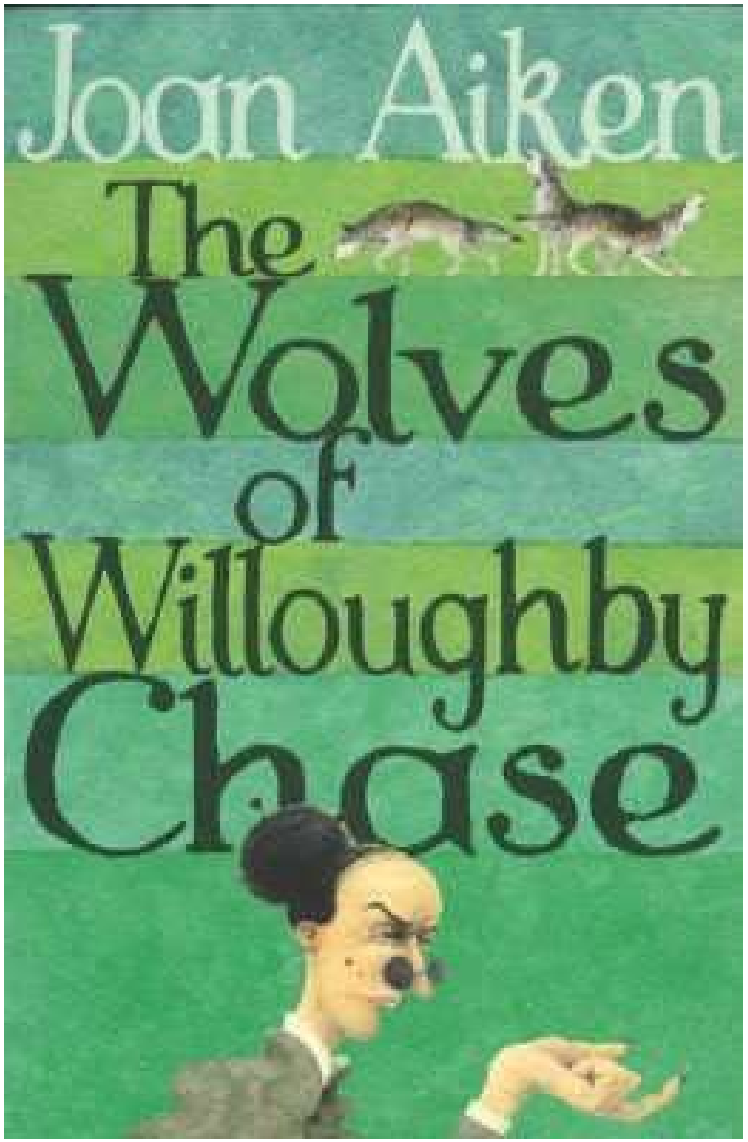
YEAR 5 SUMMER TERM: THE WOLVES OF WILLOUGHBY CHASE by JOAN AIKEN



Concepts and Values: relationships, poverty, greed, danger, resilience, enemies

On initial reading, pupils will be drawn in by the danger of the wolves but as the story unravels, pupils will be challenged to consider whether they are the real danger. They will take part in discussions about what danger is it and how it can sometimes be hidden in plain sight.

The text exposes the children to the concept of poverty in the 1800s. In reading lessons, pupils will use their detective skills to spot the signs of poverty and look for clues about what it must have been like to live in poverty at that time. An opportunity will be taken to make links to modern-day poverty and what it looks like.

Throughout the story, the relationships Bonnie has with her family and friends will be also be explored. Pupils will consider how important they were to the main character in what she was trying to do. Did she need them or could she have managed on her own?