



# story explorer

## **Tilly and the Bookwanderers by Anna James** **Week 1 – The Bookshop (Chapters 1–3)**

### **Information for Adults**

Matilda (Tilly) lives with her grandparents above Pages & Co, a bookshop (which is lucky, because she loves books). She is lonely at her new secondary school but Grandma advises her to “Be brave, be curious, be kind.” She tells Grandad she would like a best friend who is like her favourite book characters.

Tilly’s mum (Bea) disappeared when Tilly was very young - but she finds a box of ‘Bea’s books’. We also meet Mary (who was Bea’s best friend) & Mary’s son, Oskar.

### **Resources**

The instructions can be printed for an adult to read aloud, or for the children to read themselves, or you may prefer to work with them on a tablet or computer. Children will also need the activity sheets or plain paper, pencils, scissors (and either gluesticks to glue their work into a sketchbook, or a hole punch if they are putting them into a ring binder).



## Activity 1A: Exploring the Story

Story Explorers will need the printed book, ebook, or audiobook version of *Tilly and the Bookwanderers* to read or listen to, and afterwards answer open-ended questions about the first three chapters.

## Activity 1B: Magnificent Magical Words

An important part of exploring a story is exploring new words. Simple explanations are given here and instructions for folding a small book to collect interesting words. This can be printed on A3 or A4 paper (you may need to enlarge it so that it covers as much of the sheet as possible) or you can just use the plain sheet.

## Activity 1C: The Bookshop

After focusing on the description of the bookshop by Anna James, children are encouraged to imagine - and draw - the bookshop of their dreams. This is an opportunity to be as imaginative as possible, with no limits to their ideas. What amenities would they choose, how would they decorate it, what furniture would it have?

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