**Swallows and Amazons**

Arthur Ransome (adapted by Catherine Woolley)

Roger pretended to **sail** a boat up the field with a telegram from his father. “BETTER DROWNED THAN DUFFERS. IF NOT DUFFERS WON’T DROWN”

Vestibular: move self/chiffon scarf from side to side.

John, Susan, Titty and Roger get to sail the **dinghy**, Swallow, to Wildcat Island. “It was like exploring a place that you have seen in a dream, where everything is just where you expect it and yet everything is a surprise.”

Visual: float toy boat on a water tray, blow to make it move.

While having lunch the next day, they hear a loud **bang** from the nearby houseboat and see a dinghy named 'Amazon', under a pirate flag, sailing away.

Auditory/Smell: set off a party popper.

The children get into Swallow and, after getting **provisions** on the mainland, return to camp where they are shot at with arrows.

Taste: corned beef and ginger beer.

The Blackett sisters, Peggy and Nancy, emerge from their **hiding** places armed with bows, declaring that the Walkers have been using the Amazons' camp.

Visual: hide together under a silk scarf

The two groups decide to join forces against the Blacketts' Uncle Jim, who lives in the houseboat and no longer wants to play with the girls as he is busy writing a **book**. To decide who will be the leader they agree to a challenge - whoever manages to steal the other's dinghy wins.

Visual/tactile: turn the pages of a book

The next day there is no wind so the children go to the mainland and meet the charcoal burners, Young Billy and his father, and their pet **adder**. Young Billy asks the children to let Uncle Jim know that some in the village may want to burgle the houseboat.

Visual: toy segmented snake.

Swallow gets caught up in **reeds** and, as darkness falls, the children find a place to moor and pass the night there, leaving Titty alone on the island. Titty hides and then steals the Amazon, passing the night in the dinghy on the water.

Tactile/proprioception: push through dried grasses/onion grass in a pot

The next morning the Amazon and Swallow meet on the water and head back to the camp, where they agree that the war is over and the Walkers have won. Uncle Jim brings the **police**, accusing the Walkers of stealing the chest holding his manuscript.

Auditory: police siren on switch

In the morning Titty and Roger recover the chest and give it back to Uncle Jim after making him **walk the plank**.

Proprioception/vestibular: walk along a plank of wood on the floor.

He makes tea for the children and gives Titty his pet **parrot** to look after until the next Summer.

Visual/proprioception: interact with/operate puppet parrot