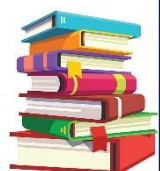


Year 1 Authors, Poets and Stories



In Year 1 we will look at the following three authors in detail: Oliver Jeffers,
Beatrix Potter, Debi Gliori.



As well as these, we study stories and poems throughout our work in English and in our class story times. A few examples of these are listed below:

	Authors, poets and stories linked to English	Class stories
Autumn 1	<p>Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers</p>  <p>Penguin poetry & rhymes</p>	<p>How to catch a star, Up and Down, Stuck, The way back home – all by Oliver Jeffers</p> <p>Puffin Peter by Petr Horacek</p> <p>The book-time book of Fantastic First poems – authors include Michael Rosen</p> <p>The Pig in the pond , Farmer Duck, Can't you sleep little bear – all by Martin Waddell</p> <p>Ruby's worry by Tom Percival</p>
Autumn 2	<p>Zog by Julia Donaldson</p>  <p>Bonfire night poems</p> <p>London's Burning</p>	<p>Zog and the Flying Doctors , The Snail and the Whale , The Scarecrow's wedding, The Highway Rat – all by Julia Donaldson</p> <p>How to catch a dragon by Carly Hart</p> <p>George and the Dragon by Chris Wormell</p> <p>Little People, Big Dreams series (multicultural biographies)</p>
Spring 1	<p>The queen's Knickers by Nicholas Allan</p>  <p>Poetry - They're Changing the guards at Buckingham Palace by A.A. Milne</p>	<p>The Queen's Hat by Steven Antony</p> <p>Paddington at the Palace by Michael Bond</p> <p>The witch's children and the Queen by Ursula Jones</p> <p>The King's breakfast A poem by A.A. Milne</p> <p>Katie Morag delivers the mail, Katie Morag and the New Pier, by Mairi Hedderwick</p>
Spring 2	<p>Flora's flowers</p>  <p>The tale of Beatrix Potter by Beatrix Potter</p>  <p>Beatrix Potter biography</p> 	<p>Flora's Blanket, No matter what, The Trouble with Dragons, The Tobermory Cat, The Scariest thing of All - all by Debi Gliori</p> <p>A variety of Beatrix Potter books</p>

<p>Summer 1</p>	<p>Supertato by Sue Hendra</p> 	<p>Supertato series – Run veggies, run!, Veggies assemble, Norman the slug with the silly shell, No-bot, Barry the fish with Fingers - All by Sue Hendra</p> <p>Handa’s Surprise by Eileen Browne</p> <p>The Growing story</p>
<p>Summer 2</p>	<p>How to train a train by Jason Carter Eaton</p>  <p>Usborne Information book about trains</p> 	<p>Steam Train, Dream Train by Sherri Duskey</p> <p>The Cat, the Mouse and the Runaway train by Peter Bently and Steve Cox</p> <p>Thomas the Tank Engine stories by Rev. W Awdrey</p> <p>Oh, the Places you’ll Go! By Dr. Seuss</p> <p>Ready, Steady, Mo by Mo Farah</p> <p>Non- fiction books about looking after pets</p>

Oliver Jeffers

Oliver Jeffers is an author and illustrator. He is known for his children’s picture books and his work as an artist. His books have been translated into more than 35 different languages. He has also illustrated other author’s books.



Early Life

Oliver was born in Australia but he moved to Belfast (where his family was from) when he was very young. He grew up in Belfast with his mum, dad and three brothers. Oliver always loved drawing pictures. He was asked to help with the set for the school play when he was just six! As a teenager, other pupils at Oliver’s school asked him to draw on their schoolbags and skateboards.

Books

Oliver’s first picture book, ‘How to Catch a Star’, developed from his final degree project at the University of Ulster. It was published in 2004. The boy in this book (who is not named) returns for more adventures in some of Oliver’s other books.



‘Lost and Found’ is the story of the friendship between the boy and a penguin. Oliver has said he got the idea for the book after hearing a story about a boy sneaking a baby penguin home from a trip to Belfast Zoo! In the tale he heard, zookeepers came to collect the penguin the next day! ‘Lost and Found’ was made into an animated film, which won a BAFTA in 2009.

‘The Way Back Home’ tells the story of the boy’s adventure in space and his meeting with an alien! The book was shortlisted for the Kate Greenaway Medal (for great illustrations in children’s books) in 2009.

Debi Gliori

About Debi

Debi Gliori was born in Glasgow in 1959. She began writing books in her early 20s before enrolling in Art School in Edinburgh in 1979. After this, she was granted a scholarship, which took her to Milan to work as an artist. On her return, she was offered a job at Walker Books. She now has five children and lives just near Edinburgh.

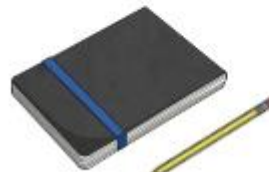


Children’s Books

Debi had her first picture book, Mr Bear, realised in 1990. In 1997, Mr Bear was awarded the Red House Children’s Book Award. She continued to create a series of books featuring Mr Bear, which have been nominated for several awards. Debi often used her five children growing up as inspiration for her books. The author-come-illustrator also creates books for older children such as her ‘Pure Dead’ novels. Her most recent project is for the publishing company Bloomsbury designing and writing about a character called Alfie.

Other Works

When Debi isn’t writing or illustrating new material, she often visits schools. She gives step-by-step tutorials about illustrations and sometimes invites children to draw along with her. Debi likes to draw using pen and watercolours, and prefers to write her stories in notebooks.



Beatrix Potter facts for kids

Kids Encyclopedia Facts

Helen Beatrix Potter (28 July 1866 – 22 December 1943) was an [English](#) writer, [illustrator](#), [mycologist](#) and [conservationist](#). She is famous for writing children's books with animal characters such as [The Tale of Peter Rabbit](#).

Potter was born in [Kensington, London](#). Her family was quite rich. She was educated by [governesses](#). She did not have many friends, but she had many [pets](#), including Benjamin and Peter, two [rabbits](#). She spent her holidays in [Scotland](#) and the [Lake District](#). There, she began to learn to love nature, plants, and animals, which she carefully painted.

When she was around 30, Potter [published](#) *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*. It was very popular. She also became [engaged](#) to her publisher Norman Warne. Her parents became angry and separated with her because of this. They did not want her to [marry someone who was socially lower](#) than her. However, Warne died before he and Potter could marry.

Potter began writing and illustrating children's books full time. She did not have to ask her parents for money anymore because she had money from her books. In time, she bought Hill Top Farm and more land. In her forties, she married William Heelis, a local [solicitor](#). She also began raising [sheep](#) and became a [farmer](#), though she continued writing. She published 23 books.

Potter wrote about 30 books; the best known being her [24 children's tales](#). She died of [pneumonia](#) and [heart disease](#) on 22 December 1943 at her home in Near Sawrey at age 77, leaving almost all her property to the [National Trust](#). She is credited with preserving much of the land that now constitutes the [Lake District National Park](#). Potter's books continue to sell throughout the world in many languages with her stories being retold in song, film, ballet, and animation, and her life depicted in a feature film and television film.



Beatrix Potter in 1913

J.K. Rowling

July 31, 1965 – present

Real Name: Joanne Rowling

Hometown: Yate, Gloucestershire, England, UK

Famous Books:

- The “Harry Potter” series



Interesting Facts:

- “Harry Potter” was rejected by all twelve of the publishing houses where Rowling submitted the first book.
- The first “Harry Potter” book was originally called “Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone” but was changed to “Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone” when it was released in the United States.
- “Harry Potter” is the best-selling book series in history.
- All of the novels in “Harry Potter” series have been made into major motion pictures.
- Rowling is the first person to become a United States billionaire as an author.

Malorie Blackman

Feb 8, 1962– present

Hometown: London, UK

Famous Books:

- “Noughts and Crosses” series
- “Girl Wonder” Series
- “Pig Heart Boy”
- “Chasing the Stars”



Interesting Facts:

- Malorie Blackman has always loved books. By the age of 11, she had read all the books in the children’s section of her local library.
- She trained in computer sciences and worked as a computer programmer.
- She was a Children’s Laureate from 2013 to 2015. This is a prestigious award given to a writer or illustrator to celebrate their outstanding contribution to children’s literature.
- She is praised for the way she addresses grown-up issues in her writing. Her “Noughts and Crosses” series explores the themes of racism, violence, and love.
- She was awarded an OBE (an honor awarded by the Queen) in 2008.