

## Fifty fabulous non-fiction titles

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	Title, author/illustrator & publisher	Curriculum links	Approx. age	Description
ANIMAL SURPRISES NicolaDaves Tuturaced by Abble Carby	Animal Surprises  Nicola Davies - Author  Abbie Cameron - Illustrator  Graffeg 2016	Science	4-7 (Rec/KS1)	A set of three great new books for younger readers. The experience and talent of the great Nicola Davies as she weaves rhyming text with her knowledge of the natural world combines with the new talent of Abbie Cameron who manages to create vibrant images which connect directly to the reader. Ideas such as animal movement and food chains are introduced seamlessly in an engaging way – a great introduction to the natural world for young pupils.  Also in the series: Into the Blue, The Word Bird

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Where's the Starfish?	Where's the Starfish?  Barroux – Author  Egmont 2016	Science	4-7 (Rec/KS1)	The topical subject of ocean pollution is explored through this busy and beautiful book.  Young readers are challenged to find the starfish and others on each page but the piles and piles of rubbish begin to make the task rather difficult. The ocean inhabitants eventually take matters into their own hands  A great accompaniment to his book, Where's the Elephant? which explores deforestation, the two combined introduce young learners to environmental issues in an engaging and visual way.
Dee-2-Me	Bee and Me Alison Jay - Author Old Barn Books 2017	Science	4-7 (Rec/KS1)	This is a beautiful wordless picture book which inspires a thirst for knowledge and information about the world of bees. An unusual friendship opens up between a bee and a little girl who happens to be reading her flower book. Their relationship and adventures are documented and the joy and effect they eventually have on the city's environment.  A final page, which does have words, provides information on how to be 'bee friendly'. Informative narrative at its best.

That's not a daffodill	That's Not a Daffodil!  Elizabeth Honey – Author  Allen & Unwin Children's Books 2017	Science	4-7 (Rec/KS1)	Tom's neighbour gives him a bulb – <i>That's not a daffodil!</i> Despite Tom's disbelief he goes on a journey of friendship and exploration as he discovers the secrets of the simple bulb.
What Do Machines Do All Day? By Jan Nales Bustored by Asks under Sorts WHEELER STREET STREET WHEELER STREET WHE	What Do Machines Do All Day?  Jo Nelson - Author  Aleksandar Savić — Illustrator  Wide Eyed Editions 2019	Understand ing the world	4-7 (Rec/KS1)	Build on young children's fascination with machines with this colourful and engaging book. Featuring over 100 machines, children can explore a range of different settings such as the farm, construction sites and airports, and find out what machines are called and what they do.
Circle	Circle  Jeannie Baker – Author  Walker 2016	Science	5-7 (KS1)	Circle sees us follow the bar-tailed godwits on their 'Circle of Life' as they migrate across the world. A young man dreams of flying with them and as the story ends, we see him taking his first steps, having spent time in a wheelchair, to protect the birds. Baker, a master of collage and colour, sends important messages about preservation of birds' feeding grounds and the need to be environmentally aware. An informative story bringing fiction and non-fiction together as many of her stunning books do.



LIFESIZE OF THE PROPERTY OF TH	Lifesize  Sophy Henn – Author  Red Shed 2018	Science	5-7 (KS1)	Lifesize is the interactive non-fiction adventure that features lifesize illustrations of some of the smallest and largest animals in the world and invites children to compare parts of their bodies with these amazing animals.
The Story Orchestra FOUR SEASONS IN ONE DAT	The Story Orchestra: Four Seasons in One Day  Jessica Courtney- Tickle – Author  Frances Lincoln Children's Books 2016	Science Music	5-7 (KS1)	A little girl and her dog travel through the four seasons in just one day! We follow the changes in the trees as music from Vivaldi's Four Seasons can be heard by pressing a button on each new page spread.  The book also features a <b>biography</b> of Vivaldi at the back along and a guide to the music - a great introduction to classical music for young children.
ADA TWIST, SCIENTIST  1, Nova larg aurun kerk larg.	Ada Twist, Scientist Andrea Beaty – Author David Roberts – Illustrator Abrams 2016	Science	5-7 (KS1)	Following on from the success of her classmates, Iggy Peck, architect and Rosie Revere, engineer, this new addition to the series doesn't disappoint. Ada is hugely curious and the joys and delights of science are explored with troublesome consequences! Great for enquiry and exploring argument and hypothesis with younger children.



LOTS The Diversity of Life on Earth NICOLA DAYLES illustrated by EMILY SUTTON	Lots: The Diversity of Life on Earth  Nicola Davies — Author  Emily Sutton — Illustrator  Walker 2017	Science	5-7 (KS1)	If you loved <i>Tiny: The Invisible World of Microbes</i> , you will love this book from the same creators. A beautifully illustrated book which introduces the diversity of the animals across our world to younger children. Lots of information to wonder at and explore!
tree neal layton	The Tree: An Environmental Fable  Neal Layton – Author  Walker Books 2017	Science	5-7 (KS1)	Layton's fable introduces younger children to preservation and conservation ideas through this simple and beautifully drawn narrative.  Having cut down a tree and destroyed the homes of many animals, a young couple are devastated and set about repairing the damage they have done.

ONE DAY ON OUR BLUE PLANET IN THE RAINFOREST	One Day on Our Blue Planet in the Rainforest  Ella Bailey – Author  Flying Eye Books 2017	Science	5-7 (KS1)	One Day on Our Blue Planet in the Savannah and One Day on Our Blue Planet in the Antarctic are now followed by an exploration into the rainforest with a little spider monkey as our guide and friend.  Likeable characters and stories linked to habitat information make knowledge of the rainforest easily accessible for younger pupils – a great series all round.
ABOVE  BELOW  INTERPOSTORIE NATION WOODERS INFORD	Above and Below  Patricia Hegarty – Author  Hanako Clulow - Illustrator  360 Degrees 2017	Science	5-7 (KS1)	A brilliant book about animal habitats showing pupils the story above and below the surface. Eight different animal habitats are explored with lift the flaps to encourage pupils to investigate the ecosystems of our world.
nce upon a ungle	Once Upon a Jungle  Laura Knowles – Author  James Boast - Illustrator  Words and Pictures 2017	Science	5-7 (KS1)	A visually engaging book with black backgrounds and bright illustrations full of plants and creatures of the jungle, some hidden and some in full view. The book introduces, through story, the subject of the jungle food chain building to a final page detailed spread summarising and providing a factual explanation of a food chain, which simply explains producers, consumers and decomposers.  Great vocabulary throughout.



WE TRAVEL SO FAR	We Travel So Far  Laura Knowles – Author  Chris Madden - Illustrator  Words & Pictures 2017	Science	5-7 (KS1)	A beautiful and engaging book, which introduces the idea of migration and the reasons animals travel so far across the planet. From Polar bears to mighty whales, young readers explore the amazing journey animals take over land sea and air.
Our Very Own DOG  Custosted to Salvatore Rubbino	Our Very Own Dog  Amanda McCardie - Author  Salvatore Rubbino - Illustrator  Walker 2016		5-7 (KS1)	This is the lovely story of Sophie and her rescue dog. Through Sophie's adventures, we are introduced to the challenges of pet ownership and information and facts are given throughout to find out all about how to look after and care for a dog. An informative story but supported with an index and bibliography also – super for young readers to non-fiction.

The Pond  Nicola Davies  Wastrations (Acting Lisher	The Pond  Nicola Davies — Author  Cathy Fisher — Illustrator  Graffeg Limited 2017	Science PSHE	5-8 (KS1/LKS2)	Another beautiful book from Davies, which this time deals with themes of grief and death. An empty hole in the garden provides the symbolism of the hole in the family's life left by the death of their father. A duck, a change of season and the rebirth of a pond with all its vibrant life leads to the start of healing. A deep and touching book.
A VILIAGE IS A BUSY FLACE!	A Village is a Busy Place  V Geetha – Author  Rohima Chitrakar - Illustrator Tara Books 2016	Geography	5-8 (KS1/LKS2)	With this new wimmelbook, readers are immersed in the world of Eastern India and a small Santhal village bustling with life and getting ready to celebrate a wedding.  Created in the style of a scroll rather than in a linear style, the book can even be hung on a hook as it is revealed (hole provided!) for pupils to come back to again and again. Hours of delight and visually stunning.
DISCOVERYS ATLAS  PART HE MOST MOON IN ONE SOOY	Children's Discovery Atlas Travel the Whole World In One Book Anita Ganeri – Author Sara Lynn Cramb - Illustrator QED 2017	Geography	5-8 (KS1/LKS2)	This is an attractive atlas aimed at younger children who are taken on a journey round the world. Maps of each continent show a country's features, plants and animals and other interesting information. Fast facts sections and a quiz to challenge pupils at the end add to its appeal. With contents and index pages, a good example of non-fiction features to support young learners.

THE BOOK AK	The Sea Book  Charlotte Milner – Author  DK Children's 2019	Science Geography	5-8 (KS1/LKS2)	Featuring fascinating facts accompanied by bright, beautiful illustrations, this book explores a wealth of incredible marine animals and their habitats, from up on the ice to colourful coral reefs, and right down to the deepest darkest depths where the weird and wonderful lurk.  The book also highlights the damaging effects humans are having on our seas. Children will discover what they can do to help, and there are tips on how to live plastic-free.
THIS PEBBLE  ALCOR AT ROCK CYCLES	This Little Pebble  Anna Claybourne – Author  Sally Garland - Illustrator  Franklin Watts 2017	Science Geography	7-9 (LKS2)	An accessible book exploring rock plates and the formation of our earth with all its mountains and valleys. Geological facts, from volcanoes to the formation of the sand on our shores, are introduced beginning with a small boy with a pebble in his pocket. Different types of stones are discussed, detailed and explored and a wealth of technical detail is illustrated and made highly accessible and engaging.
THE LITTLE BOOK of WETLAND BIRD SOUNDS OF	The Little Book of Wetland Bird Sounds  Andrea Pinnington and Caz Buckingham – Authors  Fine Feather Press 2016	Science	7-9 (LKS2)	A series of bird and animal sounds books complete with soundbars are informative and well written with facts about habitats, characteristics and fascinating details.  Others in the series include:  - Garden Bird Sounds  - Woodland Bird Sounds  - Night Time Animal Sounds



DAY OF THE DINOSAURS	Day of the Dinosaurs  Dr Steve Brusatte – Author  Daniel Chester – Illustrator  Wide Eyed Editions 2016	History Science	7-9 (LKS2)	This book takes readers on a journey from the Triassic to the Cretaceous period with a chronological guide to these popular and intriguing animals who are often a firm favourite with pupils. The text takes a direct approach to addressing the reader and there is a wealth of information in field notes for additional information and facts. Bold colours and highly engaging – a refreshing take on dinosaurs to add to your collection.
ATLAS OF ANIMAL ADVENTURES	Atlas of Animal Adventures  Rachel Williams and Emily Hawkins - Authors  Lucy Letherland – Illustrator  Wide Eyed Editions 2016	Science Geography	7-9 (LKS2)	A beautifully illustrated exploration of the natural world including migrations, journeys and survival stories. From narwhals to the baby orangutans of Borneo, there are so many animal adventures to explore. This is the follow-up to the best-selling <i>Atlas of Adventures</i> . Both are stunning examples of non-fiction for the classroom.

IN VOLWIT & JOS ULLIMOTOR  NCIENT  RUDEN  RYTHE STATE ROOFS	Ancient Warriors  Iris Volant – Author  Joe Lillington - Illustrator  Flying Eye Books 2018	History Science	7-11 (LKS2)	A gorgeous book that describes ancient warriors and armies from the Stone Age up to the Crusades. Detailed illustrations accompany the information, which also includes descriptions of different weapons and armour, making it an engaging and enjoyable read.
illuminature  Ny Cornelly - walling Back I Villian  See 3 images in 1	Illuminature  Rachel Williams - Author  Carnovsky – Illustrator  Wide Eyed Editions 2016	Science	7-11 (KS2)	Illuminature takes the reader on an exploration of ten of the world's most diverse environments in daylight and at night. Each has hidden secrets revealed with a magic, three-coloured lens that illuminates each page in a kaleidoscope of colour. The third lens reveals the plant life and habitats of each. Addictive, visually stunning and full of engaging information.

PHARAOH'S PHARAO	Pharaoh's Fate Solve the Ancient Egyptian Mystery  Camille Gautier and Stephanie Vernet – Authors  Margaux Carpentier – Illustrator  b small publishing 2016	History	7-11 (KS2)	A beautifully presented interactive adventure that explores Ancient Egypt at the same time as the reader solves a murder mystery.  A fabulous map helps you journey through Ancient Egypt. The visual feast engages pupils at every step.  A brilliant way to introduce the world of Ancient Egypt with all its fascinating facts!
Secrets of the Sea Discover a minor short to  the secretary to the sea of the	Secrets of the Sea  Kate Baker – Author  Eleanor Taylor – Illustrator  Big Picture Press 2016	Science	7-11 (KS2)	From the world of coral reefs to the rock pools of Britain, each page reveals information and secrets from the underwater world. A brilliant starting point for information research with detailed illustrations.

THE STREET  BENEATH  MY FEET	The Street Beneath My Feet  Charlotte Gullian – Author Yuval Zommer - Illustrator  Words & Pictures 2017	Science Geography History	7-11 (KS2)	This foldout book offers a fantastic learning experience for pupils, exploring urban and rural settings and taking the reader on an informative journey underground. The foldout can be spread across a floor for detailed exploration of burrows and pipes, and rock layers and pipes, as we compare the ground beneath our feet in both environments.
The Bront's Children of the Moors  Mera Manners Carda Semantica.	The Brontës: Children of the Moors  Mick Manning and Brita Granström – Authors  Franklin Watts 2016	History	7-11 (KS2)	Well known for their engaging historical non-fiction, this book celebrates the Brontes and their works through story and comic strips. It includes historical information about how the wilderness of the Yorkshire Dales influenced and inspired the writers, their struggles to be published as women, family dynamics and their literacy legacy.
THE STONE AGE  ONTES.  ONTES.	The Stone Age: Hunters, Gatherers and Woolly Mammoths  Marcia Williams – Author  Walker Books 2016	History	7-11 (KS2)	A giant in the world of creating engaging narrative to translate facts, explanations and a world of information, Williams turns her attention to the Stone Age. From the Middle East to Britain and the discovery of fire, to how dogs became man's best friend, this book is packed with a variety of forms of non-fiction. It is highly humorous and full of interest and detail. A book pupils will return to again and again that provides a wealth of material for teachers of non-fiction and the Stone Age alike. Genius!

THE EARTH BOOK  JONNESS LITTON  WHITEMARY AND THOMAS HAGEBOOK	The Earth Book: A World of Exploration and Wonder  Jonathan Litton - Author  Thomas Hegbrook - Illustrator  360 Degrees 2017	Science Geography	7-11 (KS2)	The big book format of this text is stunning and adds to the engagement of a book full of great design, graphics and language. Each spread explores a different topic and is full of enquiry questions about our natural world and the environment.
SURVIVORS  SURVIVORS  SURVIVORS  EXTRAODRESS TALES FROM THE WILD AND REVISOR  DAVID LOSG  KERRY HYDDMAN	Survivors  David Long - Author  Kerry Hyndman - Illustrator  Faber & Faber 2016	History	7-11 (KS2)	This is a fabulous anthology jam packed with survival stories from classics, such as Shackleton's Journey, to more modern exploits, such as The Girl Who Fell From the Sky, about a teenager who fell 2 miles from an aeroplane and trekked through the Amazon jungle to safety.  Extreme and true survival stories at their best are sure to engage pupils and encourage them to carry out further research.

Travels With My Sketchbook	Travels With My Sketchbook  Michael Foreman – Author  Templar 2017	Art & Design Geography	7-11 (KS2)	The amazing Michael Foreman recounts his memories and his many miles across the world with his sketchbook. Just beautiful. As a possible author study, this is a gem of a book.
AS TO SET OF THE PARTY OF THE P	A Song for Will - The Lost Gardeners of Heligan  Hilary Robinson – Author  Martin Impey - Illustrator  Strauss House Productions 2017	History	7-11 (KS2)	A heart wrenching book which tells the story of WW1 through letters of staff at Heligan Gardens in Cornwall. One young boy, Alfie, too young to join up, is left behind to tend the gardens while others, including Fred, one of the stonemasons, is sent to the front.  Beautifully illustrated, we learn of the war and its impact on the employees from different perspectives, those left behind and those experiencing the horror abroad.

	Lots  Marc Martin – Author  Big Picture Press 2017	Art & Design Geography	7-11 (KS2)	This is a book that flies round the world. Busy pages, random information and full of bizarre facts and tiny images to explore and feast your eyes on. A work of art which will inspire further investigation of cities and places around the world.
EXPLORING SPACE  RESPONDED TO THE WAS SOURT AND ENGINE  ANATHR LITHOUGH STATEMENT STAT	Exploring Space: From Galileo to the Mars Rover and Beyond  Martin Jenkins — Author  Stephen Biesty - Illustrator  Walker Books 2017	Science History	7-11 (KS2)	Another two masters of their trade – this team create scientifically excellent and graphically brilliant books and this is no exception. Covering the story of space from early astronomers to the establishment of the International Space station. Intricate detailed drawings and fascinating information abound. Truly a masterpiece.

THE AMINAL KINGIDGE AS YOU'S HERER SELENT SEPORE	Knowledge Encyclopedia - Animal!  John Woodward – Author  DK Children 2016	Science	7-11 (KS2)	A visually exciting and vibrant encyclopedia, full of information. Animal classification, habitats, eco-systems, statistics, computer generated technology to enhance visual explanations This book has a wealth of features and information to explore and absorb and to keep pupils engaged.
HOLD THE STATE OF	Knowledge Encyclopedia Human Body!  DK – Author  DK 2017	Science	7-11 (KS2)	Another in this series and again full of stunning and surprising computer-generated images revealing the amazing story of the human body.  3D illustrations offer visual explanations coupled with facts and figures which pupils will love.  Highly informative and weirdly slightly addictive!

Martin Brown's LESSER SPOTTED ANIMALS The mellife texts risk was not to account to tag question.	Lesser Spotted Animals  Martin Brown – Author  David Fickling Books 2016	Science	7-11 (KS2)	One page in and you'll recognise the whit and talent of the amazing Martin Brown (of Horrible Histories fame). Here he turns author with a quirky, hilarious book about the lesser known animals – the dagger-toothed flower bat for instance – coupled with a more serious message about the effect of humans on the natural world. Still packed with jokes and fascinating facts and his usual entertaining style –pupils will adore this book.
IN. FOCUS  (tiby Wulder)	In Focus: 101 Close Ups, Cross- Sections and Cutaways  Libby Walden - Author  360 Degrees 2016	Science Art & Design Design & Technology	7-11 (KS2)	This book takes 10 different subjects, from oceans to fruit and vegetables, and then thinks about the relationship between the inside and outside of selected objects related to the 10 subjects. Different illustrators are used for each object which keeps each spread fresh and interesting. Complete with cross sections, labels and facts, this is an interesting concept and one which will raise questions and no doubt encourage further research and exploration.

The Book of Bees	The Book of Bees  Piotr Socha and Wojciech Grajkowski - Authors  Thames and Hudson Ltd 2016	Science	7-11 (KS2)	A beautiful, quirky and fascinating book which tracks and illustrates the amazing history of bees. Full of questions to engage – <i>Who survived being stung by 2,443 bees?</i> This book is full of information to engage pupils in all things related to bees, highlighting how important they are to us.
CREAT WAS CHANGED THE KALE Panilbaral	Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World  Kate Pankhurst - Author  Bloomsbury Childrens 2016	History	7-11 (KS2)	Created by Kate Pankhurst, a descendent of Emmeline Pankhurst, this multimodel book full of cartoons, explanations and fascinating facts, introduces pupils to thirteen influential and inspirational women. From scientist and spies to writers and political activists, like Pankhurst.  Visually engaging, this book will inspire and also hopefully spur pupils on to further investigation and research on each of the chosen pioneers.

NOTURAL MANAGEMENTS AND	The Curiositree Natural World: A Visual Compendium of Wonders from Nature  Amanda Wood and Mike Jolley – Authors  Owen Davey - Illustrator  Wide Eyed Editions 2016	Science	7-11 (KS2)	A stunning book about the natural world and how it is connected presented in the form of an information tree. There are 67 wall charts full of information, visually stunning and perfect for inspiring curiosity about nature in all its shapes and forms. This book covers so much so cleverly, every school should have one in its library!
Deter Brain WILD ANIMALS OF THE NORTH	Wild Animals of the North (2016) Wild Animals of the South (2017) Dieter Braun – Author Flying Eye Books 2016 /2107	Science Geography	7-11 (KS2)	Two stunning books introducing animals of the world – both North and South. The drawings are beautiful with facts and descriptions designed to intrigue.

WIDLIFE  LETAL YOUT  GARDINA  SALES - CALIN YOUR  101	RSPB Wildlife in Your Garden  Mike Dilger – Author  Sarah Horne - Illustrator  A & C Black 2016	Science	7-11 (KS2)	A practical and wonderfully informative guide to the wildlife to be found in your local area. Written by naturalist and presenter Mike Dilger, with great photography and artwork, fact files, lifecycles and a fabulous glossary, this book will help children increase their awareness of the natural world on their doorsteps.
The Book of the Bo	The Book of Trees  Piotr Socha and Wojciech Grajkowski – Authors  Thames & Hudson Ltd 2018	Science	7-11 (KS2)	Why are trees so important? How many types are there? How do they benefit the environment and wildlife? This book answers these questions and more, tracking the history of trees from the time of the dinosaurs to the current day.

THE WOLVES OF CURRUMPAN WILLIAM WILLIA	The Wolves of Currumpaw  William Grill – Author  Flying Eye Books 2016	History Science	7-11 (KS2)	If you were stunned by <i>Shackleton's Journey</i> , Grill's next book will not disappoint. The book is based on the story of the capture and death of the leader of one of the last wolf packs: Lobo, known as The King of Currumpaw. It is the story, too, of the man who was responsible for the death and capture of Ernest Thompson Seton, writer, artist, naturalist and wolf hunter. Seton's journey in this story is one of a man changed and turned from wolf hunter to conservationist. Set in New Mexico and steeped in the culture of Native American life in the early twentieth century, this book has much to discuss and explore – a total delight.
DES WHAT'S WHERE ON EARTH ATTLAS  THE WORLD AS YOU'VE NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE:	What's Where on Earth Atlas - The World As You Have Never Seen It Before  DK - author  DK 2017	Geography	7-11 (KS2)	A comprehensive and stunning 'Atlas' which is so much more. Full of specially commissioned 3-D maps, satellite images and artworks and with a reference section with a glossary and index. The book contains a continent-by-continent world tour with themed maps for each continent on topics such as major geographical features, cities and monuments, populations and wildlife. Full of the organisational features of non-fiction writing, this book is perfect for information hungry pupils.

SPOT THE MISTARE TO THE MISTARE THE	Spot the Mistake: Lands of Long Ago  Amanda Wood and Mike Jolley – Authors  Frances Castle - Illustrator	History	7-11 (KS2)	A fabulous book which takes 10 ancient societies and creates a stunning double page spread illustrating that period while adding 20 historical anomalies within each illustration – the perfect challenge for pupils!
	Wide Eyed Editions 2017			