

## **Session 1: Reading (pages 5–25)**

### **Before Reading**

Look at the front cover of the book. Have children ever read this story before or seen a TV or film version of it? Using the clues from the front and back covers, when do they think it is set?

### **During Reading**

Children consider the main question as they read to page 25.

Main question: **What words, phrases and other clues show that the story does not take place in modern times? (Y5 t3, Range of Texts)**

*Additional prompts to help you sample children's reading:*

Page 9: What items of clothing does Mother wear?

Page 10: How is the speech different from speech in modern times?

Page 11: Who was Ruth?

### **After Reading**

- Discuss the main question. Check children are linking words and phrases that are different, as well as items and events. Are there clues that this is a classic text?
- Ask children how they would feel if they moved house?

**Follow-up:** before Session 2, children read to page 41 and make notes about whether they think the children were right to ask the old gentleman for help.