



# **100+ Books for**



# **EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2**



**When planning your English / Guided Reading lessons this year, please refer to this book list to find texts suitable to your age group. Please also use this to suggest texts to children and families.**

**If you use an alternative text, please ensure that it is suitable for the age group, and not one identified as suitable for younger / older age groups.**

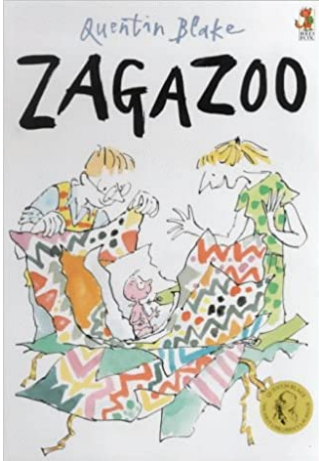
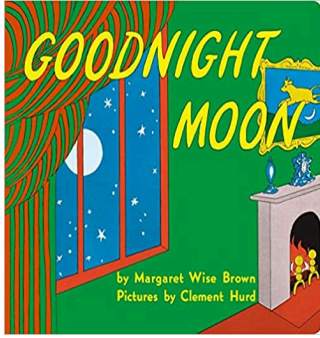
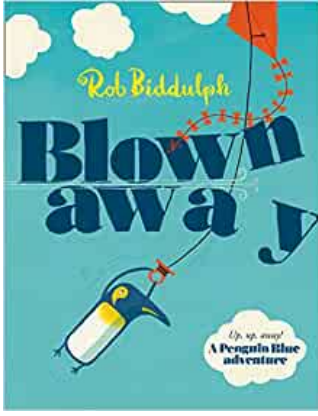

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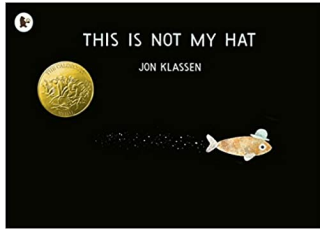
<p style="text-align: center;">1</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Supertato</b> Sue Hendra &amp; Paul Linnet</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Elmer</b> David McKee</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Zim Zam Zoom</b> James Carter</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>We're Going on a Bear Hunt</b> Michael Rosen</p>
<p><b>Topic:</b> Superhero / Humour / Heroes and Villans</p> <p><b>Age Range:</b> 3+ Meet Supertato! He's always there for you when the chips are down. He's the superhero with eyes everywhere - but now there's a pea on the loose. A very, very naughty pea. Has Supertato finally met his match?</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Ok to be different / colour / elephants</p> <p><b>Age Range:</b> 4 - 5 years Elmer is patchwork. The grey elephants all love him but he soon starts to wonder what it would be like to be just the same as them. Full of colour, wisdom and pathos, little readers will love this classic tale.</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Poetry / Humour / Space / Curious Creatures</p> <p><b>Age Range:</b> 5 - 7 years Want to travel in a rocket? Search for a grumpy dragon? Make your very own monster? Visit a higgledy-piggledy farm? Well, hop into Zim Zam Zoom - for fun and adventures galore! Colours, animals, space, music, fairytale fireworks...! Here is a collection of poems especially written for performance.</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Adventure / Classics / Family</p> <p><b>Age Range:</b> 4 - 7 years Follow and join in the family's excitement as they wade through the grass, splash through the river and squelch through the mud in search of a bear. What a surprise awaits them in the cave on the other side of the dark forest!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">5</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Tiger Who Came to Tea</b> Judith Kerr</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Giraffes Can't Dance</b> Giles Andreae</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Koala Who Could</b> Rachel Bright</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Runaway Wok</b> Ying Chang Compestine</p>

<p><b>Topic:</b> Family / Tigers / Animals / Home  <b>Age Range:</b> 3 - 5 years  The classic picture book story of Sophie and her extraordinary teatime guest has been loved by millions of children since it was first published more than fifty years ago. Now an award-winning animation! The doorbell rings just as Sophie and her mummy are sitting down to tea. Who could it possibly be? What they certainly don't expect to see at the door is a big furry, stripy tiger! The magic begins at tea time!</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> OK to be different / Animals / Safari /  <b>Age Range:</b> 2 - 5 years  Number One bestseller <b>Giraffes Can't Dance</b> 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?    A funny, touching and triumphant picture book story about a giraffe who finds his own tune and confidence too, with joyful illustrations from Guy Parker Rees and a foiled cover.</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Australia / Oceania / Animals / Self Esteem and Respect  <b>Age Range:</b> 4+  <i>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!</i></p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Tales from around the world / Myths / Asia / Growing Up  <b>Age Range:</b> 6 years  When a boy goes to the market to buy food and comes home with an old wok instead, his parents wonder what they'll eat for dinner. But then the wok rolls out of the poor family's house with a <i>skippity-hoppity-ho!</i> and returns from the rich man's home with a feast in tow!  With spirited text and lively illustrations, this story reminds readers about the importance of generosity.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">9</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Handa's Surprise</b> Eileen Browne</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>All Join In</b> Quentin Blake</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Oi Frog!</b> Kes Gray and Jim Field</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Lion Inside</b> Rachel Bright</p>

<p><b>Topic:</b> Africa / Numbers and Counting / Fruit / Animals</p> <p><b>Age Range:</b> 4 - 7 years</p> <p>A modern classic named one of the best culturally diverse picture books in the UK, this is the story of Handa, who's part of the Luo tribe in south-west Kenya. Handa decides to take seven pieces of delicious fruit to her friend, Akeyo, who lives in the neighbouring village. But as Handa wonders, <i>I wonder what fruit Akeyo will like best?</i>, a series of sneaky animals steal something from Handa's basket, which she's carrying on her head... When Handa reaches Akeyo, will she have anything left to offer her friend?</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Humour / Nursery Rhymes</p> <p><b>Age Range:</b> 3+</p> <p>This book is a rumbustious, rollicking and above all noisy collection of seven exuberant poems, perfect for chanting aloud, that are brilliantly illustrated by the incomparable Quentin Blake. The collection includes 'All Join In', 'The Hooter Song', 'Nice Weather for Ducks' and 'Sorting Out the Kitchen Pans'. Who could possibly resist?</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Humour / Animals / Rhyme</p> <p><b>Age Range:</b> 3 - 5 years</p> <p>The laughter never ends with Oi Frog and friends. Cats sit on mats, hares sit on chairs, mules sit on stools and gophers sit on sofas. But Frog does <i>not</i> want to sit on a log. Jam-packed with animals and silliness, this original rhyming story is guaranteed to get children giggling!</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Animals / Lions, Tigers and Leopards / Self Esteem and Respect</p> <p><b>Age Range:</b> 3 - 5 years</p> <p>In a dry dusty place where the sand sparkled gold, stood a mighty flat rock, all craggy and old. And under that rock in a tiny house, lived the littlest, quietest, meekest brown mouse. Fed up of being ignored by the other animals, Mouse wishes he could roar like Lion. But, as he discovers, even the biggest, bossiest people are scared sometimes ... and even the smallest creatures can have the heart of a lion!</p>
<p>13</p>  <p><b>Burglar Bill</b> Janet &amp; Allan Ahlberg</p>	<p>14</p>  <p><b>Peace At Last</b> Gill Murphy</p>	<p>15</p>  <p><b>Zog</b> Julia Donaldson</p>	<p>16</p>  <p><b>No, David!</b> David Shannon</p>
<p><b>Topic:</b> Robbery./ Crime / Humour</p> <p><b>Age Range:</b> 3 - 5 years</p> <p><i>Burglar Bill</i> is an entertaining picture book by the iconic British husband and wife picture book team Janet and Allan Ahlberg, creators of <i>Peepo!</i> Perfect as a bedtime story and for children learning to read! Who's that creeping down the street? Who's that</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Dreams / Holidays and Celebrations / Classics / Children</p> <p><b>Age Range:</b> 3 - 5 years</p> <p>Jill Murphy's bestselling classic <i>Peace at Last</i> has delighted children for almost forty years, and is equally beloved by tired parents who are all too familiar with the plight of poor Mr Bear.</p> <p>With a snoring Mrs Bear, an excitable Baby Bear and a house full of</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Dragon / Mythical Creatures / Rhyme</p> <p><b>Age Range:</b> 3 - 7 years</p> <p><i>Zog</i> is the keenest dragon in school. He's also the most accident-prone. Luckily, a mysterious little girl always comes by and patches up his bumps and bruises. But will she be able to help him with his toughest test: capturing a princess?</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Family / Humour / Behaviour / Children</p> <p><b>Age Range:</b> 3 - 5 years</p> <p>When David Shannon was five years old, he wrote and illustrated his first book. On every page were these words: NO, DAVID! . . . and a picture of David doing things he was not supposed to do. Now David is all grown up. But some things never change. . . . David is a beloved character,</p>

<p>climbing up the wall? Who's that coming through the window? Who's that? ... It's Burglar Bill.</p>	<p>tapping and dripping and ticking, peace is hard to come by – will Mr Bear ever get a decent night's sleep?</p>		<p>whose unabashed good humor, mischievous smile, and laughter-inducing antics underline the love parents have for their children--even when they misbehave.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">17</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Zagazoo</b> Quentin Blake</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">18</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Goodnight Moon</b> Margaret Wise Brown</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Blown Away</b> Rob Biddulph</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>What the ladybird heard</b></p>
<p><b>Topic:</b> Fairy Tales / Myths / Classics / Families <b>Age Range:</b> 5 - 7 years Zagazoo is a baby like no other. In this quite exceptional picture book young readers will be delighted by the hilarious and unexpected changes in his behaviour as Zagazoo grows up. Parents may detect some strange echoes of family life. There have been many classic picture books from the incomparable pen of Quentin Blake, but never one more extraordinary.</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Home / Family / Night / Sleep <b>Age Range:</b> 3 years+ Picture book. In a great green room a little bunny is tucked up snugly and safely in bed and is getting ready to say goodnight to all the familiar things in his room, one by one.</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Polar Regions / Animals / Verse <b>Age Range:</b> 3+ years Come on an unexpected journey with a fearless blue penguin in the most captivating picture book debut of the year! It's a windy day, and he has a brand new kite – but where's he going on this maiden flight? Penguin Blue and his friends go on a gloriously illustrated adventure full of good ideas, homesickness and the perils of kites,</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Humour / Insect / Mystery / Detective Stories / Creatures <b>Age Range:</b> 4 - 6 years Hefty Hugh and Lanky Len are two crafty robbers with a cunning plan to steal the farmer's fine prize cow. But little do they know that the tiniest, quietest creature of all has overhead their plot, and she has a plan of her own . . . <i>What the Ladybird Heard</i> is a fantastically funny story from the stellar picture book partnership of Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks. With brilliant rhyming verse, bright distinctive illustrations and glitter on every page, this much-loved modern classic is perfect for reading aloud.</p>

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**This is not my hat**  
**John Klassen**

**Topic:** Caution / Crime / Mystery / Animals / Humour

**Age Range:** 5+ years  
The story of a tiny fish who proudly wears a blue hat. It fits him perfectly. Problem is, trouble could be following close behind... So it's a good thing that the enormous fish he took it from won't wake up. And even if he does, it's not as though he'll ever know what happened, right? With so many emotions conveyed in just the glint of an eye, visual humour swims to the fore in this thrillingly original, perfectly-paced cautionary tale.

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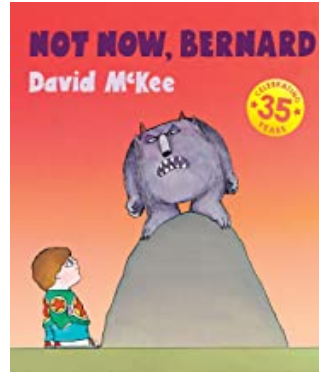


**The Something**  
**Rebecca Cobb**

**Topic:** Folk Tales / Myths / Imagination / Garden

**Age Range:** 3 - 5 years  
When a little boy's ball disappears down a mysterious hole in the garden, he can't stop thinking about what could be down there - a little mouse's house? The lair of a hungry troll? Or maybe even a dragon's den. Whatever it may be, he's determined to find out!

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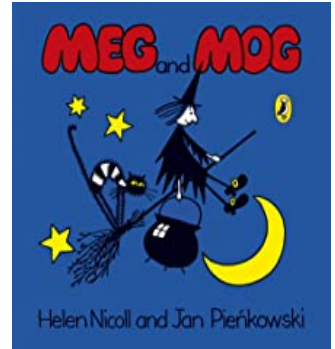


**Not now Bernard!**  
**David McKee**

**Topic:** Mythical Creatures / Monsters / Mystery and Wonder

**Age Range:** 3 - 5 years  
Bernard's got a problem. He's found a monster in the back garden but his mum and dad are just too busy to notice. So Bernard tries to befriend the monster... and that doesn't go quite to plan.

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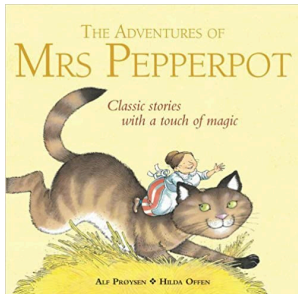


**Meg and Mog**  
**Helen Nicoll**

**Topic:** Colours / Shapes / Sizes / Sounds

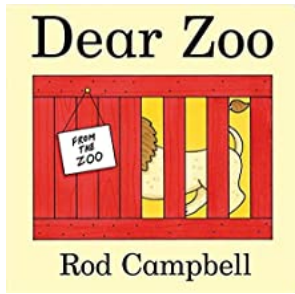
**Age Range:** 5+ years  
In this classic tale, Meg the witch and Mog her cat go off to a wild Hallowe'en party with all the other witches. The spell they cast goes off with a BANG! Perfect for sharing or reading alone, children will love exploring the variety of colours, sounds and shapes.

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**The Adventures of Mrs Pepperpot**  
**Alf Proysen**

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**Dear Zoo**  
**Rod Campbell**

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**The Queens Hat**  
**Steve Antony**

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**Once Upon the Alphabet**  
**Oliver Jeffers**

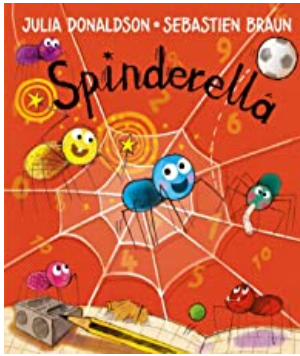
<p><b>Topic:</b> Swimming / Adventure /</p> <p><b>Age Range:</b> 4 - 7 years Mrs Pepperpot has a problem - a huge problem - she shrinks! And when she shrinks she finds herself in all sorts of trouble... Mrs Pepperpot is determined to practise her swimming, so when all the village children go for a picnic in the mountains she goes to the pool in the wood. But disaster strikes!</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Animals / Zoo / Classics</p> <p><b>Age Range:</b> 3+ Young children will love lifting the flaps to discover the animals the zoo has sent – a monkey, a lion and even an elephant! But will they ever manage to send the perfect pet? With bright, bold artwork, a catchy refrain and a whole host of favourite animals, <i>Dear Zoo</i> is a must for every child's bookshelf – and the thick card pages, chunky cased cover and sturdy flaps make it perfect for small hands.</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> London / Queen / Monarchy / Humour / City Life</p> <p><b>Age Range:</b> 3 - 5 years A sudden gust of wind sets of a marvellous London adventure for the Queen, the Queen's men and one very special hat. So let's follow one determined, dare-devil queen through London Zoo, over Tower Bridge and up Big Ben ... just where will that hat land?</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Short stories / Alphabet / Words</p> <p><b>Age Range:</b> 3+ years Here you will discover twenty-six short stories introducing a host of new characters (plus the occasional familiar face). From Edmund the astronaut with his awkward fear of heights, via the dynamic new investigative duo of the Owl and the Octopus, through to the Zeppelin that just might get Edmund a little bit closer to where he needs to be, this book is packed with funny, thrilling, perilous and above all entertaining tales inspired by every letter in the alphabet.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>29</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Jolly Postman</b> Janet and Allen Ahlberg</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>30</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Oh the places you will go!</b> Dr Seuss</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>31</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Princess and the Pea</b> Rachel Isadora</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>32</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Slow Loris</b> Alexis Deacon</p>
<p><b>Topic:</b> Postman / People / Communication / Community / Jobs</p> <p><b>Age Range:</b> 3 - 5 years Join the Jolly Postman on his rounds as he delivers cards and letters to various fairy-tale characters. He has a letter of apology for the three bears from Goldilocks, a postcard from Jack for the giant, a solicitor's letter on behalf of Little Red Riding-Hood for the wolf who ate grandma, and more! A classic and innovative story.</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Self help / Celebrations / Health</p> <p><b>Age Range:</b> 4+ years For more than thirty years, this Dr. Seuss classic has carried us through life's ups and downs – from fun times and triumphs, to lurches and slumps! Take an entertaining look at the adventures life has in store for all of us in this very special slipcase and hardback edition of the beloved classic</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b></p> <p><b>Age Range:</b> 4 - 7 years When a prince sets out to find a princess to marry, he soon discovers this is not a simple task. There is no shortage of so-called princesses, but how can he tell whether or not they are what they claim to be? Then one night a great storm rages, there comes a knock on the palace gate - and the prince's life is never the same again.</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Animals / Zoo / Time</p> <p><b>Age Range:</b> Slow Loris was a slow loris and he was very slow. He lived in a zoo. The visitors thought him boring. The other animals did too. 'It took Loris ten minutes to eat a satsuma . . .twenty minutes to get from one end of his branch to the other . . .and an hour to scratch his bottom. But Slow Loris didn't care. He had a secret ...</p>

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<p><b>Topic:</b> Australia / Oceania / Health <b>Age Range:</b> 3 - 5 years A wombat's work is never done... Take a trip with a wombat, and discover the ins and outs of her day in this modern classic Australian picture book. There are holes to be dug and territory to be defended – and don't forget all the eating and sleeping that needs to be squeezed in too!</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Fantasy / Comics <b>Age Range:</b> 5 - 7 years A bright, science-minded boy goes to the beach equipped to collect and examine flotsam—anything floating that has been washed ashore. Bottles, lost toys, small objects of every description are among his usual finds. But there's no way he could have prepared for one particular discovery: a barnacle-encrusted underwater camera, with its own secrets to share . . . and to keep.</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Cooking / Animals / Growing Up <b>Age Range:</b> 3 - 5 years Cat, Duck and Squirrel live in an old white cabin, with a pumpkin patch in the garden. Every day Cat slices up some pumpkin, Squirrel stirs in some water and Duck tips in some salt to make perfect pumpkin soup... until the day Duck wants to do the stirring... A funny, rhythmical story about friendship and sharing, with fabulous animal characters.</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Royalty / Monarchy / Toilet Training / Health / Parents <b>Age Range:</b> 3 - 5 years Little Princess potty training picture book! Hilarious and a godsend to parents - GUARDIAN "Nappies are YUUECH!" said the Little Princess. "There must be something better!" At first, the Little Princess thinks the royal potty is even worse, but she soon learns to love it... even if it isn't always there when she needs it! Tony Ross's hilarious account of royal potty training will amuse young children and help their parents.</p>
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<p><b>Topic:</b> Humour / Zoo / Animals <b>Age Range:</b> 3 - 5 years Good night, Gorilla,' says the night watchman as he finishes his rounds at the zoo.</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Family / Animals / Siblings / Arguments <b>Age Range:</b> 2 - 4 years Greedy squirrels Cyril and Bruce both have their sights on a very special prize: THE VERY</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Humour / Fishing / Fish / Water / Marine Life <b>Age Range:</b> 3 - 7 years The smallest fish can tell the tallest tales ..."Sorry I'm late, Miss. I set off really early but on the</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Emotions / Feelings / Love / Family / Classics <b>Age Range:</b> 2 - 5 years Sometimes, when you love someone very, very much, you want to find</p>



<p>But Gorilla has other ideas, deftly pick-pocketing the watchman's keys and letting himself out of his cage, whilst letting Elephant, Lion, Hyena, Giraffe and Armadillo out too! The weary watchman makes his way home and into bed . . . unaware that his friends from the zoo are right behind him!</p>	<p>LAST NUT OF THE SEASON! As the nut bounces crazily through the forest, the squirrels race after it, between the trees, over boulders, down the river and - ARGH! - right to the edge of a waterfall! Working together might be the only way to save themselves now ...</p>	<p>way to school I was captured by a squid. I wriggled and I struggled till a turtle came and rescued me." "Oh, no, he didn't." "OH, YES, HE DID." Tiddler is a little fish with a BIG imagination! What ever will he come up with next?</p>	<p>a way of describing how much you treasure them. But, as Little Nutbrown Hare and Big Nutbrown Hare discover, love is not always an easy thing to measure. The story of Little and Big Nutbrown Hares' efforts to express their love for each other has become a publishing phenomenon. This lovely board book edition is one that children will ask for time and again.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">41</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Red Knit Cap Girl</b> Naoko Stoop</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">42</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Three Robbers</b> Tomi Ungerer</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">43</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sheep in a Jeep</b> Nancy Shaw</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">44</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Room on a broom</b> Julia Donaldson</p>
<p><b>Topic:</b> Fantasy / Animals <b>Age Range:</b> 3 - 6 years One day Red Knit Cap Girl and her friends discover a hollow tree in the middle of the forest. What can be done with one ordinary tree? 'I will keep my book in this nook so everyone can read it,' Red Knit Cap Girl says. But the tree isn't only for books. Little by little, one by one, the animals share their unique gifts and turn the ordinary tree into a special spot for everyone to enjoy!</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Values / Virtues / Adventure <b>Age Range:</b> 3 - 6 years Written and illustrated by one of the world's most acclaimed and award-winning children's authors, <i>The Three Robbers</i> is a timeless tale of mystery and suspense for 4-8 year olds, in which three ferocious thieves are defeated by the guileless logic of an innocent girl.</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Animals / Cars / Transport / Humour <b>Age Range:</b> 3 - 6 years Beep! Beep! Sheep in a jeep on a hill that's steep. Sheep in a Jeep is well-loved by the preschool set for its slapstick story of five sheep (in a jeep) and silly sound effects especially when the jeep goes splash and thud in the mud! Nancy Shaw's rollicking rhymes are Seuss-snappy, and Margot Apple's appealing pencil illustrations are expressive and hilarious. The sturdy board book is just right for little hands. Shear delight!</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Magic / Witches / Mythical Creatures / Fantasy <b>Age Range:</b> 2 - 4 years The witch and her cat fly happily over forests, rivers and mountains on their broomstick until a stormy wind blows away the witch's hat, bow and wand. Luckily, they are retrieved by a dog, a bird and a frog, who are all keen for a ride on the broom. It's a case of the more, the merrier, but the broomstick isn't used to such a heavy load and it's not long before . . . SNAP! It breaks in two! And with a greedy dragon looking for a snack, the witch's animal pals better think fast.</p>

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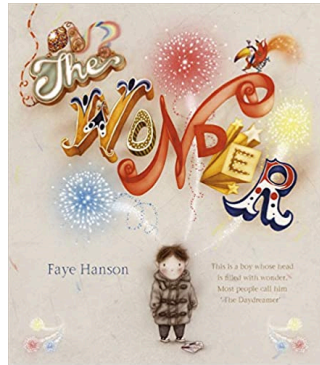


**Spinderella**  
Julia Donaldson

**Topic:** Insects / Sports / Football

**Age Range:** 3 - 5 years  
A fantastic new picture book all about a football-playing spider, written by Julia Donaldson, author of *The Gruffalo*, with glorious full colour illustrations from the talented Sebastian Braun and a sparkling, glittery foiled cover.

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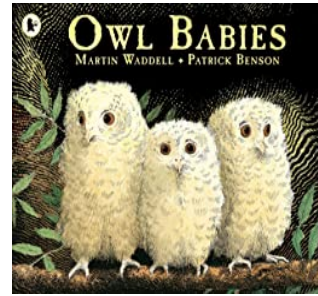


**The Wonder**  
Faye Hanson

**Topic:** School / Daydream / Journeys

**Age Range:** 4+ years  
This is a story about a boy whose head is always full of wonder. We follow him on an average-seeming school day, where his daydreams transform the world around him. Unfortunately lots of other people - the park keeper, the bus driver, the lollipop lady - all tell him to get his head out of the clouds. It is only in art class that he realises he can bring the wonder out of his head for the whole world to enjoy.

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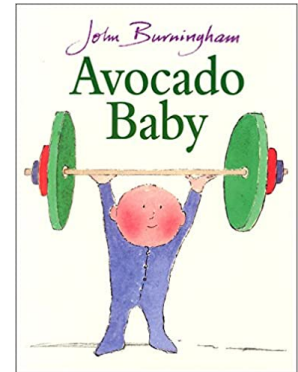


**Owl Babies**  
Martin Waddell

**Topic:** Emotions / Feelings / Animals

**Age Range:** 3 - 5 years  
A gentle tale of three baby owls reassures young children that Mummy will always come home. Three baby owls, Sarah, Percy and Bill, wake up one night in their hole in a tree to find that their mother has gone. So they sit on a branch and wait... Darkness gathers and the owls grow anxious, wondering when their mother will return. But, at last, she does and they bounce up and down with joy, welcoming her home.

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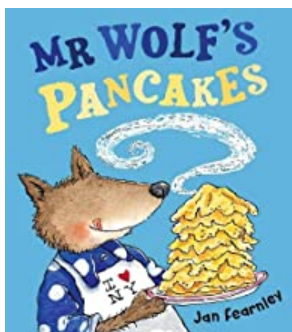


**Avocado Baby**  
John Burningham

**Topic:** Sport / Fantasy / Magic / Family

**Age Range:** 5 - 7 years  
The Hargraves want their new baby to grow up big and strong. But the puny mite will hardly eat a thing. One day Mrs Hargraves finds an avocado in the fruit bowl and the baby gobbles it up. Soon, the strangest things start to happen...

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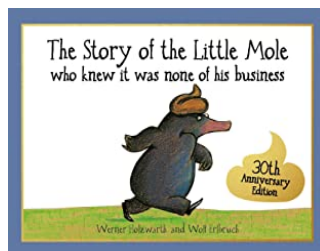


**Mr Wolf's Pancakes**  
Jan Fearnley

**Topic:** Fairy Tale / Myths / Humour / Animals

**Age Range:** 3 - 6 years  
Join Mr Wolf in the kitchen as he gets into

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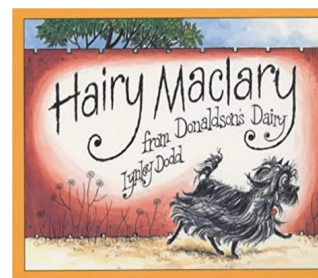


**The Story of the Mole who knew it was none of his business.**  
Werner Holzwarth

**Topic:** Farm / Revenge / Animals

**Age Range:** 4 - 6 years  
This hilarious picture book tells the tale of a

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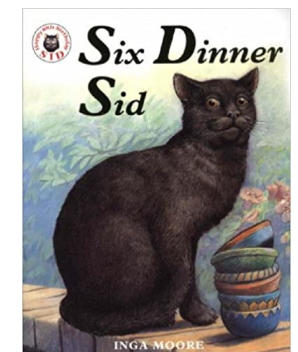


**Hairy Maclary**  
Lynley Dodd

**Topic:** Animals / Verse / Friendship

**Age Range:** 3 - 6 years  
Hairy Maclary goes off for a walk in town,

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**Six Dinner Sid**  
Inga Moore

**Topic:** Animals / Nature / Pets

**Age Range:** 5 - 9 years  
Sid is a cat who is addicted to having six

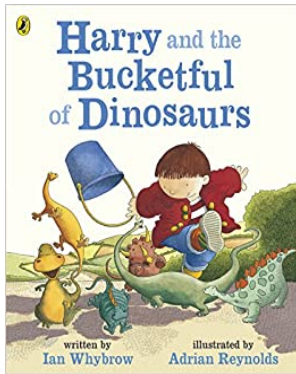
<p>lots of trouble making pancakes in this funny, illustrated picture book from Jan Fearnley, perfect for pancake day or as a bedtime story all year round.</p> <p>Mr Wolf fancies some tasty pancakes but he doesn't know how to make them! Asking his neighbours is of no use they're a mean and horrible lot who refuse to help. Poor Mr Wolf! He has to work it out all by himself. But what happens when those nasty neighbours want to help Mr Wolf eat his delicious pancakes.</p>	<p>little mole who wakes up one morning only to have one of the other animals 'do its business' on his head. The Little Mole then sets out to track down the culprit to exact his revenge in his own little way. This new anniversary edition is a fantastic way to introduce children to the amazing world of books.</p>	<p>followed by a few friends - and comes up against a nasty surprise in the shape of Scarface Claw! Discover the lovable rogue, Hairy Maclary, and his four-footed friends in this hilarious classic tale. With unforgettable illustrations and a brilliant rhyming text, it's a true delight to read aloud again and again. This new cased board book edition is the perfect size for little hands.</p>	<p>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>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>53</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Aliens Love Underpants</b> Clarie Freedman and Ben Cort</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>54</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dinosaurs Love Underpants</b> Clarie Freedman and Ben Cort</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>55</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>How to catch a Star</b> Olivier Jeffers</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>56</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Gruffalo</b> Julia Donaldson</p>
<p><b>Topic:</b> Aliens / Space / Humour / Fantasy <b>Age Range:</b> 4 - 7 years Aliens love underpants, in every shape and size, But there are no underpants in space, so here's a big surprise...." This zany, hilarious tale is delightfully brought to life by Ben Cort's vibrant illustrations. With a madcap, rhyming text by award-winning Claire Freedman, this is sure to enchant and amuse the whole family!</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Aliens / Space / Humour / Fantasy <b>Age Range:</b> 3+ The mystery of dinosaur extinction is solved! Scientists have plenty of theories about why dinosaurs are extinct, but the UK's bestselling author/illustrator team of Claire Freedman and Ben Cort knows the real answer: The dinos were wiped out in an Underpants War! This wacky celebration of underpants is perfect for reading aloud, and the hilarious antics of T. rex and the gang are</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Space / Travel / Moon / Stars <b>Age Range:</b> 3+ An inspirational story of a boy who loved the stars so much, he decided to catch one of his very own. The beautifully illustrated, original debut picture book from shining talent Oliver Jeffers. There once was a boy who loved stars so much that he wished he had one of his very own. Every night he watched the stars in the sky from his bedroom window and dreamed of how he</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Mythical creatures / Monsters / Mystery <b>Age Range:</b> 3 - 5 years Walk further into the deep dark wood, and discover what happens when a quick-witted mouse comes face to face with an owl, a snake... and a hungry Gruffalo! This award-winning rhyming story of a mouse and a monster has found its way into the hearts and bedtimes of an entire generation of children and will undoubtedly continue to enchant</p>

endlessly entertaining. Featuring fun, vibrant art and short, rhyming text, *Dinosaurs Love Underpants* is a prehistoric pleasure parents and kids will want to read again and again.

could be their friend and how they could play hide-and-go-seek together. So, one day, he decided to set about catching a star of his very own...

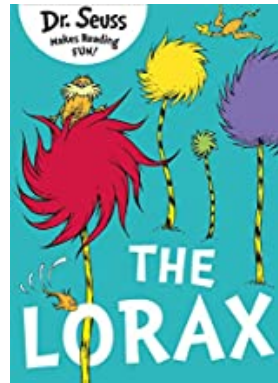
children for years and years to come. No home should be without *The Gruffalo!*

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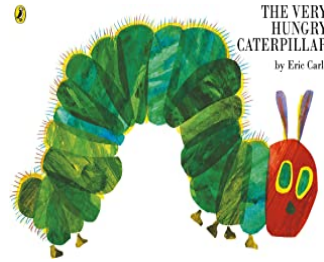
**Harry and a Bucketful of Dinosaurs**

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**The Lorax**  
Dr Seuss

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**The Very Hungry Caterpillar**  
Eric Carle

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**The Snowman**  
Raymond Briggs

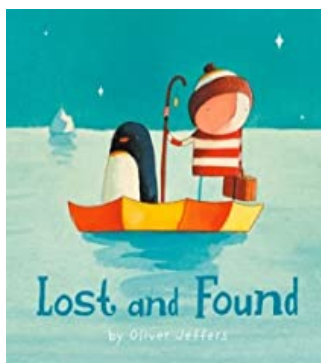
**Topic:** Humour / Animals  
**Age Range:** 3 - 5 years  
Harry finds some dusty plastic dinosaurs in Nan's attic. He cleans them, finds out their names and takes them everywhere - until, one day, the dinosaurs get lost! The lost property man gets a surprise when Harry proves the dinosaurs are his by calling them over to him.

**Topic:**  
**Age Range:** 4+ years  
"Mister!" He said with a sawdusty sneeze, 'I am the Lorax. I speak for the trees.'  
The Lorax is the original eco-warrior and his message still rings loud today in this fable about the dangers of destroying our forests, told in the trademark rhyme of the irrepresible Dr. Seuss.

**Topic:** Classics / Animals / Food / Numbers  
**Age Range:** 3 - 5 years  
A small **caterpillar** emerges from an egg and begins eating everything in sight. Finally, it is no longer **hungry** and no longer small. The big, fat **caterpillar** builds a cocoon around himself and finally emerges as a beautiful butterfly.

**Topic:** Christmas / Classics / Snowman  
**Age Range:** 3- 6 years  
One winter's night, a snowman comes to life and an unforgettable adventure begins. Raymond Briggs' classic is a true piece of Christmas magic - narrated entirely through pictures, it captures the wonder and innocence of childhood and is recognised throughout the world.

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**Lost and Found**  
Oliver Jeffers

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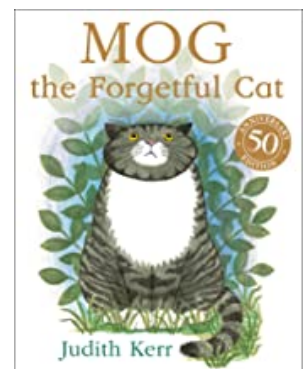
**Whatever Next!**  
Jill Murphy

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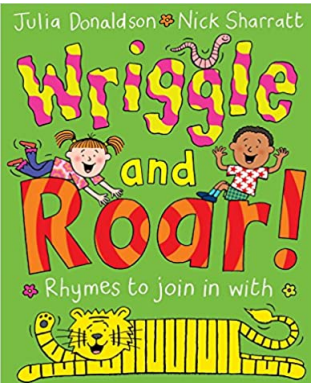
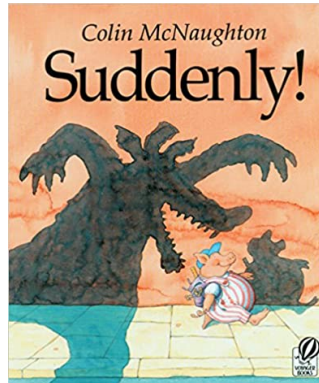


**There was an Old Lady who Swallowed a Fly**  
Pan Adams

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**Mog**  
Judith Kerr

<p><b>Topic:</b> Friendship / Children / Imagination /</p> <p><b>Age Range:</b> 4+ years</p> <p>There once was a boy... and one day a penguin arrives on his doorstep. The boy decides the penguin must be lost and tries to return him. But no one seems to be missing a penguin. So the boy decides to take the penguin home himself, and they set out in his row boat on a journey to the South Pole. But when they get there, the boy discovers that maybe home wasn't what the penguin was looking for after all...</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Classics / Astronomy / Space /</p> <p><b>Age Range:</b> 3+ years</p> <p>Baby Bear wants to go on one more adventure before bed – a quick trip to the moon. Mrs Bear isn't pleased, and anyway, she says, Baby Bear doesn't have a rocket. Luckily, there's one under the stairs . . . Join Baby Bear as he makes friends with an owl and has a picnic on the moon in this board book edition of <i>Whatever Next!</i>, a beautiful story of innocence and imagination, full of the characteristic warmth and humour of Jill Murphy, author of <i>Peace at Last</i> and <i>The Worst Witch</i>.</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b></p> <p><b>Age Range:</b> 3 years</p> <p>Forty years after its first publication this much-loved Child's Play classic is as popular as ever. Ingenious die-cut holes bring this iconic nursery rhyme to life, and Pam Adams' fabulous illustrations lend humour and vibrancy to the proceedings. Bouncy images, innovative die cutting and favourite rhymes make <i>Books with Holes</i> a must for every child</p>	<p><b>Topic Range:</b> Family / Cats / Pets :</p> <p><b>Age:</b> 3 - 5 years</p> <p>Everyone's favourite family cat first appeared fifty years ago and is loved by children everywhere for her funny and warm-hearted escapades. Mogg the Forgetful Cat was first published in 1970 and has never been out of print! The classic picture book story of a very forgetful cat, her family, and a very exciting adventure is the perfect gift for families, boys, girls, and anyone who has ever known or loved a cat.</p>
<p>65</p>  <p><b>Wiggle and Roar</b> Julia Donaldson</p>	<p>66</p>  <p><b>Bears Don't Eat Sandwiches</b> Julie Fulton</p>	<p>67</p>  <p><b>Suddenly</b> Colin McNaughton</p>	<p>68</p>  <p><b>I will not ever eat a Tomato</b> Lauren Child</p>
<p><b>Topic:</b> Rhyme / Movement / Animals</p> <p><b>Age Range:</b> 3 - 5 years</p> <p>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</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b></p> <p><b>Age Range:</b> 4 - 8 years</p> <p>Jack has a rather grizzly visitor arrive for lunch but it doesn't want to eat any of Jack's egg sandwiches.</p> <p>So what do bears eat for lunch?</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Humour / Animals / Adventure</p> <p><b>Age Range:</b> 4 - 7 years</p> <p>A large, toothy, mean-looking wolf zealously stalks Preston the pig. But each time the wolf gets close, Preston suddenly changes course and unknowingly eludes his pursuer. Colin McNaughton's humorous illustrations enhance the element of surprise each time</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Siblings / Family / Food / Health</p> <p><b>Age Range:</b> 3 - 5 years</p> <p>Lola is a fussy eater. A very fussy eater. She won't eat her carrots (until her brother Charlie reveals that they're orange twiglets from Jupiter). She won't eat her mashed potatoes (until Charlie explains that they're cloud fluff from the pointiest peak of Mount Fuji). There are many things Lola won't</p>

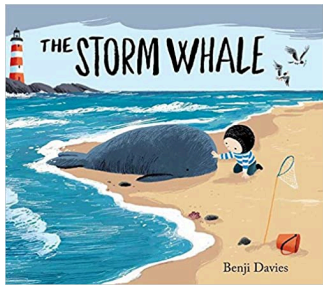
<p>fun of <i>Wriggle and Roar!</i>.</p>		<p>Preston "outsmarts" the wolf. Young readers will laugh with delight as this suspenseful tale unfolds.</p>	<p>eat, including - and especially - tomatoes. Or will she? Two endearing siblings star in a witty story about the triumph of imagination over proclivity.</p>
<p>69</p>  <p><b>Shark in the Park</b> Nick Sharratt</p>	<p>70</p>  <p><b>Hoot Owl - Master of Disguise</b> Sean Taylor</p>	<p>71</p>  <p><b>Hooray for Fish!</b> Lucy Cousins</p>	<p>72</p>  <p><b>Oi! Get off our Train</b> John Burningham</p>
<p><b>Topic:</b> Humour / Verse / Children <b>Age Range:</b> 3+ years Timothy Pope has a brand new telescope and he's testing it out at the park. Peep through the die-cut holes in this book to see if you can spy a shark. Is that <i>really</i> a shark? Turn the page and find out . . .</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Humour / Animals / Mystery <b>Age Range:</b> 3 - 5 years Hoot Owl is no ordinary owl – oh no! – he's a master of disguise! And he will use his expert camouflage powers to trick his unsuspecting prey into succumbing to him! Tiny animals of the night ... beware! But, somehow, Hoot Owl's prey keeps escaping... Hmm, perhaps he isn't quite as masterful as he believes. Will he ever succeed in catching himself some dinner?</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Senses / Fish / Water / Animals <b>Age Range:</b> 3 - 5 years Meet Little Fish and all his fishy friends in this splishy-splishy riot of colour and rhyme under the sea. A simple, bright, board book delight from award-winning artist Lucy Cousins, creator of Maisy.</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Action / Adventure / Trains / Journeys <b>Age Range:</b> 5 - 7 years A little boy sets off on a round-the-world night train to dreamland with only his toy dog for company. But soon all sorts of endangered animals are asking if they can jump up and join them on their journey. . .</p>
<p>73</p>  <p><b>If you take a Pencil</b> Fulvio Testa</p>	<p>74</p>  <p><b>Surprising Sharks</b> Nicola Davies</p>	<p>75</p>  <p><b>How many legs?</b></p>	<p>76</p>  <p><b>Blue Monster wants it All!</b> Jeanne Willis</p>

<p><b>Topic:</b> School / Numbers / Counting  <b>Age Range:</b> 5+ years          "If you take a pencil, you can draw two cats." But then what do the cats do? Full of exciting adventure and imagination, this surreal, charming counting book will take you on a journey that anyone can go on, if they take a pencil...</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Water / Fish / Oceans  <b>Age Range:</b> 5 - 7 years          The last word you want to hear when you're swimming in the warm blue sea is "Shark!" But most real sharks are not what you might expect. Some are no bigger than a chocolate bar, some have built-in fairy lights and most wouldn't go near a human, even if you were wearing a sign saying "dinner"!</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Numbers / Counting / Humour  <b>Age Range:</b> 3 - 5 years          From the award winning creators of <i>Oi Frog!</i> comes an hilarious counting picture book about our four-legged - and two-legged and eight-legged - friends! How many legs would there be if a polar bear came for tea? How high would the leg count go if a squid rode in on a buffalo? As more and more animals join in the fun, count along if you can!</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Values / Family / Monster  <b>Age Range:</b> 3 - 6 years          Blue Monster loves brand new things. A fancy new hat . . . a shiny submarine . . . a fabulous funfair . . . and a paradise island, all of his own. But he's still not happy! What will it take for Blue Monster to realise there are some things that money can't buy?</p>
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<p><b>Topic:</b> Animals / Dark / Night / Worries  <b>Age Range:</b> 4+ years          Plop the baby Barn Owl is afraid of the dark. He's sure dark is nasty! Then Mrs Barn Owl sends him down from his nest-hole to ask about the dark, and he meets a little boy waiting for the fireworks to begin, an old lady, a scout out camping, a girl who tells him about Father Christmas, a man with a telescope and a black cat who takes him exploring. Is Plop a night bird after all?</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Ocean / Animals / Under the Sea  <b>Age Range:</b> 3 - 6 years          Pfister portrays Rainbow Fish as a vain character due to his shining scales. He is described as the "most beautiful fish in the sea." When a blue fish asks for one of his scales Rainbow Fish refuses, and this causes all the other fish to leave him all alone.</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Nursery Rhyme / Traditional / Classics / Verse  <b>Age Range:</b> 3+ years  <b>In this book</b>  <b>With your little eye,</b>  <b>Take a look,</b>  <b>And play 'I spy'</b>  <i>Each Peach Pear Plum</i> is a timeless picture book classic from the bestselling illustrator/author team Janet and Allan Ahlberg, creators of <i>Peepo!</i>. Each beautifully illustrated page encourages young children to interact with the picture to find the next fairy tale and nursery rhyme character.</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Animals / Mammals / Travel / Children  <b>Age Range:</b> 4 - 6 years          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 it's just too crowded 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?</p>

# Key Stage One

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<p><b>Topic:</b> Humour / Animals / Mysteries / Detective Stories <b>Age Range:</b> 4+ years When life in the forest begins to change; when trees mysteriously lose their branches, when whole tree trunks start to disappear, when homes are lost, the only course of action for the forest dwellers is to begin a full scale investigation. Alibis must be proved, clues must be sought but even so, blame is never far from anyone's thoughts. Who is the perpetrator of this heinous crime? Will justice be done?</p>	<p><b>Topic: Humour /</b> <b>Age Range:</b> 4+ years The magical and brilliantly funny adventures of everyone's favourite flat boy – Flat Stanley. With wonderful new illustrations by the award-winning author/illustrator Rob Biddulph. Stanley Lambchop was just an ordinary boy – until a noticeboard fell on him. Now he's flat as a pancake! Being flat is fantastic – he can be rolled up, sent in the post and even fly like a kite. But it's not all fun and games . . . there are thieves in town. Can Flat Stanley be a hero?</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Humour / Numbers / Counting <b>Age Range:</b> 5+ A riotously funny and ever-so-slightly bonkers book from genius storyteller Will Mabbitt. This book is about worms. I can only draw worms. You might think worms are boring - but you'd be wrong. These worms have INCREDIBLE adventures! I can't draw those bits, though, so you'll have to imagine them.</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Children / Friendship / Animal / Classic <b>Age Range:</b> 6+ "A bear on Paddington Station?" said Mrs Brown in amazement. "Don't be silly – there can't be." Paddington Bear had travelled all the way from Darkest Peru when the Brown family first met him on Paddington station. Since then their lives have never been quite the same... for ordinary things become quite extraordinary when a bear called Paddington is involved.</p>
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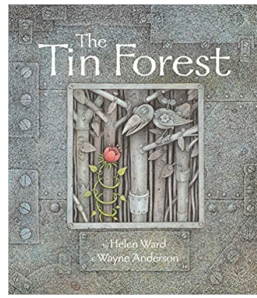


**The Storm Whale**  
Benji Davies

**Topic:** Fantasy / Travel / Animals / Fantasy / Magic

**Age Range:** 4+

Noi and his father live in a house by the sea, his father works hard as a fisherman and Noi often has only their six cats for company. So when, one day, he finds a baby whale washed up on the beach after a storm, Noi is excited and takes it home to care for it. He tries to keep his new friend a secret, but but there's only so long you can keep a whale in the bath without your dad finding out. Noi is eventually persuaded that the whale has to go back to the sea where it belongs.

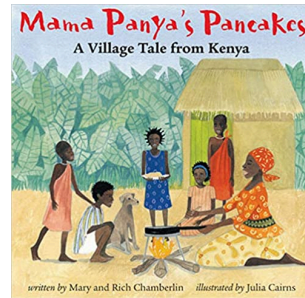


**Tin Forest**  
Helen Ward

**Topic:** Science Fiction / Fantasy / Animals

**Age Range:** 5+ years

"There was once a wide, windswept place, near nowhere and close to forgotten that was filled with all the things that no one wanted." So begins Helen Ward's tale of the Tin Forest where an old man lives who tidies the rubbish and dreams of a better place. With faith, ingenuity and hard work, he transforms a junkyard into a wonderland in this poetic modern fable.

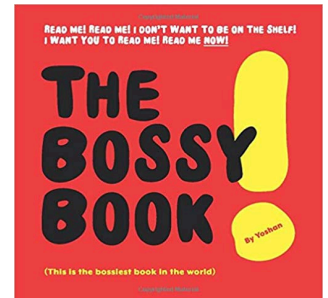


**Mama Panya's Pancakes**  
Mary and Rich Chamberlain

**Topic:** Family / Africa / Food

**Age Range:** 4 - 9 years

On market day, Mama Panya's son Adika invites everyone he sees to a pancake dinner. How will Mama Panya ever feed them all? This clever and heartwarming story about Kenyan village life teaches the importance of sharing, even when you have little to give.



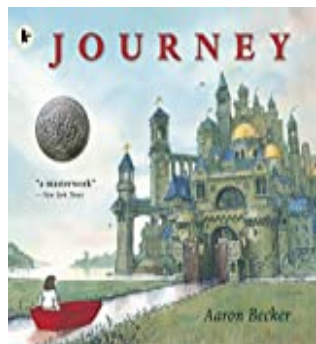
**The Bossy Book**  
Yoshan

**Topic:** Emotions / Feelings / Humorous

**Age Range:** 3 - 7 years

The Bossy Book is a funny and colourful exploration of what it means to be bossy and how it makes us feel. The book ensures that boys and girls have fun learning about bossiness. Perfect for engaging children, The Bossy Book is created to be one of those books that receives the ultimate seal of approval: "Read it again!"

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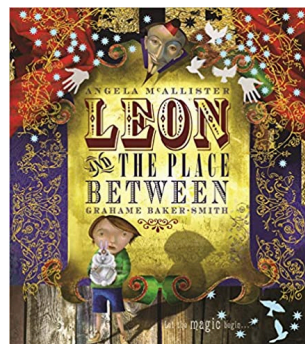
**Journey**  
Aaron Becker

**Topic:** Magic / Courage / kindness / Journeys

**Age Range:** 4 - 7 years

A lonely girl draws a magic door on her bedroom wall and through it escapes into a

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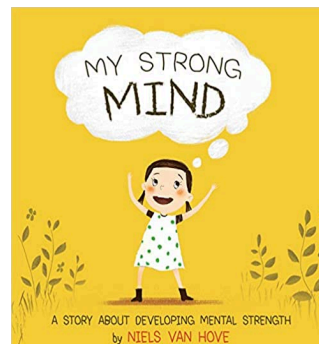
**Leon-The Place Between**  
Graham Baker-Smith

**Topic:** Magic / Science Fiction / Fantasy

**Age Range:** 6 - 9 years

Wanting to prove to his brothers and sister that magic really exists, Leon volunteers to be in Abdul

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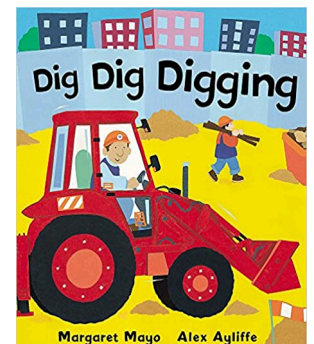
**My Strong Mind**  
Niels Van Hove

**Topic:** Emotion / Feelings / Mental Health /

Developing Mental Strength / Positive Mindset

**Age Range:** 4 - 8 years

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**Dig, Dig, Digging!**  
Margaret Maya

**Topic:** Verse / Transport / Diggers

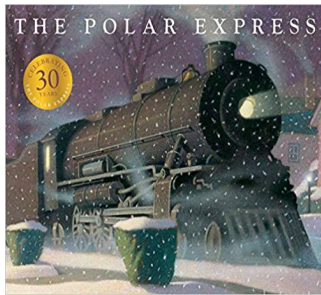
**Age Range:** 6 +

All the favourites are here in this bright, bold picture book for machine-mad little ones

<p>world where wonder, adventure and danger abound. Red marker pen in hand, she creates a boat, a balloon and a flying carpet which carry her on a spectacular journey ... who knows where? When she is captured by a sinister emperor, only an act of tremendous courage and kindness can set her free.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Do you want to teach your children about Confidence, Resilience and a Growth Mindset? With My Strong Mind your children will be introduced to mental strength and learn about techniques to develop their own strong mind. The story is about Kate, a sporty and happy girl who uses her strong mind to tackle her daily challenges with a positive attitude.</p>	<p>- from diggers and tractors, to cranes, bulldozers and more! With fun, rhyming text and vibrant artwork, this is perfect for sharing and reading aloud. Children will love spotting all the details on each page and joining in with all the different sounds; as tractors 'squelch' through the mud and dumper trucks go 'crash!'.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>13</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Enormous Crocodile</b> Roald Dahl</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>14</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Promise</b> Nicola Davies</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>15</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Bear and the Piano</b> David Litchfield</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>16</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tales of Peter Rabbit</b> Beatrix Potter</p>
<p><b>Topic:</b> Humour / Animals / Classics <b>Age Range:</b> 5 - 7 years The Enormous Crocodile starting to feel a bit peckish... what should he have for his lunch This foul fiend - the greediest croc in the whole river - wants to eat something juicy and delicious. His teeth sparkle like knives in the sun and he's getting hungrier and hungrier... But what can the greedy grumpy brute guzzle up? Oh no! Beware- He's looking for someone... someone who looks a lot like YOU!</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Growing Up / Crime / Promises <b>Age Range:</b> 5 - 7 years On a mean street in a mean city, a thief tries to snatch an old woman's bag. But she finds she can't have it without promising something in return – to "plant them all". When it turns out the bag is full of acorns, the young thief embarks on a journey that changes her own life and the lives of others for generations to come. Inspired by the belief that a relationship with nature is essential to every human being, and that now, more than ever, we need to renew that relationship, <i>The Promise</i> is the story of a magical discovery that will touch the heart and imagination of every reader.</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Exploration / Belonging / Animals <b>Age Range:</b> 4 - 7 years 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. He has fame, fortune and all the music in the world, but he misses the friends and family he has left behind.</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> <b>Age Range:</b> 5 - 7 Years This wonderful collection brings together the four original Beatrix Potter stories which feature the mischievous little rabbit: <i>The Tale of Peter Rabbit</i>, <i>The Tale of Benjamin Bunny</i>, <i>The Tale of the Flopsy Bunnies</i> and <i>The Tale of Mr Tod</i>. Peter Rabbit and his cousin, Benjamin Bunny, along with their extensive family, get into all sorts of mischief as they sneak into Mr McGregor's garden, narrowly avoid being turned into rabbit pie and outsmart the wily and cunning fox, Mr Tod. Peter Rabbit and Benjamin Bunny's mischief, as well as their creative ploys to trick and outsmart their enemies, have ensured their lasting status as</p>

childhood favourites.

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**The Polar Express**  
Chris Van Allsburg

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**Traction Man is Here**  
Mini Grey

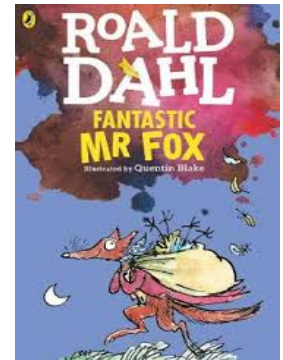
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## The Book With No Pictures

B.J. Novak

**The Book with No Pictures**  
B.J. Novak

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**Fantastic Mr Fox**  
Roald Dahl

**Topic:** Christmas / Fantasy / Magic / Transport / Trains

**Age Range:** 6+  
Late on Christmas Eve, after the town has gone to sleep, a boy boards a mysterious train that waits for him: the Polar Express bound for the North Pole. When he arrives there, Santa offers him any gift he desires. The boy modestly asks for one bell from the reindeer's harness. It turns out to be a very special gift, for only believers in Santa can hear it ring.

**Topic:** Action / Adventure / Comics

**Age Range:** 5 - 7 years  
With an action outfit for every occasion, Traction Man patrols the house. Whether he is saving toys (in latex space suit and Perspex helmet, teamed with Rocket Boots); searching the sink for the lost wreck of the sieve (in sub-aqua suit, fluorescent flippers and infra-red mask) or rescuing damsels in distress (in jungle pants, camouflage vest and a bandanna), Traction Man is never less than stylishly turned out and expertly accessorised. He is the last word in heroic fashion flair - until, that is, the day that he is presented with an all-in-one knitted green romper suit and matching bonnet by his owner's granny. Can Traction Man overcome the humiliation of his desperately dowdy new look?

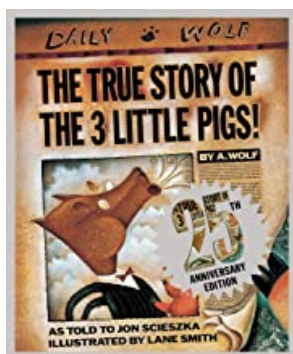
**Topic:** Humour / Children / Words

**Age Range:** 4+ years  
You might think a book with no pictures would be boring and serious. Except . . . here's how this book works: Everything written on the page *has* to be said by the person reading it aloud. Even if the words say **BLORK**. Or **BLUURF**. And even if they have to say things like **BLAGGITY BLAGGITY** and **MY HEAD IS MADE OF BLUEBERRY PIZZA!** That's the rule. That's the deal.

**Topic:** Animals / Adventure / Tricks / Children

**Age Range:**  
Boggis is an enormously fat chicken farmer who only eats boiled chickens smothered in fat. Bunce is a duck-and-goose farmer whose dinner gives him a beastly temper. Bean is a turkey-and-apple farmer who only drinks gallons of strong cider. Mr Fox is so clever that every evening he creeps down into the valley and helps himself to food from their farms - and those ghastly farmers can't catch him! Now the farmers have hatched a plan to BANG-BANG-BANG shoot Mr Fox dead! But, just when they think Mr Fox can't possibly escape, he makes a fantastic plan of his own.

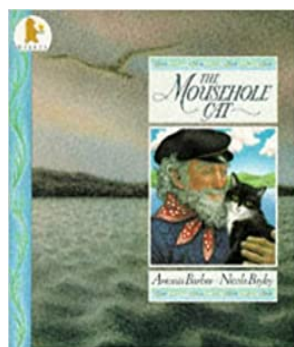
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**The True Story of the Three Little Pigs**

**Topic:** Humour / Myths and Fairy Tales  
**Age Range:** 5 - 8 years  
 As for that huffing and puffing stuff? A big lie. A Wolf was just trying to borrow a cup of sugar to make his poor old granny a birthday cake. Who should you believe, the pigs or the wolf? You read. You decide. Twenty five years after publication, The True Story of the Three Little Pigs remains as funny and irreverent as the inventive minds of Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith. Viking is celebrating the occasion with a handsome gift edition featuring a striking new jacket, appropriate for this important anniversary.

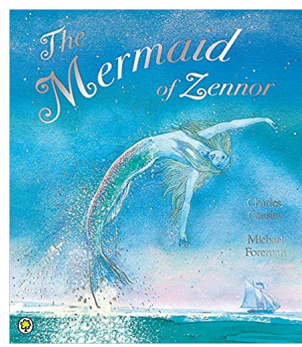
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**The Mousehole Cat**  
 Antonia Barber

**Topic:** Cornwall / Animals / Seaside  
**Age Range:** 4+ years  
 This is the stunningly illustrated story of the seaside village of Mousehole Cornwall, where Mowzer the cat lives happily with old fisherman Tom – Tom who rocks the rocking chair just right, and catches fresh fish for dinner every night. Their life is a happy one – until one terrible winter, the Great Storm-Cat comes clawing and snarling and leaping at the harbour walls, so that no boat can go out to sea to fish. Soon, with Christmas coming, there is no food left in Mousehole. It is then that Mowzer and Tom set out to brave the fury of the waves together

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**The Mermaid of Zennor**  
 Charles Causley

**Topic:** Fantasy / Magic / Animals / Myths  
**Age Range:** 4 - 6 years  
 On the rugged Cornish coast, where the land meets the sea, lies the village of Zennor. Here, there are stories and whispers of a villager capturing the heart of a mysterious and beautiful stranger from the sea ... a mermaid!

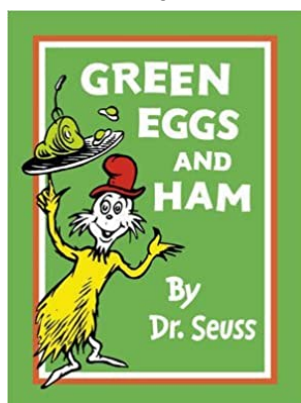
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**Beegu**  
 Alexis Deacon

**Topic:** Friendship / Travel / Magic / Fantasy  
**Age Range:** 5 - 7 years  
 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 . . .

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**Green Eggs and Ham**

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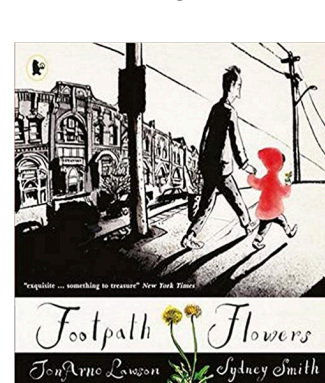
**Horrid Henry**  
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**We're all Wonders**  
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**Footpath Flowers**  
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**Dr Seuss**

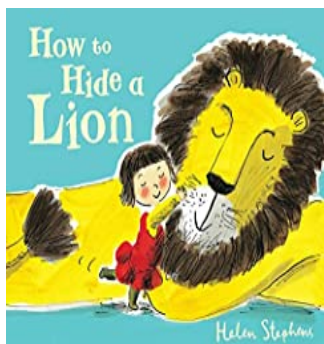
**Topic:** Friendship / Exploration / Life / Verse  
**Age Range:** 5+  
Dr. Seuss's much-loved classic, Green Eggs and Ham, is now available for the first time in picture book format. When Sam-I-am persists in pestering a grumpy grouch to eat a plate of green eggs and ham, perseverance wins the day, teaching us all that we cannot know what we like until we have tried it! This is a wonderful addition to the Dr. Seuss shelves.

**Topic:** Families / Children / Good V Bad  
**Age Range:** 6 -9 years  
This book contains HIDEOUS behavior, terrible dancing, disgusting glop and a trip to France!  
  
Four utterly hilarious and totally brilliant Horrid Henry stories by Francesca Simon, with illustrations by Tony Ross. An irresistible introduction to reading for pleasure.

**Topic:** Body / Disability / Empathy  
**Age Range:** 4 - 6 years  
With spare, powerful text and richly-imagined illustrations, We're All Wonders shows readers what it's like to live in Auggie's world - a world in which he feels like any other kid, but he's not always seen that way.  
  
We're All Wonders taps into every child's longing to belong, and to be seen for who they truly are. It's the perfect way for families and teachers to talk about empathy, difference and kindness with young children.

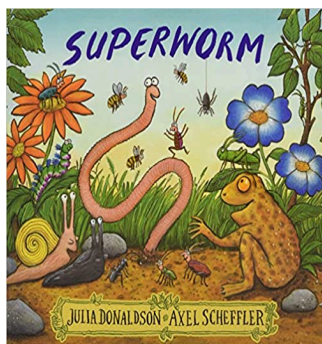
**Topic:** Values / Virtues / Family / Animals / Family  
**Age Range:** 3 - 7 years  
Wordless book. A little girl collects wild flowers while her distracted father pays her - and their surroundings - little attention. Each flower the little girl gathers becomes a gift for a person or animal, and whether the gift is noticed or ignored, both giver and recipient are transformed by their encounter. An ode to the importance of small things, small people and small gestures, Footpath Flowers is a quiet but powerful testament to the joy that children can find in ordinary things and the mutual value of giving.

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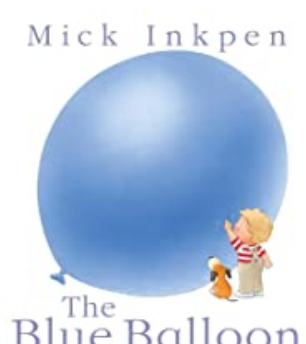
**How to Hide a Lion**  
Helen Stephens

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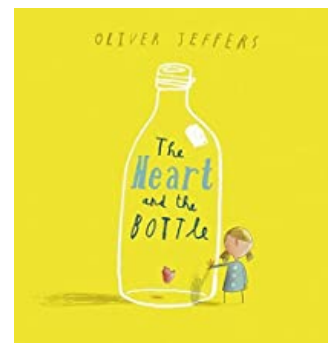
**Superworm**  
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**The Blue Balloon**  
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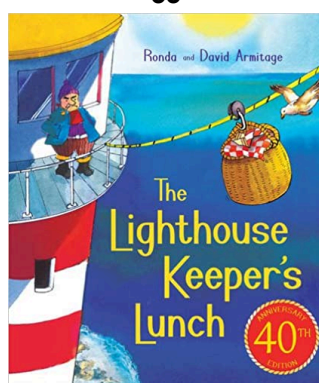
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**The Heart and the Bottle**  
Oliver Jeffers

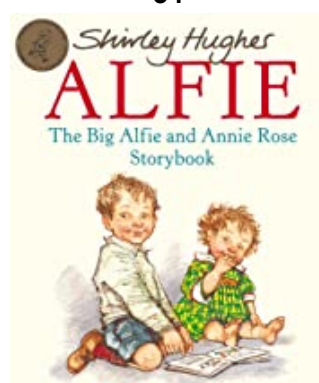
<p><b>Topic:</b> Family / Animals / Children  <b>Age Range:</b> 3 - 6 years  How does a very small girl hide a very large lion? It's not easy, but Iris has to do her best, because mums and dads can be funny about having a lion in the house. Luckily, there are lots of good places to hide a lion - behind the shower curtain, in your bed, and even up a tree. But can Iris hide her lion forever?</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Animals / Friendship / Verse / Humour  <b>Age Range:</b> 3 - 7 years  Never fear, Superworm's here! He can fish Spider out of a well, and rescue Toad from a busy road. But who will come to Superworm's rescue, when he's captured by a wicked Wizard Lizard? Luckily, all of Superworm's insect friends have a cunning plan...</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Children / Fantasy / Magic / Animals  <b>Age Range:</b> 6+  Kipper has found a soggy blue balloon in the garden. At first, it seems like an ordinary balloon, but it's not. It's full of fun and magic. This is a book to be treasured, loved, read time and time again, with fantastic fold out pages.</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b>  <b>Age Range:</b>  Once there was a girl whose life was filled with wonder at the world around her... Then one day something happened that made the girl take her heart and put it in a safe place. However, after that it seemed that the world was emptier than before. But would she know how to get her heart back? In this deeply moving story, Oliver Jeffers deals with the weighty themes of love and loss.</p>
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**The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch**  
Ronda and David Armitage

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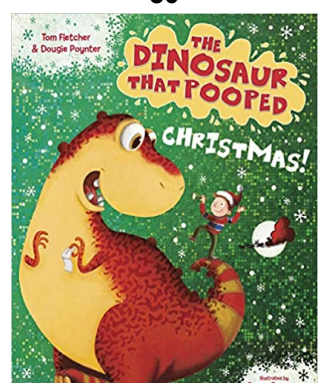
**The Alfie and Annie Rose Storybook**  
Shirley Hughes

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**George's Marvellous Medicine**  
Roald Dahl

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**The Dinosaur that Pooped Christmas**  
Tom Fletcher

**Topic:** Earth / Oceans and Seas / Science / Geography  
**Age Range:** 3 - 6 years  
Once there was a lighthouse keeper called Mr. Grinling. At night time he lived in a small white cottage perched high on the cliffs, and in the daytime he rowed out to his lighthouse to clean and polish the light. Every day Mr Grinling tucks into delicious lunch, prepared by his wife, Mrs Grinling. But Mr Grinling isn't the only one who enjoys the tasty food, so Mrs Grinling has to think of a way to stop the

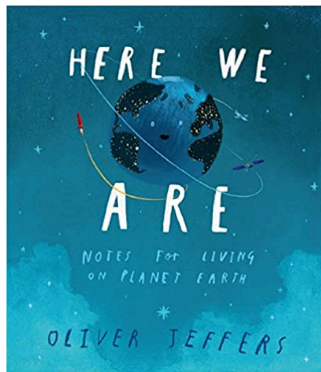
**Topic:** Friendship / Siblings / Adventures  
**Age Range:** 4+ years  
This gorgeous storybook is full of snapshots of family life, from breakfast to bedtime and from birthdays to walks in the park. All small children will be able to identify with Alfie and Annie Rose, two hugely appealing pre-schoolers who are constantly tackling new experiences and making new friends.

**Topic:** Health / Medicine / Humour  
**Age Range:** 5 - 7 years  
**WARNING: DO NOT** try to make George's Marvellous Medicine yourselves at home. It could be dangerous... George Kranky's Grandma is a miserable grouch. George really hates that horrid old witchy woman. One Saturday morning, George is in charge of giving Grandma her medicine. *So-ho! Ah-ha! Ho-hum!* George knows exactly what to do. A magic medicine it will be! One that will either cure her completely of her

**Topic:**  
**Age Range:**  
Danny wants *everything* for Christmas. But what he gets is a dinosaur, a very hungry dinosaur. Danny's new dino eats up all of Christmas, but as we all know, what goes in must come out . . . Danny is about to have the most **EXPLOSIVE** Christmas of his life! There's poop, presents and prehistoric creatures in this festive feast!

<p>greedy seagulls from stealing the lighthouse keeper's lunch. First published forty years ago,</p>		<p>horrible grouchiness . . . or blow off the top of her head!</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>37</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Man on the Moon</b> Simon Bartram</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>38</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mr Majeika</b> Humphrey Carpenter</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>39</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>On the Way Home</b> Jill Murphey</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>40</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Magic Faraway Tree</b> Enid Blyton</p>
<p><b>Topic:</b> Children / Humour / Space / Astronauts / Aliens <b>Age Range:</b> 5+ years 2017 is the 15th anniversary of the creation of Bob, Man on the Moon, celebrate with this anniversary edition. Enjoy the stunning artwork Simon Bartram has become famous for. Bob is everyone's favourite man on the moon; follow him on his daily adventures. Bob has a special job - looking after the moon. He keeps it clean and entertains passing space tourists as well as giving guided tours. He knows everything about the moon and that there is definitely no such thing as aliens!</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Fantasy / Magic / School <b>Age Range:</b> 5 - 7 years As a rule, magic carpets don't turn up in schools, but this is exactly what happens when Class Three's new teacher flies in through the classroom window and lands on the floor with a bump. Mr Majeika can behave just like any ordinary teacher if he wants to, but something has to be done about Hamish Bigmore, the class nuisance, and so he uses a little magic to turn him into a frog. And to everyone's delight it looks as if Hamish will have to remain a frog because Mr Majeika can't remember the spell to turn him back again! With Mr Majeika in charge, suddenly life at school become much more exciting – there's even a magic-carpet ride to Buckingham Palace!</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Mythical Creatures / Mammals / Mystery and Wonder <b>Age Range:</b> 4 - 6 years Claire has hurt her knee so she sets off home to tell her mum all about it. On the way she meets her friends and tells them how the fall happened. But just how <i>did</i> it happen . . .? Was she dropped by a wolf, a slithering snake, an enormous dragon or a hairy gorilla?!</p> <p><i>On the Way Home</i> is a fantastic journey of the imagination that every child who tells the occasional tall tale will relate to!</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Classics / Woods / Countryside / Fiction <b>Age Range:</b> 5 - 9 years When Joe, Beth and Frannie move to the countryside, they discover that their new house lies next to the Enchanted Wood! And in that wood, lives the Magic Faraway Tree. This is no ordinary tree - it is home to more magical lands full of elves, pixies, talking creatures and wonderful adventures than the children ever imagined possible!</p>

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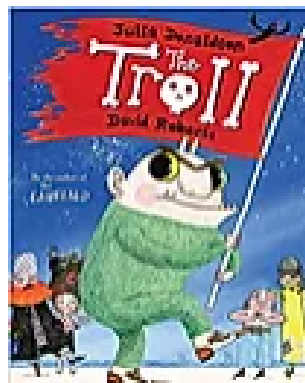
**Here we Are**  
Oliver Jeffers

**Topic:** Racism / Prejudice / Multiculturalism

**Age Range:** 3+ years

Well, hello. And welcome to this Planet. We call it Earth. Our world can be a bewildering place, especially if you've only just got here. Your head will be filled with questions, so let's explore what makes our planet and how we live on it. From land and sky, to people and time, these notes can be your guide and start you on your journey. And you'll figure lots of things out for yourself. Just remember to leave notes for everyone else... Some things about our planet are pretty complicated, but things can be simple, too: you've just got to be kind.

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**The Troll**  
Julia Donaldson

**Topic:** Myths / Adventure / Mythical Creatures

**Age Range:**

Trolls, they say, are meant tae eat goats, but nae goats cam teeter-totterin ower this troll s wee brig. Sae he ate fush insteid. So begins this hilarious tale of the adventures of a bunch of incompetent pirates who can t cook, and a crabbit auld troll who can. Their lives seem very far apart: the troll, whose favourite dish is goat, tries and fails to eat the creatures crossing various bridges he hides under; the pirates, who like to eat fish, try and fail to find buried treasure. But by a series of coincidences their paths cross with dramatic consequences!

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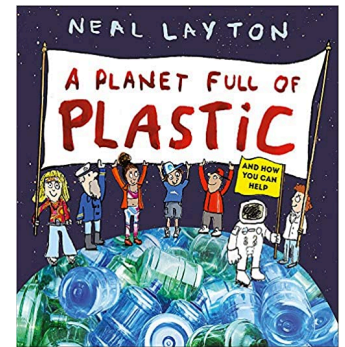
**Into the Forest**  
Anthony Browne

**Topic:** Emotions / Feelings / Horror / Fantasy / Myths

**Age Range:** 5 - 7 years

One night a boy is woken by a terrible sound. A storm is breaking, lightning flashing across the sky. In the morning Dad is gone and Mum doesn't seem to know when he'll be back. The next day Mum asks her son to take a cake to his sick grandma. "Don't go into the forest," she warns. "Go the long way round." But, for the first time, the boy chooses to take the path into the forest, where he meets a variety of fairy tale characters.

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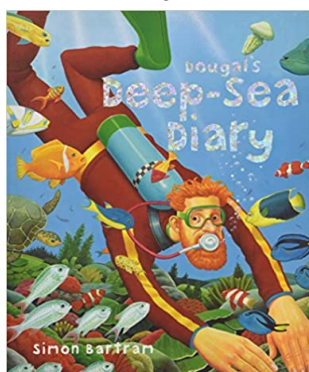
**A Planet Full of Plastic**  
Neal Layton

**Topic:** Environment / Nature / Plastics / Planet Earth

**Age Range:** 6 - 8 years

Everything is made of stuff. Some things are made of paper, like this book. And some things are made of PLASTIC. If you look around you, plastic is everywhere. Even in places where it's *not* meant to be. If it drops to the ground, it doesn't rot away - it sticks around forever.

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**Deep Sea Diary**  
Simon Bartram

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**Grandad's Island**  
Benji Davies

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**Leaf**  
Sandra Dieckmann

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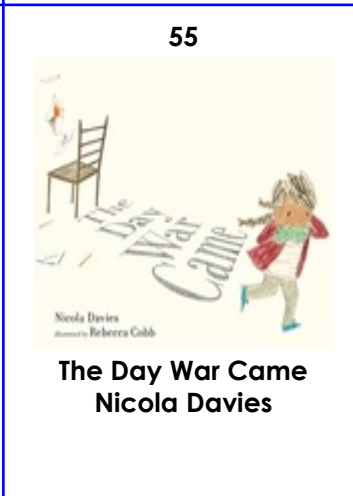


**The Rainbow Bear**  
Michael Morpurgo



<p><b>Topic:</b> Sea / Underwater / Divers / Family  <b>Age Range:</b> 5 - 7 years  The follow-up to Man on the Moon, featuring Bob's cousin Dougal, who shares the family trait of being unable to see what's going on behind his back. Count the hidden mermaids and mermen guiding Dougal on his search for the lost city of Atlants.</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Grief / Death / Memories / Family  <b>Age Range:</b> 4 - 7 years  At the bottom of Syd's garden, through the gate and past the tree, is Grandad's house. Syd can let himself in any time he likes. But one day when Syd comes to call, Grandad isn't in any of the usual places. He's in the attic, where he ushers Syd through a door, and the two of them journey to a wild, beautiful island awash in color where Grandad decides he will remain. So Syd hugs Grandad one last time and sets sail for home. Visiting Grandad's house at the bottom of the garden again, he finds it just the same as it's always been — except that Grandad isn't there anymore.</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Travel / Family / Home / Mammal / Adventure  <b>Age Range:</b> 5+  When a polar bear arrives unexpectedly in the woods, the other animals fear and avoid him, suspecting him to be dangerous - and his odd habit of collecting leaves only adds to their distrust. Then one day, they watch as he attempts to fly over the water with wings made of colourful leaves... trying to get back home. Perhaps he isn't so different after all?</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Hopes and Dreams / Travels / Animals / Survival  <b>Age Range:</b> 5 - 7 years  The polar bear is bored of his white environment and his hard life. He dreams of soaking himself in all the luminous colours of the rainbow. But when his wish is granted, he realises to his cost that his arctic camouflage no longer works and he needs the advice of others to escape his prism...</p>
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<p><b>Topic:</b> Myths / Multicultural / Africa  <b>Age Range:</b> 5 - 8 years  Age Range: Lila and the Secret of Rain  The beautiful story of how Lila saves her village by telling the sky the saddest thing she knows. For months the sun has burned down on Lila's Kenyan village. It is too hot to gather firewood, too hot to weed the garden, even too hot to</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Animals / Cats / Family / Humour  <b>Age Range:</b> 6 - 8 years  Poor Ellie is horrified when Tuffy drags a dead bird into the house. Then a mouse. But Tuffy can't understand what all the fuss is about. Who on earth will be the next victim to arrive through the cat-flap? Can soft-hearted Ellie manage to get her beloved pet to change</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Insectes / Biology / Nature / Science  <b>Age Range:</b> 5 - 8 years  The award-winning duo of Dianna Hutts Aston and Sylvia Long team up again, this time creating a gorgeous look at the fascinating world of beetles. From flea beetles to bombardier beetles, an incredible variety of these beloved bugs are showcased here in all their splendor. Poetic in</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> Children / Multiculturalism / Prejudice / Racism  <b>Age Range:</b> 6 - 8 years  Sunday Times Culture Magazine Book of the Week; There's a wall in the middle of the book, and our hero—a young knight—is sure that the wall protects his side of the book from the dangers of the other side—like an angry tiger and giant rhino, and</p>

<p>milk the cow. Without rain the well will run dry and the crops will fail. Lila is so worried that when her grandfather whispers to her the secret of rain, she decides to go and talk to the sky herself.</p>	<p>his wild, wild ways before he ends up in even deeper trouble?</p> <p>The hilarious antics of Tuffy and his family as told by the killer cat himself.</p>	<p>voice and elegant in design, this carefully researched and visually striking book is perfect for sparking children's imaginations in both classroom reading circles and home libraries.</p>	<p>worst of all, an ogre who would gobble him up in a second! But our knight doesn't seem to notice the crocodile and growing sea of water that are emerging on his side. When he's almost over his head and calling for help, who will come to his rescue? An individual who isn't as dangerous as the knight thought-from a side of the book that might just have some positive things to offer .</p>
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**Topic:** PSHE / Traditional Tale / Overcoming Fear  
**Age Range:** 6+  
 After the fall, Humpty Dumpty is a broken egg. Life is tough: he's so afraid of heights, he can't even bear to climb onto his bed, or reach his favourite cereal on the top shelf at the supermarket. But one day, fuelled by his passion for bird-watching, he decides to conquer his fears and something amazing happens.. Visually sophisticated and multilayered, this Caldecott winner is not just a humorous tale of what happens next. It sensitively deals with fears and the impact of trauma.

**Topic:** Adventure / Ships / Sea / Travel  
**Age Range:** 6+  
 An atmospheric seascape and with a quest at its heart, *The Antlered Ship* is an engaging and adventurous story that will encourage all children to keep on asking questions about the world they live in. When the beautiful ship with the huge antlers on its prow comes into port Marco the Fox is busy contemplating the mysteries of the world. Marco asks himself questions such as Why do some songs make you happy and others make you sad? None of his fox friends have any answers. So, when he sees the ship he decides to join the curious crew

**Topic:** War / Refugees / Family / Travel / Home  
**Age Range:** 6+  
 Imagine if, on an ordinary day, war came. Imagine it turned your town to rubble. Imagine going on a long and difficult journey - all alone. Imagine finding no welcome at the end of it. Then imagine a child who gives you something small but very, very precious...

When the government refused to allow 3000 child refugees to enter this country in 2016, Nicola Davies was so angry she wrote a poem. It started a campaign for which artists contributed drawings of chairs, symbolising a seat in a classroom, education, kindness, the hope of a

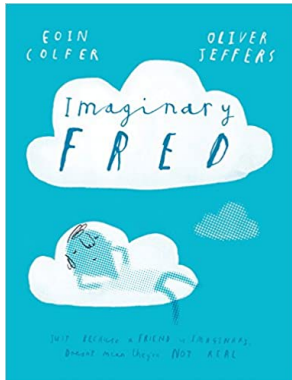
**Topic:** Travel / Journey / Migration / Animals  
**Age Range:** 6+ years  
 A beautifully illustrated picture book looking at the most incredible journeys undertaken by animals around the world, from the epic migration of the huge humpback whale to the unbelievable determination of the tiny hummingbird, each animal tells us the reason why they travel so very far.

Animals featured include: -Whales  
 -Albatross -Leatherback turtles -Monarch butterflies -Elephants  
 -Polar bears -Penguins  
 -Fruit bats -and many more!

of deer and pigeons in the hope that a sea voyage to far off lands will help him find the answers. After an eventful journey, Marco discovers that questions often have several answers and that sharing and travelling and living with others can be one way of finding answers.

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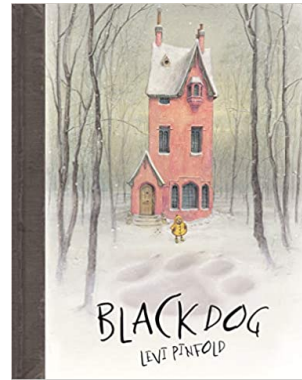
**Imaginary Fred**  
Eoin Colfer

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**The Dark**  
Lemony Snicket

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**Black Dog**  
Levi Pinfold

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**Dogs in Space**  
Victoria Southgate

**Topic:** Emotions / Feelings / Friendship / Humour

**Age Range:** 3+  
An extraordinary collaboration between Irish Children's Laureate, Eoin Colfer, and picture book superstar, Oliver Jeffers! Sometimes, with a little electricity, or luck, or even magic, an imaginary friend might appear when you need one. An imaginary friend like Fred... Fred floated like a feather in the wind until a lonely little boy wished for him and found a friendship like no other.

**Topic:**

**Age Range:**  
Laszlo is afraid of the dark. The dark lives in the same house as Laszlo but mostly it spends its time in the basement. It doesn't visit Laszlo in his room. Until one night it does . . . Join Lazlo on his journey to meet the dark, and find out why it will never bother him again. With emotional insight and poetic economy, two world-renowned talents of children's literature bring to light a powerful story about overcoming fears.

**Topic:** Feelings / Emotions / Family / Children

**Age Range:** 6 - 9 years  
Only Small, the youngest of the Hopes, has the courage to face the Black Dog that appears outside the family's home. When it chases her through the forest she shows no fear, so it grows smaller and smaller.

**Topic:** Dogs / Astronomy / Space / Space / Animals

**Age Range:** 5 - 7 years  
In 1960, two stray dogs from Moscow to become space pioneers. This delightful picture book tells the true story of these heroic strays. Selected from a number of potential canine cosmonauts, Belka and Strelka are put through their paces on the ground, as they practice rocket simulations & wearing spacesuits, before being launched into outer space as the first ever living creatures to successfully orbit the Earth. As for their legacy, less than a year after their safe return the Soviet space programme felt confident enough to send the first human into space.

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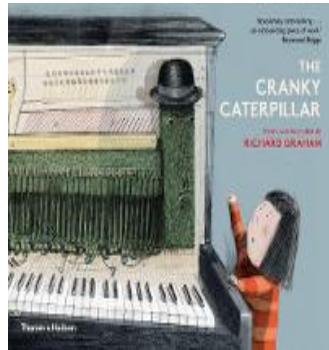
**Tell Me a Dragon**  
Jackie Morris

**Topic:** Dragons / Mythical Creatures / Adventures

**Age Range:** 6+

Everyone has their very own dragon, and this book describes many different varieties of the beast, showing in words and stunning pictures exactly why their owners find them so entrancing. They range from a dragon as big as a village to a tiny dragon with whisper-thin wings, from a snaggle-toothed dragon to a sea-dragon which races dolphins on the waves - ending in a page inhabited by every dragon in the book!

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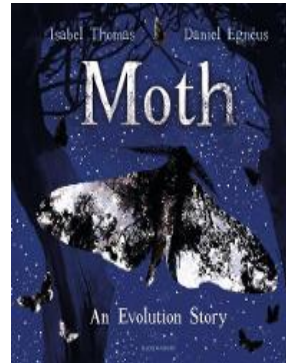
**The Cranky Caterpillar**  
Richard Graham

**Topic:** Transformation / Struggles / Nature / Science

**Age Range:** 6+

One day Ezra hears a gloomy blue tune coming from the piano. To her surprise, it's a caterpillar making the sound: a cranky caterpillar. Ezra tries to cheer him up with some fresh air, cakes and new hats, but nothing seems to work... What can Ezra do to help the cranky caterpillar change his tune? Richard Graham is a new illustrator with a highly distinctive and original style. The origins of *The Cranky Caterpillar* lie in his own artistic sculptural creations: a caterpillar created from the hammers inside an old piano, a band of musical characters, all sculpted from instruments and materials.

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**Moth**  
Isobel Thomas

**Topic:** Evolution / Natural Selection / Animals

**Age Range:** 6+

This is a story of light and dark. Against a lush backdrop of lichen-covered trees, the peppered moth lies hidden. Until the world begins to change... A clever picture book text about the extraordinary way in which animals have evolved, intertwined with the complication of human intervention. This remarkable retelling of the story of the peppered moth is the perfect introduction to natural selection and evolution for children. Along come people with their magnificent machines which stain the land with soot. In a beautiful landscape changed by humans how will one little moth survive?

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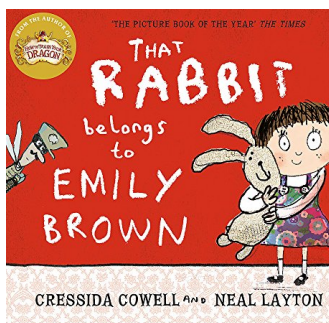
**Katie Morag - Island Stories**  
Mairi Hedderwick

**Topic:** Island / Adventure / Scotland / Children

**Age Range:** 5 - 7 years

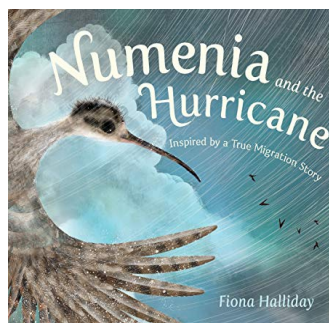
Welcome to the Island of Struay, home of one of the best-loved characters in children's books and as seen on TV - Katie Morag McColl! Whether she's posting parcels to the wrong addresses, helping Grannie Island with a winning sheep, having problems with a troublesome ted or dealing with her naughty big boy cousins, Katie Morag is always up to something. Here are four delightful stories - a treat for all Katie Morag fans.

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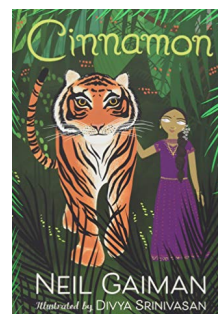
**The Rabbit belongs to Emily Brown**  
Cressida Cowell

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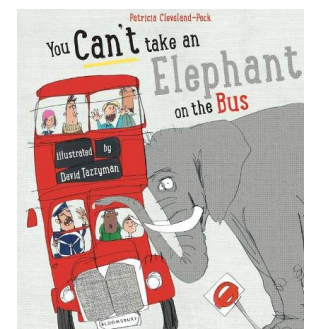
**Numenia and the Hurricane**  
Fiona Halliday

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**Cinnamon**  
Neil Gaiman

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**You Can't Take an Elephant on the Bus**

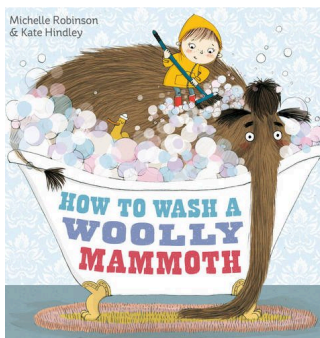
**Topic:** Right / Wrong / Property / Justice / Children / Toys  
**Age Range:** 5+  
 A classic story of right and wrong that is perfect to explain the concepts of property and justice. Equally suited to classroom discussion and bedtime reading, this is a timeless book that children will want to revisit.

**Topic:** Animals / Weather / Struggles / Migration  
**Age Range:** 6+  
 A touching picture book that follows a young bird who struggles against the elements to find and rejoin her family. Told in rhyming verse, this is a great book to read aloud to a year 1 class. The stunning illustrations are an ideal impetus for art activities.

**Topic:** Animals / Fable/ Friendship / Monarchy  
**Age Range:** 6+  
 A stunning modern fable with vibrant illustrations. Cinnamon is a mysterious princess who has pearls for eyes, cannot see and does not speak. While many people try to help her, none succeed - until a fearsome tiger befriends her and changes her life forever.

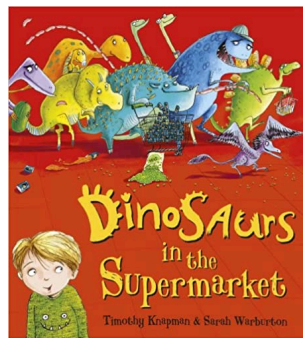
**Topic:**  
**Age Range:**  
 You can't take an elephant on the bus ... It would simply cause a terrible fuss! Elephants' bottoms are heavy and fat and would certainly squash the seats quite flat. Never put a camel in a sailing boat, or a tiger on a train, and don't even THINK about asking a whale to ride a bike ... This riotous picture book is filled with animals causing total disaster as they try to travel in the most unsuitable vehicles. A real romp of a book, with hilarious rhyming text and spectacular illustrations.

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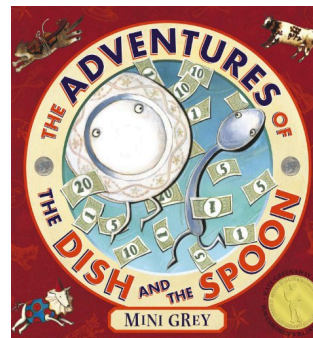
**How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth**  
 Michelle Robinson

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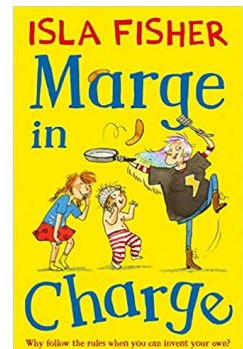
**Dinosaurs in the Supermarket**  
 Timothy Knapman

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**The Adventures of the Dish and the Spoon**  
 Mini Grey

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**Marge in Charge**  
 Isla Fisher

**Topic:** Humour / Children / Mystery / Detective Stories

**Age Range:** 4 - 7 years  
A hysterical funny guided with step by step instructions for cleaning this unusual pet. But beware, very strange things can happen if the instructions are not followed carefully. Sparkling illustrations.

**Topic:** Humour / Children / Dinosaurs / Mysterious Creatures

**Age Range:** 3 - 6 years  
*There's a T. rex gobbling sausages, a Stegosaurus spilling beans! A Diplodocus in the frozen peas fills the aisles with greens!* For one little boy, a trip to the supermarket is turned upside down when a band of dinosaurs wreak havoc in the aisles. Can he convince the dinosaurs to behave? Who will mop up the mess?

**Topic:** Nursery Rhymes / Fairy and Folk Tales / Verse / Rhyme

**Age Range:** 5 - 7 years  
*Hey Diddle Diddle ...* That's the bit we know - but have you ever wondered what happened next? Mini Grey, the creator of such favourites as *Biscuit Bear* and *The Pea and the Princess*, has this brilliantly funny and wonderfully inventive suggestion, narrated by one of the principal players - the Spoon himself. Part love story, part crime caper, *The Adventures of the Dish and the Spoon* is the rags-to-riches and back again tale.

**Topic:** Children / Family / Animals

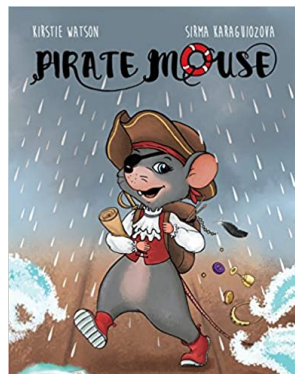
**Age Range:** 5 - 8 years  
Meet Marge, the mischievous babysitter with rainbow hair who loves to make a mess and bend the rules . . . At dinnertime Chef Marge cooks up chocolate soup, and at school Marge the Muscian conducts a chaotic concert in the playground! Jake and Jemima have brilliant fun with their new babysitter, but will they manage to tick off all the jobs on Mummy's list?

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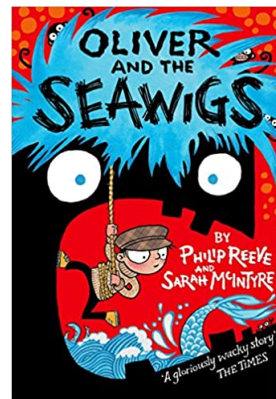
**The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig**  
Eugene Trivizas

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**Pirate Mouse**  
Kirstie Wilson

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**Oliver and the Seawigs**  
Philip Reeve

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**Isadora Moon Goes to School**  
Harriet Muncaster

**Topic:** Folk Tales / Myths / Animals / Traditional Tales

**Age Range:** 5 - 7 years  
The three little wolves erect first a solid brick house. The big bad pig comes along and when huffing and puffing fails to work, he uses a sledgehammer to bring the house down. Next they build a home of concrete: The pig demolishes it with his pneumatic drill. The three little wolves choose an even stronger design next time round:

**Topic:** Pirate / Seas and Oceans / Ships / Books about women


**Age Range:** 4 - 7 years  
Pirate Mouse is a tenacious, treasure-hungry pirate, with a BIG fear of... WATER. She hates it so much she hasn't washed in years! Her grubby habits forced her crew to abandon ship, so when she sets off on her latest treasure hunt, she must do so alone. Her adventure leads her across a big pirate ship, where she is faced, time

**Topic:** Action . Adventure / Animals / Family

**Age Range:** 6 - 10 years  
A lively, gorgeously illustrated story from Dynamic Duo, Reeve and 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

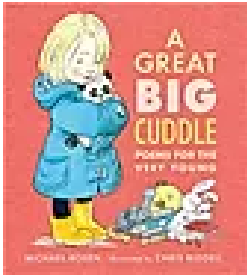

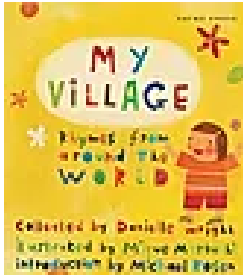
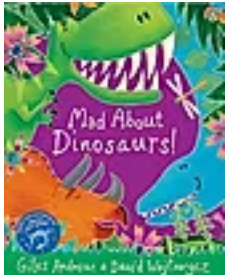
**Topic:** Children / School / Magic / Witches and Wizards

**Age Range:** 6 - 8 years  
Half vampire, half fairy, totally unique! Isadora Moon is special because she is different. Her mum is a fairy and her dad is a vampire and Isadora is a bit of both. She loves the night, bats, and the colour black, but she also loves the outdoors, using her magic wand, and the colour pink. When it's time for Isadora to start school she's not sure where she belongs -

<p>They erect a house, made of steel, barbed wire, armor plates and video entry system, but the pig finds a way to demolish it too. It is only when the wolves construct a rather fragile house made of cherry blossoms, daffodils, pink roses, and marigolds that the pig has a change of heart . .</p>	<p>and again, by her arch-nemesis – WATER! Pirate Mouse confronts her fear, but when she FINALLY makes it to the treasure, it isn't what she was expecting at all.</p>	<p>monkeys to contend with . . .</p>	<p>vampire school or fairy school?</p>
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<p><b>Topic:</b> Mental Health / Worries / Emotions /  <b>Age Range:</b> 5+  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? A perceptive and poignant story that is a must-have for all children's bookshelves. From Tom Percival's bestselling Big Bright Feelings series, this is the perfect book for discussing childhood worries and anxieties, no matter how big or small they may be.</p>			

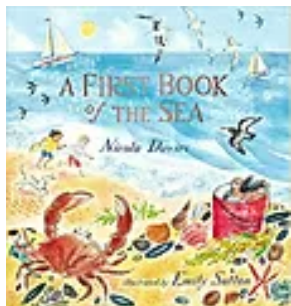
# Poetry (EYFS and KS1)

## EYFS

 <p><b>A Great Big Cuddle: Poems for the Very Young</b> Michael Rosen</p>	 <p><b>Poems Out Loud</b> Laurie Stansfield and Various Poets</p>	 <p><b>My Village: Rhymes from Around the World</b> Denise Wright</p>	 <p><b>Mad About Dinosaurs!</b> Giles Andreae and David Wojtowycz</p>
<p>A collection of Michael Rosen's poems for very young children, with delightful colour illustrations by Chris Riddell. The poems are accessible and playful, designed to capture elements of life that very small children can relate to; choosing toys, falling into a puddle or waiting for lunchtime to come. A brilliant introduction to poetry that engages young children with rhythmic and playful verses that are easy to join in with and learn by heart.</p>	<p>A new collection of illustrated verses from a range of contemporary children's poets, performers and hip-hop artists. This is the poetry collection that EYFS classrooms have been waiting for! The poems have been selected for their suitability to read aloud and cover topics like minibeasts, pirates, animals and night time. Highly recommended.</p>	<p>This collection contains 22 nursery rhymes from different countries around the globe, with each poem appearing in its own language next to an English translation. Examples include 'Song of Kites' from Japan, 'Spotty Spider' from Tonga and 'Snowman Frost' from Denmark. For some children, this will provide a first taste of seeing printed words in other languages, while other children will delight to see their own languages featured.</p>	<p>A brightly-illustrated collection of catchy poems about the different sorts of dinosaurs, from the author of the popular Commotion in the Ocean. These rhymes are ideal for reading aloud and learning by heart.</p>

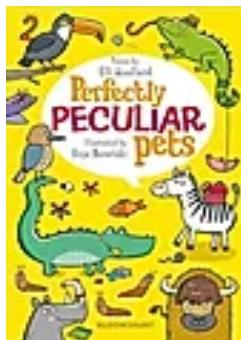


## KS1



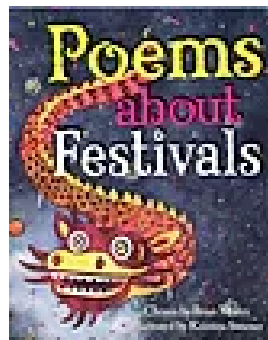
**A First Book of the Sea**  
Nicola Davies and Emily Sutton

Poetry meets science and art in this beautiful picture book anthology of sea-themed poems. Each double-page spread explores a different aspect of the sea, from pebbles and sandcastles to whales and puffins to lighthouses and sailors. Each new aspect is drawn out in beautifully poetic language that makes the reader reflect with awe at the natural and man-made wonders of the sea, the pleasure it provides and the unanswered questions it holds.



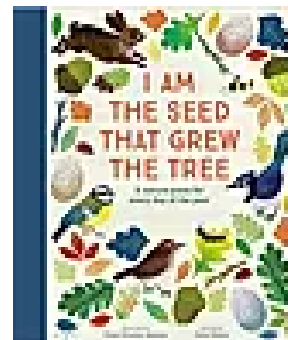
**Perfectly Peculiar Pets**  
Elli Woollard and Anja Boretzki

We love this whacky A-Z of weird and wonderful pets. With a different pet poem for each letter of the alphabet (from armadillos to zebras via kookaburras to umbrella birds!), the poems are quirky and energetic, making them perfect to read aloud. Children will enjoy finding the poem that matches their name's initial or just dipping in and out of the rhythmical menagerie of verses.



**Poems About Festivals**  
Brian Moses and Kristina Swarner

Poet Brian Moses selects an appealing variety of poems about different festivals in this illustrated anthology suitable for Key Stage 1. Different styles of poetry capture the spirit of a range of festivals, from Pancake Day and Holi to Eid-ul-Fitr and Chinese New Year.



**I am the seed that grew into a tree: A nature poem for every day of the year**

This beautiful poetry anthology that includes a new nature poem for every day of the year is likely to become a primary classroom essential. The collection of 366 poems (to make sure leap years are covered too!) contains a really interesting mix of poems from well-known favourites from Christina Rossetti and Walter de la Mare to more modern offerings by Benjamin Zephaniah and Carol Ann Duffy, with each poem reflecting the seasonal changes associated with that day's position in the year. An excellent book to keep on a teacher's desk for a daily dose of classroom poetry.