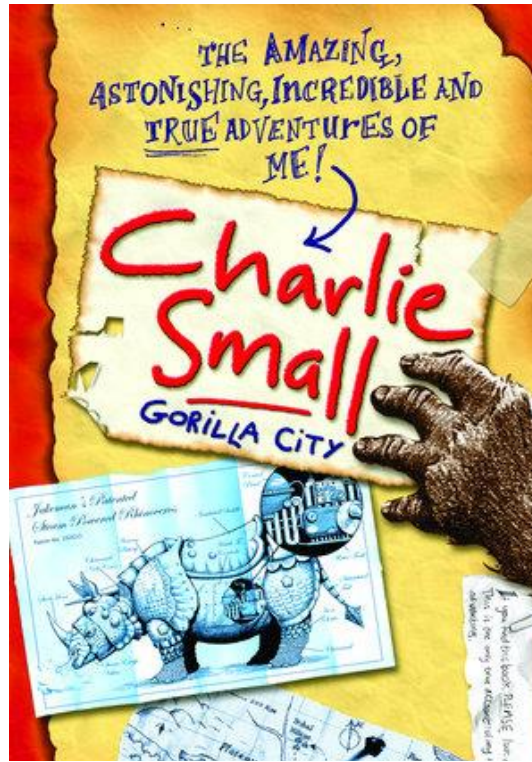


Charlie Small – Gorilla City

Who is Charlie Small? But more importantly, where is he? From the first page readers get to know Charlie and begin his adventure when he does. Charlie is having an ordinary day when something extraordinary happens. Before he knows what is happening he is being held captive by a Gorilla bully and is being treated like a toy. Will Charlie ever escape this bully? Will he ever get home again? Charlie wrestles a deadly river crocodile, rides a steam-powered rhino, and becomes tribal chief in a city of gorillas. Through reading his battered journal we are left wondering what will happen next.

Key characters

- Charlie Small – an eight year old boy who writes this adventure diary
- Thrak – The King of Gorilla City
- Grip and Grapple – Two young gorillas who make friends with Charlie



What we are going to do

When enjoying this book we will be:

- Writing a diary
- Writing an instruction text
- Writing a character fact file

Key vocabulary

- Explorer** – Someone who travels to areas that aren't well known
- Backpack** – A bag carried on the back
- Strange** - Unusual
- Raft** – A flat, floating object usually made from logs or planks of wood
- Steam powered** – A machine that's power comes from steam
- Tropical** – An area of the World that is around the Equator and is usually hot and wet
- Vegetation** – Plant life such as bushes and trees
- Captive** – Being kept against you will and not able to leave
- Encounter** – Meeting someone
- Waterfall** – Water falling off a steep piece of land

Pine Class will be reading this adventure diary to enhance their learning experiences in English. Children will understand how diaries are written and explore the informal and adventurous vocabulary and understand how to write in the first person. The story is exciting as children never know if young Charlie finds his way home; therefore making this book a real page turner encouraging children of the same age to read on. Children will learn to write in the style of Charlie and to describe their adventures in detail adding similes and expanding their noun phrases.