

Recommended Reads Year 1 2019-20



Antony, Steve – The Queen's Lift Off

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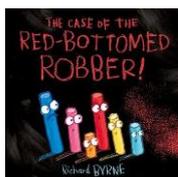
Follow the Queen and her loyal astronauts on a lightning tour through space in this hilarious picture book. Travel from the Moon to Mars, via Mercury. No planet is left unexplored. But will she be back in time for tea? Another book by the author of the Queen's handbag



Ashdown, Rebecca – How to Train the Perfect Parents

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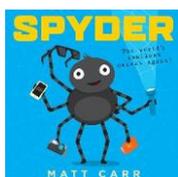
Told from the viewpoint of a young girl there are three easy steps that can be followed to have the perfect parents. However sometimes things don't go according to plan. Could be used as an example of an instructional text and well as a fun read.



Byrne, Richard – The Case of the Red-Bottomed Robber!

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The young chalks are busy at the chalk board, but someone keeps stealing their drawings. This is a fun story where readers truly participate in the investigation: looking for the clues, assessing the line-up of suspects, and closing in on the culprit.



Carr, Matt – Spyder

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A secret agent spider must protect a birthday cake from a pesky fly who wants to eat it. Bright cheerful illustrations complement the story.

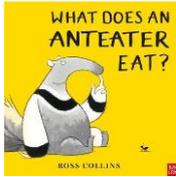
Shortlisted for Hampshire Picture Book Award 2018.



Clarke, Jane – Firefly Home

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Florence the firefly is lost so the reader is asked to join in and suggest how she can get home in the interactive picture book.



Collins, Ross – What Does an Anteater Eat?

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Anteater is so hungry he can't remember what he likes to eat. Join anteater on his journey as he asks the other animals what he normally eats. There are clues all the way along which children will soon spot and along with the bright bold illustrations makes this a perfect picture book to read aloud.



Davies, Benji – Grandma Bird

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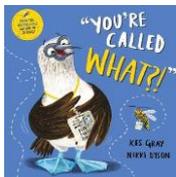
Noi isn't at all sure about staying at Grandma's. Grandma boils seaweed for soup, and there's not much to do on the tiny island where she lives. But then Noi is involved with a dramatic rescue and learns to appreciate his Grandma and her island home. A tender and heart warming story from the world of "The Storm Whale".



Gravett, Emily – Cyril and Pat

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Cyril the squirrel is terrified when he is chased by a very aggressive dog all through the town. Pat the rat comes to the rescue with the help of his huge family and so proving that a rat and a squirrel can be the best of friends despite their differences. A book about understanding differences and the importance of standing up for your friends.

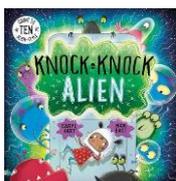


Gray, Kes – You're Called What?

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In the Ministry of Silly Animal Names there is a very long queue of strange creatures. An extremely funny, tongue twisting story full of weird and wonderful real creatures and facts at the end that will amaze.

Winner of the Hampshire Picture Book Award 2018



Hart, Caryl – Knock Knock Alien

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A little girl is in for an interstellar adventure when the noisy space invaders hijack her house to get home. Can she get back down to Earth without waking Gran? A hilarious way of introducing counting to young readers.



Hendra, Sue – Cake

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Told from the viewpoint of a cake this hilarious story is perfect for reading aloud and reader participation. Cake is very excited as he's been invited to his first ever birthday party. But when the candles are lit, and the singing has begun he starts to think this is one party he'd rather not be attending.

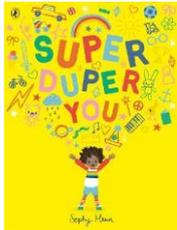
Available as a Group Set



Henn, Sophy – Almost Everything

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George assumes he can't do lots of things without even trying until his friend bear comes to the rescue. A great story about having the confidence to try new things and being positive.



Henn, Sophy – Super Duper you

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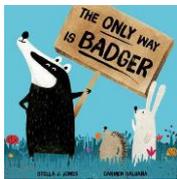
Sometimes we are loud, sometimes we are quiet, sometimes bold, sometimes soft and cuddly. Sophy Henn celebrates all the different, extraordinary and sometimes contradictory things we are in this joyful and colourful rhyming picture book. Perfect to read aloud



Johnson, Richard – Once Upon A Snowstorm

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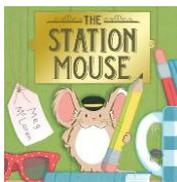
An enchanting story of a father and his son who live by themselves in a cosy cabin in the woods. But one day they are separated out in the falling snow and the animals of the forest come to the boy's rescue. A wordless picture book with soft gentle illustrations. Charming



Jones, Stella J – The Only Way Is Badger

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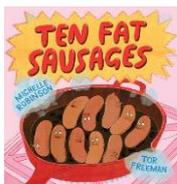
Badger believes his is the only way of doing things and bans the other animals who can't do it like him. When he is left alone, he realises his mistake! A story about tolerance and understanding the value of friendship.



McLaren, Meg – The Station Mouse

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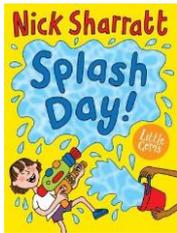
Maurice is the Station Mouse, and so he must follow The Station Mouse Handbook. One of the reasons these rules exist is that people do not like mice. Tolerance and understanding differences are the themes covered.



Robinson, Michelle – Ten Fat Sausages

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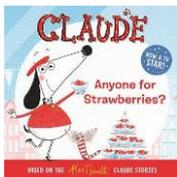
Ten fat sausages sizzling in the pan... decide to escape, if they can. Fun and enjoyable rhyming text which makes good use of the traditional rhyme to great comic effect and the illustrations are a great compliment.



Sharratt, Nick – Splash Day!

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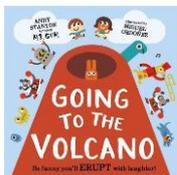
It's Splash Day, a giant water fight the summer reward for everyone's hard work. What a treat Nick Sharratt's bright, bold illustrations provide clues so that working out what the words say becomes a kind of game, fun rhymes making it easier still to decode the letters. Part of the Little Gems series aimed at promoting good reading practice for all newly independent readers.



Smith, Alex T – Anyone for Strawberries?

Y

A superb new picture book addition to the Claude chapter books. Claude has to win the championship to make sure Sir Bobblysock doesn't miss out on strawberries-for-breakfast day, but can he do it? The appeal of these stories is their multi layered and witty narrative that gives an adult reader as much fun as the child.



Stanton, Andy – Going to the Volcano

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Join two intrepid explorers on the perfect day out - visiting a volcano! A brilliantly funny rhyming story. Great fun.

Y = Picture Book

N = Developing Readers



= Available as an eBook

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