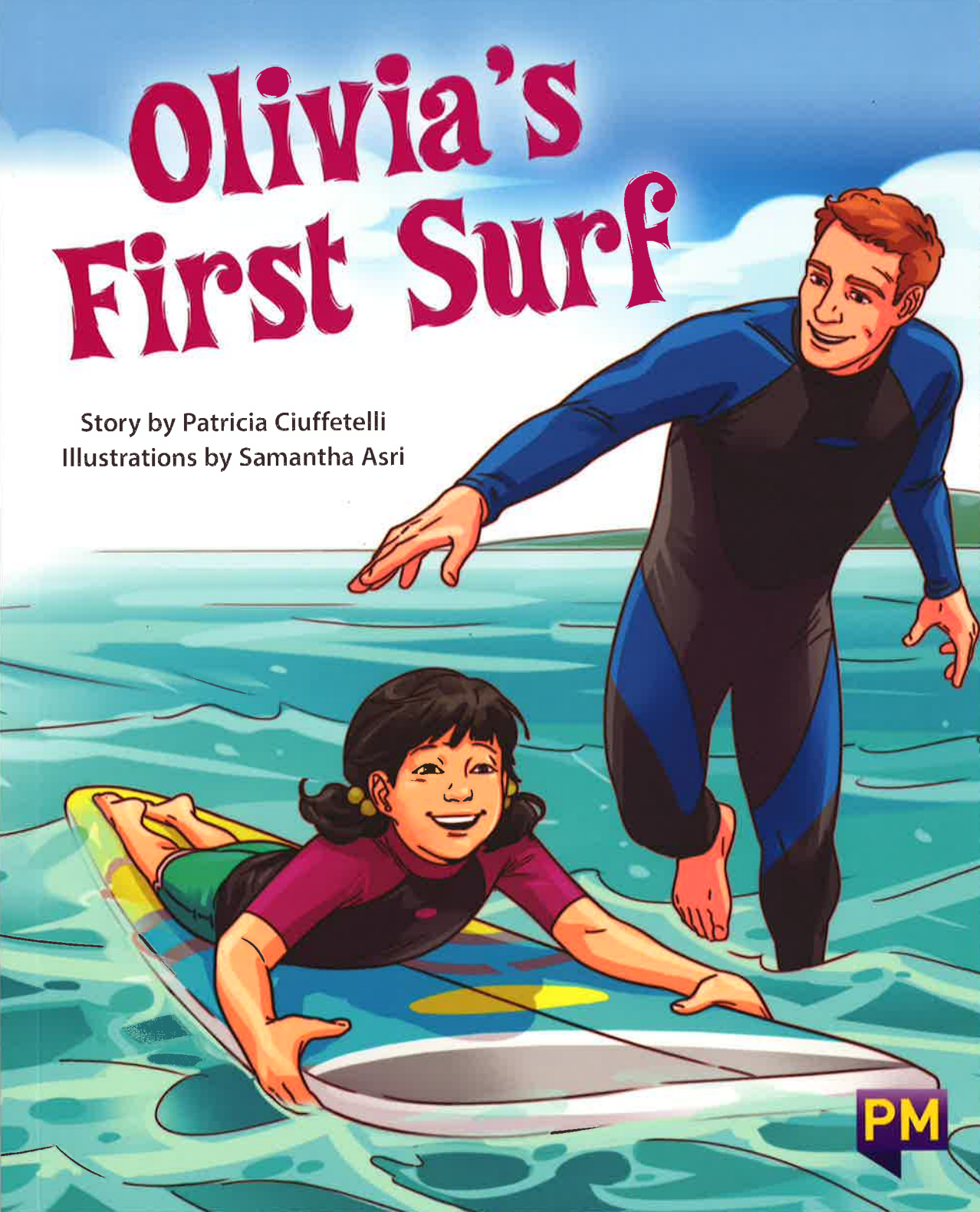
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Level 23

Running Words 1211 **Text Type** Narrative (Imaginative)

Curriculum Area Health and Physical Education

Retelling to encourage critical thinking about the content

Ask each student to retell the story in his or her own words.

Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to reinforce meaning and stimulate discussion

Literal

1 How many heats did Sarah win to go in the final event?

2 How did Olivia know about the 'aerial'?

3 Who won the medal?

Inferential

4 Why did Olivia only go in shallow water when she was in her wheelchair?

5 Why did Olivia feel nervous on her first day at school?

6 Why did Sarah perform tricks on her surfboard?

7 Why did Sarah's dad want to get into the waves before other surfers arrived?

8 Why was the longboard suitable for Olivia to surf on?

9 Why did Sarah's dad hold the board firmly behind Olivia?

Applied Knowledge

10 What type of wheels do beach wheelchairs have? Why?

11 Why did the lifeguards help when Olivia had her first surf?

12 Why are ramps built down to the sand at many beaches?

Links with other PM Guided Reading Books and Cards

Level 23	Card	Discussion	*What's More Fun: Surfing or Snowboarding?*
Level 23	Book	Narrative	*Percy to the Rescue*
Level 23	Book	Narrative	*Cooper's Big Speech*

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Chapter 1

The New School



Olivia and her family had moved from the city to a small town near the beach. Olivia was sad to leave her old school and friends, but she was excited about living close to the sea.

During the summer holidays, Olivia often went to the beach with her family. She enjoyed playing on the sand and splashing in the shallow water in her beach wheelchair. She also enjoyed watching her big brothers surfing the waves. But she wished she could surf with them.

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It was Monday morning, and Olivia felt nervous. Today was her first day at her new school.

"Welcome, Olivia," said Mr Frost. "You will make a lot of new friends soon. You can sit here next to Sarah."



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Sarah was a cheerful girl with a big smile and curly red hair. She had many friends at school and at the local surf club.

"But I must warn you, Olivia," Mr Frost said, "Sarah loves surfing and it is all she talks about every day."

"I really enjoy watching surfing, so it won't be a problem!" said Olivia.

"That's fantastic!" Sarah said. "In that case, I think we are going to be great friends!"

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During lunchtime, Olivia and Sarah sat together and talked about their favourite things and what they liked to do on the weekends. Olivia learned that Sarah had won several surf contests at her surf club and was very good at performing tricks on her surfboard.

"You should come to the surf club with me one day and meet my friends," Sarah said to Olivia, at the end of the lunch break.

"I will have to ask my mum, but I'm sure it will be all right," replied Olivia.

"What about next Saturday morning?" Sarah asked. "I'm going to be in a surf contest. It should be a lot of fun."

"That would be great!" Olivia said. She felt pleased that Sarah had asked her to come and watch the surf contest.

