

The Puffin Keeper



This heartwarming story is a wonderful tale of survival, love, loneliness and friendship.

Five year old Allen Williams is on a ship from New York bound for Liverpool when it is shipwrecked near to a lighthouse on the Isles of Scilly. Benjamin Postlethwaite, the lighthouse keeper, rescues the passengers in his small boat, saving them from the icy sea .

This story showcases how one event can change a life forever, and form unbreakable friendships .

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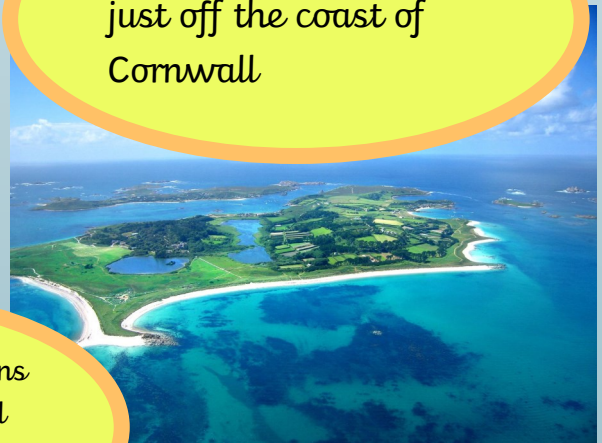
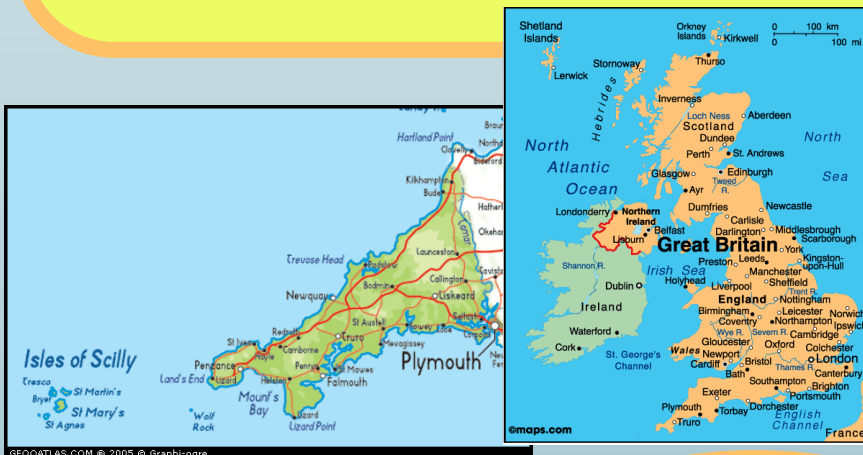
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The Isles of Scilly lie just off the coast of Cornwall



What do you already know about lighthouses? The main character is a lighthouse keeper, what is his job?



The story also mentions Liverpool can you find this on the map?



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This story takes place before, during and after the second world war. To find out more about this period of time, scan the QR on the left.

Vocabulary

Quay—a platform beside a sea or river.



Schooner—a medium size sailing ship



Harbour: an area of water next to the coast where boats /ships can shelter.



Boarding school: a school where pupils live and study.



Call up papers: a letter containing order to report for service. (to join the war WWII)



Puffins are nicknamed sea parrots and sometimes downs of the sea. They are small birds measuring around 25cm in length.

Puffins spend most of their lives out at sea, resting on the waves and not swimming.

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It was Benjamin Postlethwaite's job all his long life to make sure the light shone brightly high up in the lighthouse on Puffin Island. Not once in all his years as the lighthouse keeper had he ever let his light go out. But sometimes even the brightest light on a lighthouse cannot save a ship. Were there any survivors? How did Benjamin's life change after such a tragic event?