



Blurb

A classic picture book tale of sibling relations from a former Children's Laureate.

Once upon a time there lived a brother and a sister who were not at all alike. Then one morning they discovered the tunnel and everything changed... Brimming with symbolism, this is a typically beautiful story from a master author.

"Steeped in as much symbolism as you dare extract... A fascinating book that will afford hours of imaginative unravelling." Guardian



Something about the Author- Anthony Browne

Anthony grew up in a village called Hipperholme, in Yorkshire. He loved art and would spend hours drawing with his beloved father. After he left school, Anthony studied graphic design and then went on to paint the insides of people's bodies for medical textbooks. He found this fascinating, but after three years found that the work was becoming repetitive ("if you've seen one stomach operation, you've seen 'em all!") and instead began designing greetings cards. This in turn led him to illustrating children's books – his book *Gorilla* began life as a picture on a birthday card. Anthony lives in Kent and has two grown-up children.

SPaG Focus

- ☐ **Adjectives** - Words used to describe and give more information about a noun, which could be a person, place or object.
- ☐ **Adverb** - A word used to describe how something is done (adds to the verb). E.g. slowly/fast.
- ☐ **Commas in a list** – Punctuation used to separate items in a list (the word 'and' is used before the last item rather than a comma).
- ☐ **Plural**- More than one.
- ☐ **Synonym** - A word or phrase that means exactly or nearly the same as another word or phrase in the same language, for example shut is a synonym of close.
- ☐ **Verb** - A word used to describe an action, state, or occurrence, and forming the main part of a sentence, such as hear, become, happen.

Teaching sequence aims:

- To write descriptive narrative based on an imaginary world/setting.
- To explore important themes of sibling love, friendship and forgiveness within stories.
- To write an informal thank you letter.
- To compare and contrast the ending from *The Tunnel* with the animation *Frozen*.

Vocabulary

afraid – worried or scared.
(adjective)

argue- to share different views on something. (verb)

dilemma- a situation whereby a difficult choice may have to be made. (noun)

explore- travel through (an unfamiliar area) in order to learn about it. (verb)

forest- a large area covered with trees and undergrowth. (noun)

fought- past tense for "to fight".
(verb)

impatient- fed up or not wanting to wait. (adjective)

tumble - fall suddenly, clumsily, or headlong. (verb)

tunnel - underground passage, especially one built through a hill or under a building, road, or river.
(noun)