



## Firefly Home

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### Synopsis:

Fireflies are very special. They have a light inside them that shimmers and shines. But one little firefly is lost, and there are so many bright lights shining in the night sky she'll need some help to find her way back home.

### Author Bio:

Jane Clarke is the author of over 80 books for young children, including the award-winning Gilbert the Great series and Stuck in the Mud. She's also a children's poet, so she's thrilled to bits to have three rhyming picture books with Nosy Crow (Who Woke the Baby, Old MacDonald's Things That Go, and I Saw Anaconda). Jane's latest picture book is Firefly Home, a super follow-up to her brilliant interactive picture book Neon Leon. Jane enjoys visiting nurseries and primary schools, and loves animals, country walks, fossil hunts, meeting up with her sons and their families in the UK and USA, and having fun with her granddaughters.

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### Illustrator Bio:

Britta Teckentrup is an award winning illustrator, author and fine artist. She was born in Hamburg and grew up in a city called Wuppertal. She moved to London in 1988 to study illustration and fine art at St Martin's College and the Royal College of Art. Britta is the author and illustrator of many well-loved books for children, including the bestselling 'The Memory Tree', 'The Odd One Out', 'Tree & Bee' and 'Grumpy Cat', which was selected by the Booktrust's Bookstart scheme - 250,000 copies to be distributed to families throughout the UK. Her awards include a nomination for the Deutscher Jugendliteraturpreis and a Special Mention at the Bologna Ragazzi Award for 'Alle Wetter' and Dutch picture book of the year 2018. Britta has been invited to give workshops at The Edinburgh Book Festival, Hay Festival, Bath Festival and Illustratour and her fine art work has been frequently exhibited at her London gallery and at art fairs all over the world. Since 1993 Britta has written and illustrated over 100 children's picture books which have been published in over 20 different countries. After 17 years in the UK - Britta now lives and works in Berlin with her Scottish husband, son Vincent and their old cat Oskar.



# Teacher's Notes

## Themes:

STEAM  
Science  
Light  
Home  
Belonging  
Journey  
Determination  
Friendship

## Curriculum links:

Science Year 1 [ACSSU020](#) [ACSSU211](#)

English [ACELT1582](#).

Geography Foundation [ACHASSK015](#)

The Arts: Visual Arts [ACAAM107](#)

## Science Year 1 Physical Sciences

*Light and sound are produced by a range of sources and can be sensed*

The sun is a source of light that we see everyday. What are some other sources of light. What sources of light can you see in the story.

- How are different light sources used in daily life.

## Habitats: Geography Foundation

*Living things live in different places where their needs are met*

## English: Year 1: Literature [ACELT1582](#).

*Discuss characters and events in a range of literary texts and share personal responses to these texts, making connections with students' own experiences.*

Fireflies can be found all over the world.

Fireflies like to live by standing water. What is standing water?

Fireflies love humid, warm environments.

Fireflies also love long grass.

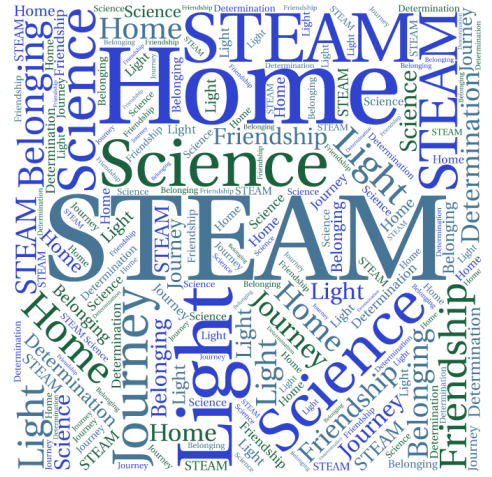
In Australia we call Fireflies, Lightning bugs, bring out a map of Australia and research where fireflies/lightning bugs have been spotted in Australia.

- Have you ever seen a firefly? Where did you see one?

Resources:

<http://www.firefly.org/firefly-habitat.html>

<https://blogs.unimelb.edu.au/sciencecommunication/2014/10/12/lightning-bugs-natures-flash-dancers/>



## Geography: Home [ACHASSK015](#)

*The places people live in and belong to, their familiar features and why they are important to people.*

## English: Year 1: Literature/Literacy

*Discuss characters and events in a range of literary texts and share personal responses to these texts, making connections with students' own experiences.*

This story is all about a Florence finding her way home. The home for the firefly is a special place.

Florence comes across many places on her journey that are not her home...The moon, a train, a lighthouse etc...

- Could you live in the classroom? Supermarket? Library? Why wouldn't these places make a good home?
- What about your home? What makes your home special to you?



## Geography: Mapping

*The representation of the location of places and their features on simple maps and models.*

Firefly passes lots of different places on her way home; a lighthouse, a bridge, a town/city. What are some things that you pass by on your way to and from school.

- Create a story map or model to represent the location of the places and features they pass on their way to school.

## The Arts: Visual Arts [ACAVAM107](#)

*Use and experiment with different materials, techniques, technologies and processes to make artworks.*

Britta's illustration style is based around collage, printmaking and digital collage. She creates her own textured paper and uses these hand made designs to create her collage.

- Give the students a large sheet of paper each. Each child can create their own paper design, using paint/crayon/charcoal /printing etc.
- When these sheets are dry, cut them up into manageable squares and then mix them up and distribute to the class.
- Each child can then make their own collage using the paper designs the class has created.