzzlingly unusual.

Wrinkled- a crease or ridge on a normally flat surface such as cloth or skin.