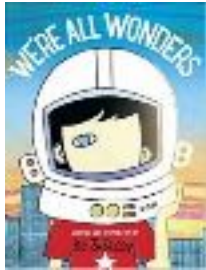


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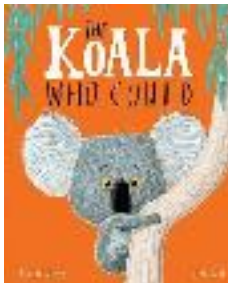
Contemporary Fiction



We're All Wonders
RJ Palacio

Wonder is the unforgettable story of August Pullman, an ordinary boy with an extraordinary face. Now younger readers can discover the *Wonder* message with this gorgeous picture book, starring Auggie and his dog Daisy on an original adventure, written and illustrated by R.J. Palacio.

- Picture book
- Superb for discussing empathy, difference and kindness with young children
- Illustrated adaptation of the successful KS2 book 'Wonder'



The Koala Who Could
Rachel Bright

In a wonderful place, at the breaking of dawn, where the breezes were soft and the sunshine was warm, a place where the creatures ran wild and played free ... A Koala called Kevin clung to a tree. Meet Kevin. A koala who likes to keep things the same. Exactly the same. But sometimes change comes along whether we like it or not... And, as Kevin discovers, if you step outside your comfort zone and try new things, you might just surprise yourself!

- Picture book
- Rhyming text
- Growth Mindset
- We also recommend other texts in the series by the same author



I Want My Hat Back
Jon Klassen

A bear sets out in search of his missing hat. Along the way, he asks all the animals he meets if any of them have seen his hat. They all say no... but one of them is lying. Told in a refreshingly deadpan manner, this quirky and distinctive picture book from US author and illustrator Jon Klassen will delight young readers.

- Picture book
- Also look out for 'This is Not My Hat' and 'We Found a Hat' by the same author
- Simple mystery story
- Witty
- Ideal for a P4C inquiry

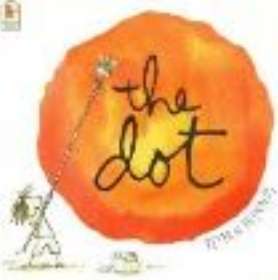
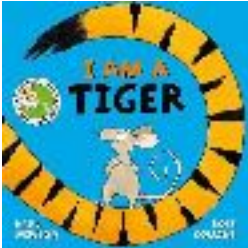

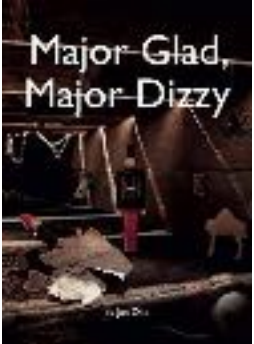


How to be a Lion
Ed Vere

You don't have to ROAR to be heard... Meet Leonard - a lion like no other. Leonard's best friend is Marianne, a duck. But lions chomp ducks, don't they? What will the pair do when their way of life is threatened? A powerful story celebrating daydreamers, individuality and the quiet courage to be yourself.

- Picture book about daring to be different
- Bold, colourful illustrations on every page

 <p>Today I Will Fly! (An Elephant and Piggy book) Mo Willems</p>	<p>Gerald is careful. Piggie is not. Piggie cannot help smiling. Gerald can. Gerald worries so that Piggie does not have to.</p> <p>Gerald and Piggie are best friends.</p> <p><i>Today, I Will Fly!</i> is the funny introduction to the characters. Piggie is determined to fly. But Gerald the elephant knows that's impossible--isn't it?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First in a series so great for hooking readers • Story told through dialogue (speech bubbles) and visuals-early graphic novel • Great stimulus for SPAG and sentence composition practice-types of a sentence, punctuation • Recommended by Jenny Holder, LLP
 <p>Oi Frog! Kes Gray and Jim Field</p>	<p>Cats sit on mats, hares sit on chairs, mules sit on stools and gofers sit on sofas, but Frog does not want to sit on a log! Jam-packed with animals and silliness, this original rhyming story will have young children in fits of laughter.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hilarious book that will appeal to young readers • First in a series so great for hooking readers in • Links to phonics • Great for rhyme work • Opportunity for writing stimulus- where should other animals sit? • Recommended by Jenny Holder, LLP
 <p>Traction Man Is Here Mini Grey</p>	<p>Mini Grey's story in words and pictures is an irresistible invitation to the private world of a child's play. Traction Man comes in a box, but very quickly finds the way into the imagination of his lucky boy owner. Amongst other adventures, this superhero searches for the Lost Wreck of the Sieve as the boy makes a game of doing the dishes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaging text that all children will be able to relate to • Provides plenty of writing opportunities • A great text for a quality text based approach – to share with the whole class.
 <p>The Bear and the Piano David Litchfield</p>	<p>One day, a young bear stumbles upon something he has never seen before in the forest. As time passes, he teaches himself how to play the strange instrument, and eventually the beautiful sounds are heard by a father and son who are picnicking in the woods. The bear goes with them on an incredible journey to New York, where his piano playing makes him a huge star. A moving tale of exploration and belonging from an exciting debut author-illustrator.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stunning picture book • Key themes of 'deliberate practice' and friendship • The first in a series of other books featuring the bear so promotes further reading

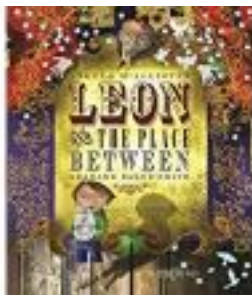
 <p>The Dot Peter Reynolds</p>	<p>In this engaging, inspiring tale, Reynolds (illustrator of the Judy Moody series) demonstrates the power of a little encouragement. Reynolds pulls off exactly what his young heroine does, creating an impressive work from deceptively simple beginnings.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fantastic text for developing the idea of Growth Mindset with young children • Links well to art curriculum • Can link to 'International Dot Day' in Autumn term for some transition work.
 <p>I am a Tiger Karl Newson Ross Collins</p>	<p>A hilarious and original story about a little mouse with big ideas! The bold little mouse declares "I am a tiger." and manages to convince a raccoon, a fox, a snake and a bird not only that this is true, but that <i>they</i> are not what they think they are. When a real tiger turns up, can the persuasive and fearless little rodent manage to persuade the tiger that <i>he</i> is a mouse!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picture book • Great to read aloud with the children, using illustrations to justify mouse's reasoning • A fun, surprise ending
 <p>Stick Man Julia Donaldson Axel Scheffler</p>	<p>"Stick Man lives in the family tree With his Stick Lady Love and their stick children three."</p> <p>But it's dangerous being a Stick Man. A dog wants to play with him, a swan builds her nest with him. He even ends up on a fire! Will he ever get back to the family tree?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SIL Reading Reasoning question pack is available for this text • We particularly also recommend 'The Snail and the Whale' and 'Room on the Broom', and 'Charlie Cook's favourite Book' by the same author.
 <p>Major Glad, Major Dizzy Jan Oke</p>	<p>Major Glad, Major Dizzy is a photographic picture storybook designed for children aged 5 - 10 years. It's based on the true discovery of a hidden hoard of Victorian toys under the author's floor. It will introduce some of the milestones of recent British history and hopefully interest children in tracing the past through found objects and old photographs. It's also funny and poignant in parts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beautiful picture book that uses photographs and typography rather than illustrations • Shows two toy soldiers trapped under floorboards of a house and major events in history happening right outside the toy room window. • We also recommend 'The Naughty Bus' -EYFS



Footpath Flowers
JonArno Lawson
and Sydney Smith

In this wordless picture book, a little girl collects wildflowers while her distracted father pays her little attention. Each flower becomes a gift, and whether the gift is noticed or ignored, both giver and recipient are transformed by their encounter. "Written" by award-winning poet JonArno Lawson and brought to life by illustrator Sydney Smith, *Sidewalk Flowers* is an ode to the importance of small things, small people, and small gestures.

- Wordless picture book in a comic style format.
- Great for sequencing activities
- Ideal to develop storytelling and vocabulary.
- Link to work on plants and flowers in your locality



Leon and the Place Between
Angela McAllister

Wanting to prove to his brothers and sister that magic really exists, Leon volunteers to be in Abdul Kazam's magic show and gets transported to a mysterious world. Filled with rabbits, doves, playing cards and magician's assistants - among other things - if a magician can make it disappear, it will end up in the Place Between! When Leon returns, not only do his brothers and sister believe, but we do too. With diecut holes into and out of the Place Between, the reader takes a journey right through the pages of the book.

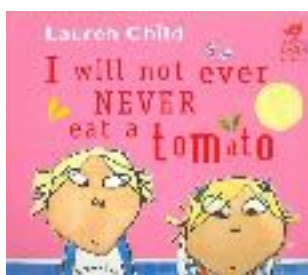
- A versatile text- it also appears on our Recommended Reading list for Years 5/6
- The awe. Wonder and magic in this text will grab all readers.
- A good text to choose for a quality text based planning approach- to share with the whole class.



Meerkat Mail
Emily Gravett

Sunny the meerkat lives with his enormous family in the Kalahari desert. They are all very close . . . so close, in fact, that one day Sunny decides he's had enough and packs his bags. He's off to visit his mongoose cousins. But from the watery world of the Marsh Mongoose to the nocturnal lifestyle of the Malagasy Mongoose, Sunny just doesn't fit in. And who's that shadowy figure who seems to be following him around? A brilliant picture book.

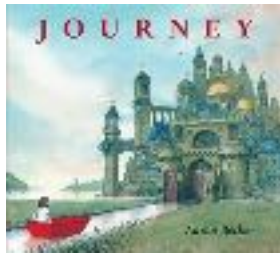
- Beautifully illustrated text full of lift-the flap postcards from Sunny's travels.
- Ideal for introducing postcards and letters to children.
- Plenty of writing opportunities.
- Great for links to another locality outside EU.



I Will Never, Not Ever, Eat a Tomato
Lauren Child

Lola will not eat peas. In fact she won't eat carrots, potatoes, mushrooms, cabbage or baked beans. And she will absolutely not ever NEVER eat a tomato. But when Charlie explains that peas are actually green drops from Greenland, and carrots are really orange twiglets from Jupiter, even Lola is tempted to clear her plate. Told with true Lauren Child style, this warm and funny picture book will make dinner time fun for even the fussiest of eaters!

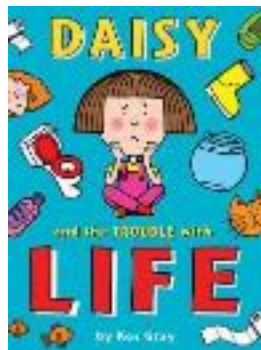
- Great for discussing non-standard/standard English
- Familiar characters from BBC series
- Ideal for early transition into Y1 from EYFS as it promotes being brave and trying new things.



Journey
Aaron Becker

Be swept away on an elaborate flight of fancy in this Caldecott award-winning, wondrously illustrated picture book about self-determination and unexpected friendship. This follows a little girl who draws a magic door on her bedroom wall. Through it she escapes into a world where wonder, adventure and danger abound.

- Beautifully illustrated wordless picture book through an imaginary land
- Part of a trilogy
- Author, Aaron Becker is very active on twitter and often responds when you share children's work linked to his texts with him



Daisy
Kes Gray

The trouble with life is it's SOOOOOOOOOO unfair. Daisy's been grounded. No HOPPING or SKIPPING, FLYING or PARACHUTING. She's lucky she's even been allowed out of her bedroom after what she's done. But what HAS she done that is SOOOOOOOOOO naughty? You'll have to read the book to find out!

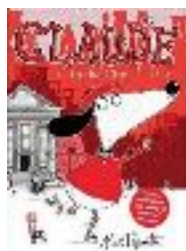
- Simple chapter book
- Ideal for class reader
- Great for discussing grammar and punctuation



Oliver and the Seawigs
Philip Reeve
and Sarah McIntyre

Along with his new friends, a grumpy old albatross, a short-sighted mermaid, and a friendly island called Cliff, Oliver goes off in search of his missing parents. But before he can put his rescue plan into action there's the evil Stacey de Lacey and an army of greasy, green sea monkeys to contend with...

- Simple chapter book
- Ideal for class reader
- Fantasy adventure story



Claude in the City
Alex T Smith

Claude is no ordinary dog - he leads an extraordinary life!
When Mr and Mrs Shinyshoes set off for work, Claude decides what adventure he wants to have that day. Today he and Sir Bobblysock go to the city for the very first time. They have tea in a cafe, go shopping and visit a museum. It is all very normal until... Claude accidentally foils a robbery and becomes the local hero!

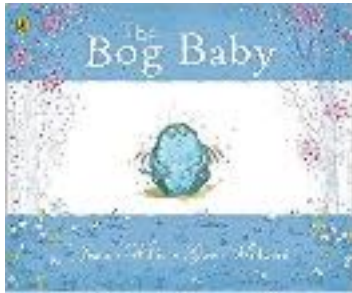
- Simple chapter book
- Ideal for class reader
- Part of a growing series- including Claude at the Beach, Claude at the Circus and more- great for promoting further reading



Anna Hibiscus
Atinuke

Anna Hibiscus lives in amazing Africa with her mother, her father, her baby twin brothers, and lots and lots of her family. Join her as she splashes in the sea, prepares for a party, sells oranges, and hopes to see sweet, sweet snow!

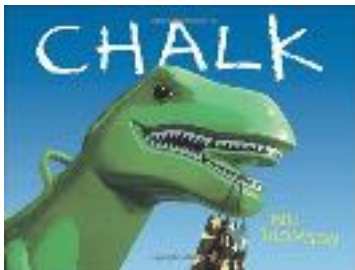
- Illustrated short novel with short chapters
- Part of a series
- Short but vibrant story
- Packed with detail
- Set in Africa



Bog Baby
Jeanne Willis

The Bog Baby is a magical story by Jeanne Willis and Gwen Millward. When two small sisters go fishing to the magic pond, they find something much better than a frog or a newt. They find a bog baby. Small and blue with wings like a dragon, the girls decide to make him their secret. I won't tell if you won't. But the bog baby is a wild thing, and when he becomes poorly, the girls decide they must tell their mum. And she tells them the greatest lesson: if you really love something, you have to let it go.

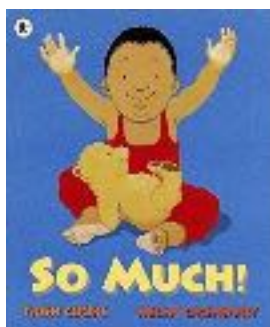
- A lovely book to explore during late Spring/Summer.
- Will complement a Plants or Seasonal changes unit. Also great to use in Y2 for habitats
- We also recommend 'King of the Tiny Things' by the same author



Chalk
Bill Thomson

Three children discover a magical bag of chalk on a rainy day. They draw pictures on the pavement and the pictures begin to come alive!

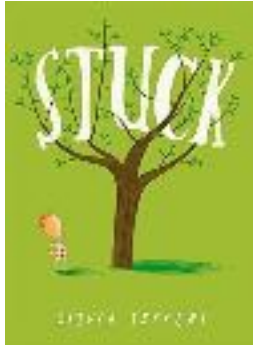
- Wordless picture book
- Hardback book
- Book illustrations have the appearance of creation by computer-but they're not
- Reminiscent of Toy Story.



So Much
Trish Cook

Celebrate the warmth of Afro-Caribbean family life in this multiple award-winning picture book. Mum and baby are home alone when Auntie and then Uncle and Nannie and Gran-Gran and the cousins come to visit. And they all want to hug and kiss and squeeze and eat the baby right up – because everybody loves the baby SO MUCH! This rhythmic, cumulative story captures the joy of being the baby in a large extended family – a baby who knows that he is absolutely, utterly adored.

- Picture book
- Fun, engaging story about a family gathering.
- Repetitive for children to join in with
- Lovely illustrations to explore



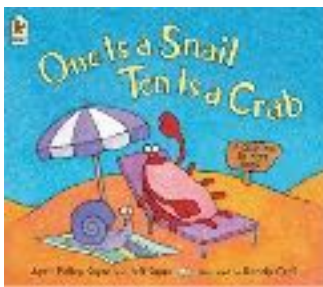
Stuck
Oliver Jeffers

Delightful chaos ensues when a young boy gets his kite stuck in a tree in this laugh-out-loud new picture book from award-winning, internationally best-selling author-illustrator Oliver Jeffers!

Floyd gets his kite stuck up a tree. He throws up his shoe to shift it, but that gets stuck too. So he throws up his other shoe and that gets stuck, along with... a ladder, a pot of paint, the kitchen sink, an orang-utan and a whale, amongst other things!

Will Floyd ever get his kite back?
A hilarious book with a wonderful surprise ending.

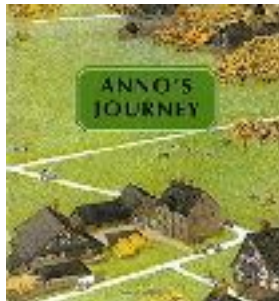
- Comical story about a boy who gets his kites stuck in the tree.
- Constantly through the book he surprises us by not doing what we would expect
- Superb illustrations to discuss and unpick
- A great stimulus with which to write an alternative ending



One is a Snail

If one is a snail, and two is a person ... we must be counting by feet! Children will love this hilariously illustrated introduction to simple counting and multiplication with big feet and small – on people and spiders, dogs and insects, snails and crabs – from one to one hundred!

- Great maths links-counting
- Can also be used all the way up to Y5/6 as a stimulus for algebra



Anno's Journey
Mitsumasa Anno

A pictorial journey through the traditional countryside, farms, and towns of northern Europe takes readers past familiar storybook characters, visual jokes and puzzles, tricks of perspective, and other surprises.

With paintings, visual puzzles and tricks of perception, Anno introduces geography and science by focusing on children and adults at work and play, as well as on art, architecture, composers, and painters, as he conducts an imaginary tour of England. An exceptional book.

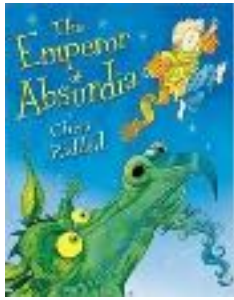
- Wordless picture book
- Links to geography map reading
- Could be used in any year group
- Recommended by Aidan Chambers



A Dark, Dark Tale
Ruth Brown

Children will delight in following the black cat's progress through the dark wood, into the dark house, and eventually to the surprise discovery at the back of the toy cupboard, in this mysterious, beautifully illustrated picture book.

- Lovely, atmospheric and repetitive tale for the children to join in with
- Slightly spooky

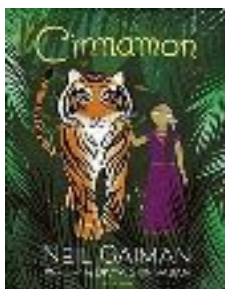


The Emperor of Absurdia
Chris Riddell

Welcome to Absurdia: a strange and wonderful land where nothing is quite what it seems. Trees are birds, umbrellas are trees, and the sky is thick with snoring fish. Join one small boy as he tumbles out of bed into a crazy dreamland of wardrobe monsters, dragons - and amazing adventure.

With a story to enchant the youngest reader, and pictures to gasp and pore over whatever your age, *The Emperor of Absurdia* is an extraordinary achievement and one to savour.

- A fun, bizarre, picture book
- Compare and contrast with Dr Seuss 'I Had Trouble in Getting to Solla Sellew'



Cinnamon
Neil Gaiman

In a hot, hot country, ringed with mountains on one side and jungle on the other, lives a princess called Cinnamon. Her eyes are made of pearls, which means that she is blind. And, for reasons her parents the Rajah and Rani cannot fathom, she will not talk. So they offer a reward to anyone who can teach Cinnamon to speak. People travel from far and wide to attempt it, but nothing works. Until a mighty tiger, huge and fierce, prowls into their palace and announces that he is here to teach the girl-cub to talk ...

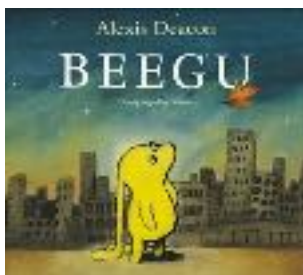
- Beautifully illustrated picture book
- An exotic fairy tale
- Can be used with older children too
- Can be read at a superficial level- or deeper themes discussed



Float
Daniel Miyares

A little boy takes a boat made of newspaper out for a rainy-day adventure. The boy and his boat dance in the downpour and play in the puddles, but when the boy sends his boat floating down a gutter stream, it quickly gets away from him. This seemingly simple story from Daniel Miyares is enriched with incredible depth and texture that transcend words.



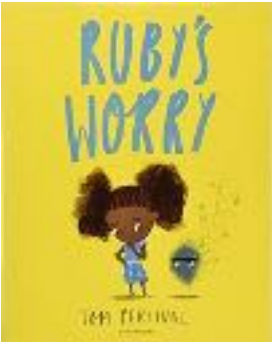

- Wordless picture book in greys and yellow
- Great to link to instructions
- Perfect for children to write narrative/captions for each image
- Simple tale with opportunity to talk/write about what happens next

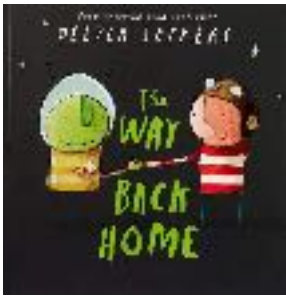


Beegu
Alexis Deacon

Beegu is not supposed to be on Earth. She is lost. She is a friendly little creature, but the Earth People don't seem very welcoming at all. However, so far she has only met the BIG ones. The little ones are a different matter . . .

- Picture book
- Shows the world through the eyes of an outsider
- Themes of loneliness, differences, communication, friendships and acceptance

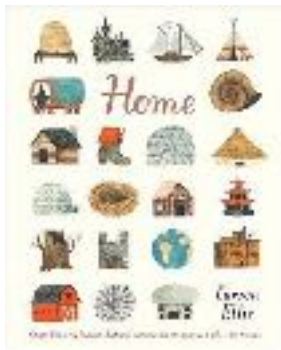
 <p>Little Red Riding Hood Ed Bryan</p>	<p>Little Red Riding Hood sets out into the forest to take a basket of goodies to her poorly grandma. Along the way, she adds to her stores, picking beautiful flowers, gathering fallen acorns and receiving a gift of some nice, sticky honey. She thinks these treats will cheer up her grandma. But little does she know that they could just save her from the Big Bad Wolf . . .</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of four in a series from Nosy Crow publishers- modernised versions of the traditional tales • Red Riding Hood uses her ingenuity to overcome the wolf- not gruesome at all • Compare and contrast to other versions
 <p>Knuffle Bunny Mo Willems</p>	<p>Merging expressive cartoon-esque illustrations with beautiful black-and-white photographs of New York, the visually striking story follows Daddy, Trixie and Knuffle Bunny on their trip to the neighbourhood Laundromat. But their adventure takes a dramatic turn when Trixie realizes somebunny's been left behind... And no matter how hard she tries to tell dad, he just doesn't understand!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picture book featuring photos of real-life settings with illustrations on top • Simple, straight-forward story • Themes of family • 'Knuffle Bunny Too' and 'Knuffle Bunny Free' are also available.
 <p>Ruby's Worry Tom Percival</p>	<p>Ruby loves being Ruby. Until, one day, she finds a worry. At first it's not such a big worry, and that's all right, but then it starts to grow. It gets bigger and bigger every day and it makes Ruby sad. How can Ruby get rid of it and feel like herself again?</p> <p>A perceptive and poignant story that is a must-have for all children's bookshelves.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A beautiful picture book about worries and anxiety • Main message is that sharing a worry reduces its magnitude • We also recommend 'Perfectly Norman' by the same author
 <p>The Last Chip- The Story of a Very Hungry Pigeon Duncan Beedie</p>	<p>Percy is a little pigeon, and he's very hungry. Life on the streets is tough, and every time he tries to get hold of a scrap of food, bigger, beefier birds bat him away. He's about to give up when <i>someone</i> offers him her very last chip.</p> <p>10% of the profits from the sale of the book go to The Trussell Trust, supporting a network of 435 foodbanks across the UK.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picture Book- beautifully illustrated • About the struggle against adversity, never giving up and the kindness of strangers • Homelessness • Contrast the main character with short animation 'Pigeon Impossible'



The Way Back Home
Oliver Jeffers

Once there was a boy, and one day, he found an aeroplane in his cupboard. He didn't remember leaving it in there, but he thought he'd take it out for a go right away. At first, all went well and the plane flew higher and higher and higher until suddenly, with a splutter, it ran out of petrol. The boy was stuck on the moon and he was not alone.

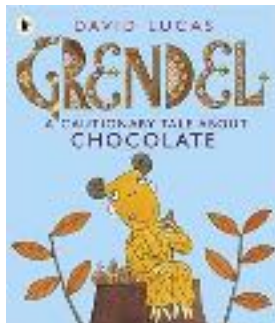
- [SIL reading Reasoning Pack Available](#)
- Simplistic story and illustrations
- Ideal for a quality text based approach
- We also recommend other books by this author



Home
Carson Ellis

This is a gorgeous, imaginative celebration of the many possibilities of home. Home might be a house in the country, a flat in the city, or even a shoe. There are clean homes, messy homes, sea homes and bee homes. Home resides on the road or the sea, in the realm of myth, or in the artist's own studio. This loving look at the places where people live brims with intriguing characters and is a visual treat that demands many a return visit.

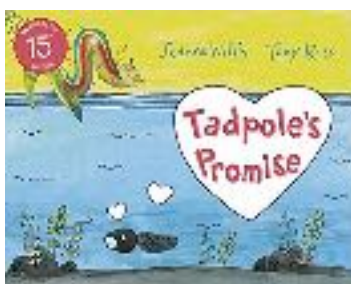
- Worth discussing stereotypes with the children to ensure misconceptions are avoided
- Illustrated book
- Includes examples of real homes and also some fantasy ones
- Great for discussion and developing vocabulary



Grendel: A Cautionary Tale about Chocolate
David Lucas

Grendel loves his mum and Grendel loves his dog, but most of all Grendel loves CHOCOLATE! When he is magically granted three wishes, what does he wish for? More chocolate of course! He gets rather more than he asks for when his whole world turns to chocolate and starts to melt... Whatever can he do? This fresh and fun re-telling of the Midas story has a message for us all – be careful what you wish for!

- Picture book
- Compare and contrast with the traditional story of 'King Midas's Touch'

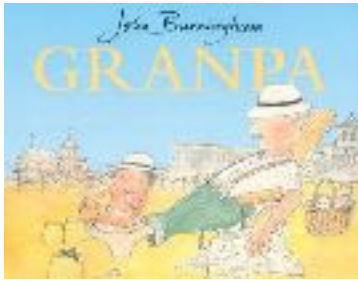


Tadpole's Promise
Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross

"Where the willow meets the water, a tadpole met a caterpillar. They gazed into each other's tiny eyes and fell in love. 'Promise me that you will never change', the caterpillar says." And foolishly, the tadpole promises. But as the seasons pass and he matures, his legs grow, and then his arms - and what happens to his beautiful rainbow friend? As he sits on his lily pad, digesting the butterfly he has just eaten, he little realises that now he will never know!

- Picture book
- Surprise ending
- Links well with Science programme of study

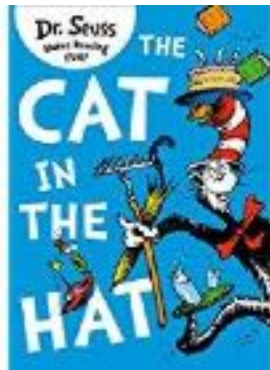
Literary Heritage



Grandpa
John Burningham

Grandpa describes the very special relationship between a little girl and her grandfather. Together they share some precious moments and adventures together.

- Picture book
- Deals with relationships, family and loss
- Contains dialogue
- Recommended by Aidan Chambers



Cat in the Hat
Dr Seuss

When Sally and her brother are left alone, they think they're in for a dull day – until the Cat in the Hat steps in on the mat, bringing with him mayhem and madness! This is the classic book that every child should have the joy of reading.

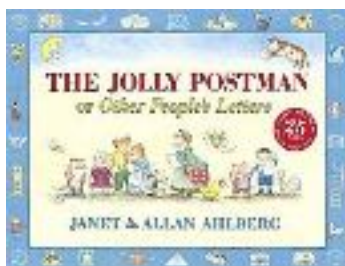
- Rhyming and rhythmic text/tongue-twisters
- Colourful and chaotic illustrations
- Film version available to compare/contrast extracts
- We also recommend other texts by this author



The Tiger Who Came to Tea
Judith Kerr

This picture book is perfect for reading aloud, or for small children to read to themselves time and again. First published in 1968 and never out of print, it has become a timeless classic enjoyed and beloved by generations of children. The magic begins at teatime!

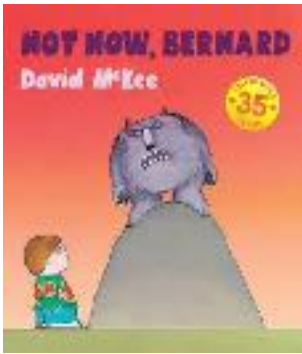

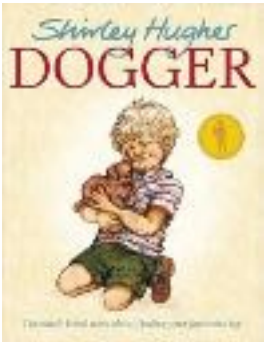

- An amusing story with lovely illustrations that will engage children
- One that the children will want to read again and again

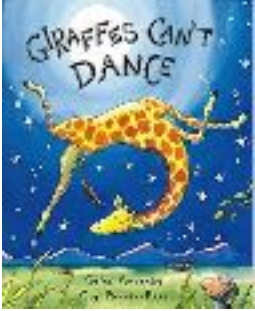
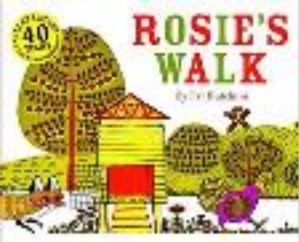
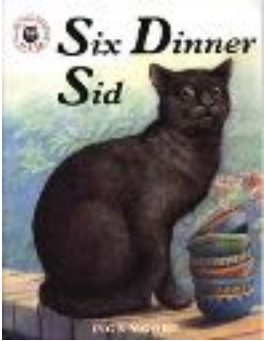
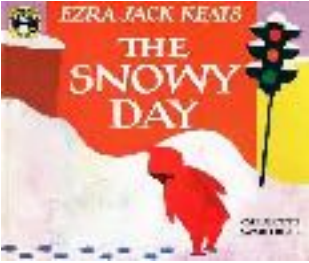


Jolly Postman
Allan Ahlberg

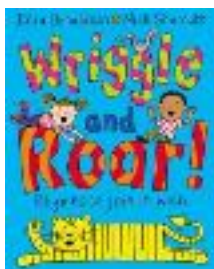
If you've ever wondered what happened after "Happily ever after," then *The Jolly Postman or Other People's Letters* is just what you've been looking for. He spends his day delivering letters, postcards, and flyers to a variety of familiar fairy tale characters. Each letter is tucked inside an envelope cleverly addressed and illustrated, to be pulled out and read.

- An interactive text with pull out correspondence from a variety of fairy tale characters
- Includes lots of purposes for writing and different writing forms/genres

 <p>Not Now Bernard David McKee</p>	<p>Bernard's parents are so busy doing their own thing, that the monster can eat Bernard's dinner, break his toys, and even eat Bernard, without being noticed!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funny and warm-hearted book with possible links to PHSE (feelings) • Great for developing inference • Opportunities for drama and roleplay • Fantastic stimulus for writing in role • Recommended by Jenny Holder, LLP
 <p>Where the Wild Things Are Maurice Sendak</p>	<p>Young Max is naughty, ignoring rules and chasing the dog with his fork, and when he is cheeky to his mother, she calls him a “wild thing” and sends him to bed with no supper to learn his lesson. Dressed in his favourite wolf suit, Max is in such a rage that as his bedroom starts to turn into a jungle and the walls dissolve, he makes for a sailing boat on the edge of the ocean. We follow his adventure through the pages.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picture book • Dream-like fantasy adventure • Ideal to explore as part of a quality text based approach • Plenty of drama and writing opportunities • Great for exploring emotions and behaviour
 <p>Dogger Shirley Hughes</p>	<p>When Dave loses his favourite toy, Dogger, he is desolate. But then Dogger turns up at the school summer fair, and everything seems all right – until someone else buys him before Dave can get the money!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picture book • A book that all children will be able to relate to/empathise with the character • Lots of writing opportunities • We also recommend ‘Alfie Gets in First’ and ‘Up and Up’ by the same author
 <p>Five Minutes' Peace Jill Murphy</p>	<p>The story of Mrs Large the elephant – who just needs five minutes of peace and quiet away from her boisterous children! But there’s never a dull moment with the Larges, and it soon becomes clear that mum’s quiet time is to be <i>very</i> short-lived! Family life is beautifully observed in this warm and funny modern classic from Jill Murphy, one of Britain’s most treasured author-illustrators.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A story in a familiar setting of home, where Mum needs ‘five minute peace’ • Humorous and relatable • One in a series to encourage further reading

 <p>Giraffe's Can't Dance Giles Andreae</p>	<p>Number One bestseller Giraffes Can't Dance from author Giles Andreae has been delighting children for over 15 years. Gerald the tall giraffe would love to join in with the other animals at the Jungle Dance, but everyone knows that giraffes can't dance . . . or can they?</p> <p>A funny, touching and triumphant picture book story about a giraffe who finds his own tune and confidence too.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picture book • Story is also available as a short animation to watch • Themes of friendship, difference, self-belief, self-confidence and celebration • Lovely links can be made to PE and music
 <p>Rosies' Walk Pat Hutchins</p>	<p>The Fox is after Rosie, but Rosie doesn't know it. Unwittingly, she leads him into one disaster after the other, each funnier than the last. To enjoy Rosie's walk as much as Rosie does, just look inside!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picture book • Stylistic images • Short animation also available • Humorous story • Small amount of text • Recommended by Aidan Chambers
 <p>Six Dinner Sid Inga Moore</p>	<p>Sid is a cat who is addicted to having six meals a day and glories in this lifestyle. Manipulative, persuasive and a charmer he has wrapped everybody round his little paw - each owner believes that Sid belongs to them only . . . until the day he is found out!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picture book containing some storyboard spreads • Challenges readers to think about community • An amusing story with a very likeable – but manipulative- main character • A further adventure is also available
 <p>Snowy Day Ezra Jack Keats</p>	<p>Winner of the 1963 Caldecott Medal! No book has captured the magic and sense of possibility of the first snowfall better than The Snowy Day. Universal in its appeal, the story has become a favourite of millions, as it reveals a child's wonder at a new world, and the hope of capturing and keeping that wonder forever. The adventures of a little boy in the city on a very snowy day.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picture book • Short animation also available • Perfect for sharing on a snowy day with the children- captures the simple magic of snow • Themes of family, neighbours, community, cultures, traditions and celebration

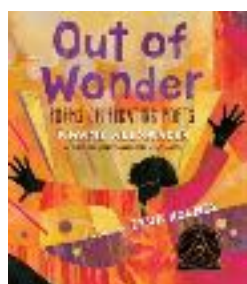
Poetry



Wriggle and Roar
Julia Donaldson
and Nick Sharratt

*Whenever I'm tired of being me
I swing around like a chimpanzee.*
Are you tired of being you? Here's a whole bookful of things you can do! There are rhymes to make you wriggle and giggle, shrug and sigh, snap like a crocodile and slither like a snake. Julia Donaldson's verse jumps off the page and Nick Sharratt's snazzy illustrations add to the fun of *Wriggle and Roar!*.

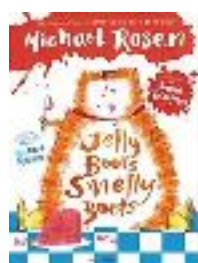
- Full of sounds and rhymes
- Bright and fun illustrations appeal for independent reading
- Fantastic for performance poetry
- Recommended by Jenny Holder, LLP



Out of Wonder
Kwame Alexander

A glorious and uplifting collection of original poems celebrating inspiring poets from Maya Angelou to Robert Frost to Rumi. This book truly has something for everyone and every age.

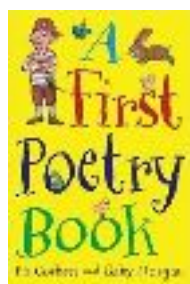
- Exceptionally beautifully illustrated
- A collection of poems by a selection of twenty poets
- Many different styles and forms of poems included



Jelly Boots, Smelly Boots
Michael Rosen
and David Tazzyman

This riotous celebration of words features silly words, funny words, new words, old words, and the very best words in the right order! This absolutely hilarious book from prolific poet Michael Rosen is filled with witty wordplay and thought-provoking story poems, and is sure to delight children.

- Great illustrations
- Includes stories, poems and funny songs
- A fun read to dip into throughout the year
- Use Rosen's website 'Poems to Perform' to see him perform some of his poems



A First Poetry Book
Pie Corbett
and Gaby Morgan

The first in a series of poetry books created with KS1 teachers and children in mind, packed with glorious poems that will appeal to a wide audience. This topic-based collection features brand-new poems about fairies, mermaids, princesses, monsters, mythical creatures, dinosaurs, pets, transport, families, seasons, school, people who help us, pirates, the senses, space, feelings, holidays and festivals, minibests, food, where we live, nature, friends and the past.

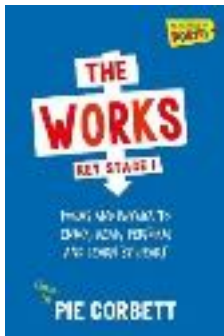
- A large collection of poems split into topics
- Mix of poets and styles and forms
- Great for performance poetry
- A good read to dip into throughout the year



Little Lemur Laughing
Joshua Seigal

This collection of brilliantly funny poetry features a dragon's sneeze, a dinosaur, a wizard's spell, a monster's claw and so much more! This is the perfect book for introducing kids to poetry in a fun and engaging way.

- A hilarious poetry book that children will adore
- We also recommend 'I Don't Like Poetry' by the same author/poet



The Works KS1
Pie Corbett

A fantastic book of really great poems for Reception and Year 1 and 2. It contains poems which cover every form and theme, an index of poem types, advice for writing poems, advice for reading poems, lots of poetry activities and some workshop ideas and lesson plans.

- Also on the Year 2 booklist- but plenty of poetry for both year groups
- Contains mentor poems for different forms and advice/tips on how to write them



100 Brilliant Poems for Children
Paul Cookson

From Paul Cookson comes *100 Brilliant Poems For Children*, featuring the best of the absolute best. The essential poems for every child to read and enjoy.

- A mixture of new and old poetry
- Collection of poets
- Variety of forms and subjects



Classic Nursery Rhymes
Dorothy M. Wheeler

Featuring gorgeous artwork from Enid Blyton's illustrator Dorothy M. Wheeler this book of classic nursery rhymes is the perfect gift. Original artwork from 1916 illustrates nursery favourites including Little Jack Horner, Jack and Jill and Humpty Dumpty. This stunning hardback is a must-have for Christmas.

- A traditional nursery rhyme book with a foreword by Chris Riddell
- Splendid, classic illustrations with a page per rhyme
- We also recommend 'Usborne Illustrated Nursery Rhymes' as another good quality alternative.

Non-Fiction



Here We Are
Oliver Jeffers

The exquisite and thought-provoking new book from the multi award-winning, internationally best-selling picture book creator of *Lost and Found*, Oliver Jeffers. Written for and to his son, it explains how our world can be a bewildering yet extremely beautiful place, especially if you've only just got here. This book is a celebration of life on Earth and contains lots of factual content which is beautifully illustrated.

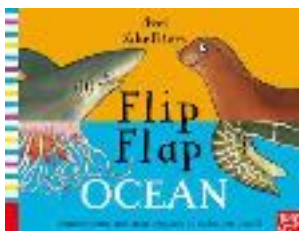
- Narrated to his son, this book includes various aspects of life
- Includes facts about where the earth sits in place, what the landscape is like, and how individual and unique we all are



One Day on our Blue Planet
Ella Bailey

From breakfast to dinner, dusk to dawn, children will love spending the day with this curious lion cub. A new series of children's books focused on the way our young animal friends spend a day begins with a curious lion cub. Minding his mother and playing with his father, this little lion can't help chasing trouble and fun as he explores the little corner of that big blue planet he shares with us.

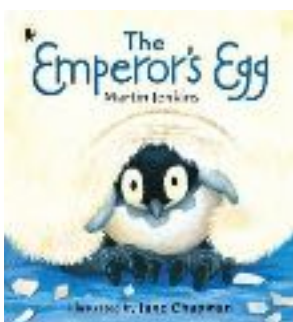
- Non-fiction text presented in a narrative showing a day in the savannah
- Great for labelling using phonics and developing sentence composition
- Part of a series so fantastic for hooking readers
- Recommended by Jenny Holder, LLP



Axel Scheffler's Flip Flap Ocean
Axel Scheffler

What do you get if you cross a squid with a fish? It's a squish, of course! And how about a shark and a turtle? Why, that's a shurtle! With a hilarious rhyming text and brilliant illustrations from Axel Scheffler, simply flip the pages to create some seriously silly animals that live under the ocean.

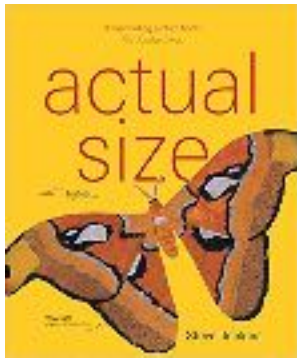
- Fantastic stimulus for writing- creating own combination creatures
- Non-fiction facts presented in rhyme
- Part of a series so fantastic for hooking readers
- Available in app form too
- Recommended by Jenny Holder, LLP



The Emperor's Egg
Martin Jenkins

The Emperor penguin is the only large animal to remain on the Antarctic mainland throughout its bitterly inhospitable winter. Once the female has laid her egg, she heads back to the sea, leaving the male to incubate it. He then spends two months standing on the freezing cold ice with the egg on his feet! This is his story.

- Links beautifully with *Frozen Planet*
- Fabulous facts about one of nature's most devoted dads



Actual Size
Steve Jenkins

Just how big is a crocodile? What about a tiger, or the world's largest spider? Can you imagine a tongue that is two feet long or an eye that is bigger than your head? Sometimes facts and figures don't tell the whole story. In the new paperback edition of this visually stunning book, Steve Jenkins illustrates animals both large and small at their actual size.

- A fabulous book that shows , through the illustrations, the actual size of different creatures- everything in the book is drawn at it's actual size
- Limited amount of text- great for further research
- We also recommend other books in this series



Wolves
Emily Gravett

Rabbit borrows a book about wolves from the library. He can't put it down! But soon a sinister figure with sharp claws and a bushy tail starts to creep right off the pages. You won't believe your eyes - but if you're a rabbit, you probably should. Brilliantly witty, ingeniously constructed, and with amazing artwork throughout, *Wolves* has thrilled critics and booksellers alike.

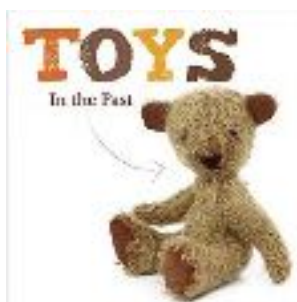
- Illustrated text- that feels more like a story book when you pick it up
- Rabbit reads book- within-a-book which is jam packed with facts about wolves
- We recommend other books by this author



Wolves
James Maclaine

Part of the Usborne Beginners series, this title presents the real facts about wolves and how they live.

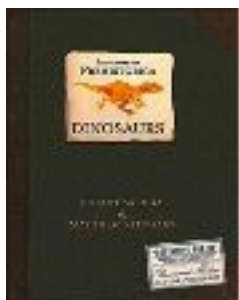
- Great to compare and contrast with Emily Garvett's 'Wolves'
- Contains photographs, maps, charts and diagrams
- A traditionally formatted non-fiction text



Toys From the Past
Joanna Brundle

This exciting new series takes a cross-curricular approach to the engaging and high interest topic of toys. The titles explore the different materials of toys, how they work, their diversity around the world and their history through easy to read text and full colour images.

- Simplistic text and clear images
- Ideal for further research
- Links well with history
- We also recommend other books in the same series



**Encyclopaedia Prehistorica;
Dinosaurs**
Robert Sabuda

Featuring more than 35 stunning pop-ups and fascinating, up-to-the-minute information about popular dinosaurs as well as many lesser-known varieties, this is an awe-inspiring tribute to the world's most celebrated extinct animals and their 180-million-year reign of our planet.

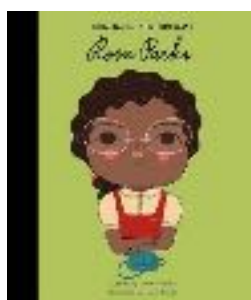
- Pop-up book
- 'Beasts' and 'Sharks' also available in the same series
- Very challenging vocabulary but the pop-ups will engage even the very youngest- and also the more reluctant- of children.



The Big Book of Beasts
Yuval Zommer

This book opens with introductory spreads explaining that beasts are wild animals that can't be tamed and gives tips on how to spot them in their natural habitats. Subsequent spreads are dedicated to specific beasts, including armadillos, bears, tigers and the Tasmanian Devil. Later spreads approach the world of beasts thematically, looking at mythical beasts, Ice-Age beasts, beasts on your street and how to save beasts in danger. The text is chatty, funny and full of amazing facts.

- Illustrated non-fiction book
- We also recommended The Big Books of... 'Bugs', 'Birds' and 'the Blue' by the same author



**Little People, Big Dreams,
Rosa Parks**
Lisbeth Kaiser

Rosa Parks grew up in Alabama, where she learned to stand up for herself at an early age. Rosa went on to become a civil rights activist. In 1955, she refused to give up her seat to a white man on a segregated bus, sparking the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Her courageous decision had a huge impact on civil rights, eventually leading to the end of segregation on public transport. She never stopped working for equal rights.

- Simple book with a few lines of text on each page
- Part of a series about powerful women
- An important and inspiring real-life story that should be shared with all children



This is How We Do It
Matt Lamothe

This Is How We Do It follows the lives of seven REAL children from Japan, Uganda, Russia, Iran, Peru, India and Italy for a single day. From the time each child wakes up until the time they fall asleep, the details of their days differ: their homes are different, their schools are different, even how they play is different. But the shared rhythm of their days--and this one world we all share--unite them together.

- Beautifully illustrated
- Ideal to read with/compare to an atlas or globe
- Shows similarities and differences in the daily routines of children living in different parts of the world