

Reading – Term 5 Week 1 – The Environment

Animation – **The Windmill Farmer** (Literacy Shed)

Key Themes

A **theme** is a **message or lesson** that the author wants you to take from the story.

Can you identify one or two themes from The Windmill Farmer and explain how these are explored in the text? Here are some ideas:



Perseverance (keeping going with a task, even when it is difficult or takes a long time).



Resilience (being able to recover quickly from difficulties).



The power of nature (storms) and the effect they can have.

Perseverance

Perseverance is a key theme in the Windmill Farmer because the farmer works hard to plant windmill seeds, even though it takes a long time. He spins the windmill that was struggling on its own and waters them every day. He even goes out in a vicious storm to try and protect his windmills.

The animation also shows that perseverance pays off because even though the farmer thinks his windmills are lost in the storm, he comes out in the spring to find the windmills he grew have created a huge crop when they are blown around in the storm.