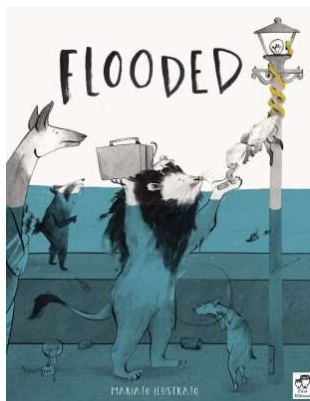


A selection of books especially selected for children in Year 1.

At Ferncumbe, our mission is to promote reading for pleasure and for children to develop a lifelong love of reading. Pupils are encouraged to read and explore a wide range of books in addition to the texts used in class. In this list, we have particularly avoided blockbusters and classics, so that we can include poetry, information texts and inspirational books in which all children can find themselves reflected.

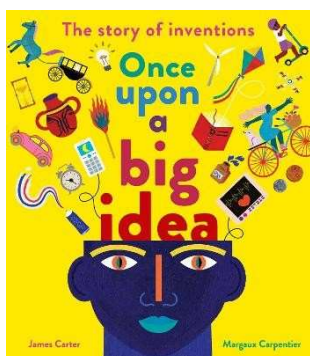
If your child is a very competent reader or has read all of these titles, then try the books from the Year 2 list.



Flooded

Author: Mariajo Ilustrajo Release Date: 03/05/2022

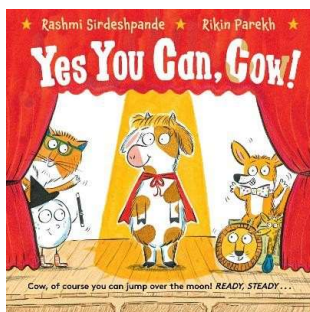
The unnamed city wakes up to a small amount of water everywhere and everybody ignores it and gets on with their lives, except for one small creature who knows it will become a problem, but nobody listens. Illustrated in muted colours with a vibrant pantone blue for the water there is much humour in the illustrations and text. The text is minimal but the book has a strong climate change and community message. This is a book that will appeal to all ages even though it is intended for the young.



Once Upon a Big Idea: The Story of Inventions

Author: James Carter Release Date: 14/04/2022

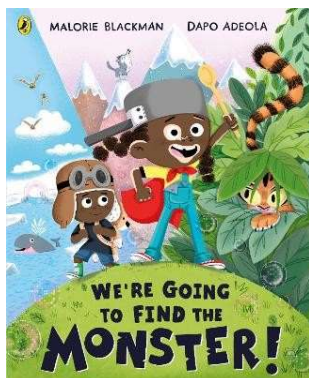
Telescopes and clocks and trains - all big ideas from human brains! From bridges and boats to medicines and mobile phones, this book takes readers on a journey of discovery through many amazing inventions. Learn how rocks and stones helped create the pyramids and how modern materials such as concrete and nylon have changed our lives. Lively rhyming text by James Carter and electrifying illustrations by Margaux Carpentier.



Yes You Can, Cow

Author: Rashmi Sirdeshpande Release Date: 03/02/2022

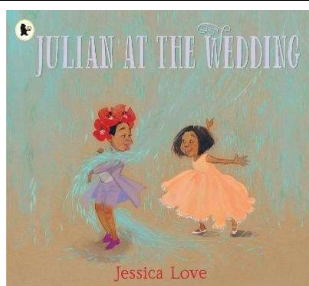
Rehearsals are under way for the big production of Hey Diddle Diddle, but poor Cow has the collywobbles and does not believe she could possibly jump over the moon and indeed there are spectacular failures! Rikin Parekh's witty and lively illustrations perfectly capture expressions of frustration, irritation, fear and embarrassment. Cow needs the support and encouragement of the troupe to give her the bravery to carry on trying. A model example to use to discuss resilience and how we learn, but a genuinely heart-warming and funny story too.



We're Going to Find the Monster

Author: Malorie Blackman Release Date: 02/09/2021

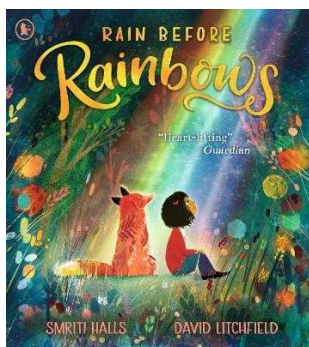
A rip-roaring picture book adventure. Over the shimmering ocean, up the huge, high mountain, through the deep, dark forest . . . WE'RE GOING TO FIND THE MONSTER! Join two intrepid adventurers as their imaginations transform their house into a wild wonderland - and their big brother becomes a mighty monster. A joy to read-aloud and full of funny, relatable characters, this is a contemporary celebration of creativity, fantasy and family.



Julian at the Wedding

Author: Jessica Love Release Date: 03/06/2021

The star of Julian Is a Mermaid makes a joyful return - and finds a new friend - at a wedding to be remembered. When wedding duties are fulfilled and with a new dog friend in tow, Julian and his cousin take off to roam the venue, exploring everywhere from underneath tables to enchanting willow trees to ... muddy puddles? After all, it wouldn't be a wedding without fun, laughter and a little magical mischief. With ingenuity and heart, author-illustrator Jessica Love tells a charming story of friendship, acceptance and celebration.

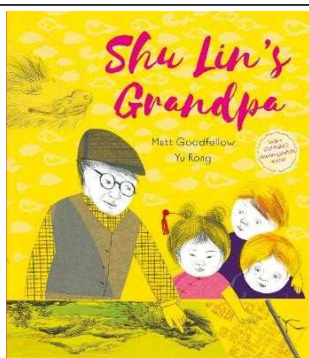


Rain Before Rainbows

Author: Smriti Halls Release Date: 22/04/2021

An uplifting, stunningly beautiful book about hope in the darkest of places. A girl and her companion fox travel together from a place of loss and despair, through uncertain times, towards the hope of colour, light and life. Along the way, they find friends to guide and support them.

Together, they build a glorious future and discover there is a way out of the darkness, into the light of the rainbow.

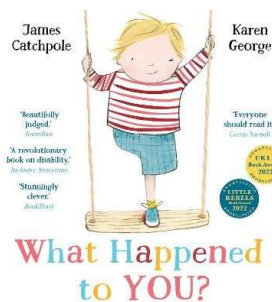


Shu Lin's Grandpa

Author: Matt Goodfellow Release Date: 08/04/2021

Shu Lin has just started at a new school. She stands alone in the playground and at lunchtime she eats by herself from little boxes of brightly coloured food. 'What's up with her?' says Barney. But when Shu Lin's grandpa comes to school and shows the class his amazing Chinese paintings, everything changes....

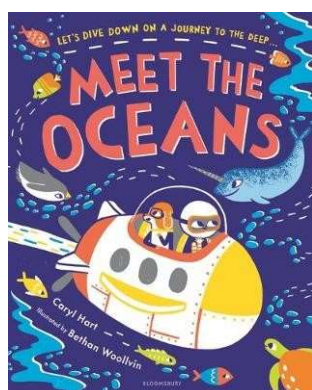
With a stunning double-spread revealing a beautiful Chinese picture, this uplifting story shows the transformative power of art and imagination in developing cultural understanding and empathy.



What Happened to You?

Author: James Catchpole Release Date: 01/04/2021

Imagine what it would feel like to always be asked the same question, to only be seen for your disability? Well Joe is very cross about that- he just wants to play pirates and so he ignores the other children and eventually they become curious and eventually they all join in and great fun is had by all. This is a funny and very enjoyable read that will nevertheless generate very useful discussions at home and school.

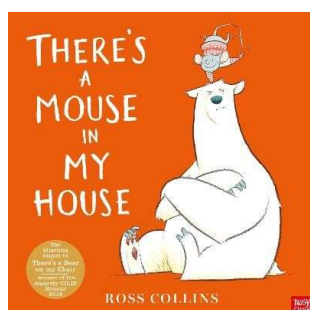


Meet the Oceans

Author: Caryl Hart Release Date: 04/03/2021

This book starts with a splash as a little girl and her dog set off on an epic submarine adventure that takes them from the freezing Arctic Ocean, through the breezy Atlantic, into the warm Caribbean, across the vast Pacific and from the busy South China Sea into the Indian Ocean.

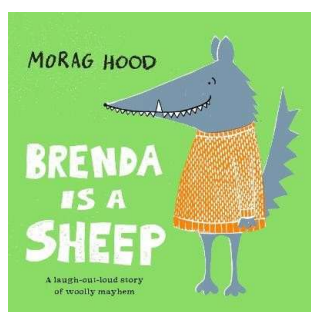
Caryl Hart's rhyming text provides the perfect introduction to each ocean, slipping in fascinating facts and drawing our attention to life above and below the waves.



There's a Mouse in my House

Author: Ross Collins Release Date: 01/10/2020

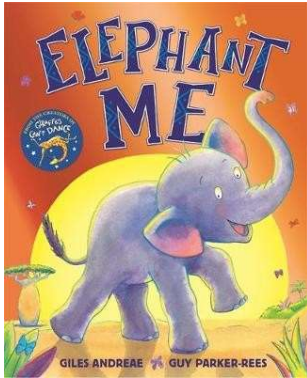
A sequel to *There's a Bear on My Chair*, in which it turns out that Bear isn't terribly keen on getting a taste of his own medicine (to begin with, at least). The cause of Bear's irritation is the presence of Mouse in his house. Of course, Mouse refuses to leave and proceeds to cause chaos in Bear's house, before a mob of partying mice turn up. With wonderful interplay between text, illustration and design, this is an excellent book for reading aloud.



Brenda Is a Sheep

Author: Morag Hood Release Date: 23/07/2020

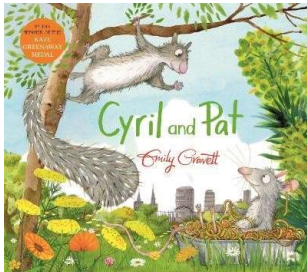
A surprisingly heart-warming tale. Every small child will know all about wolves and their interest in sheep and will delight in being able to predict what happens next. The sheep love the originality and inventiveness that Brenda brings to the flock and they manage to convince her that actually she loves being a sheep. A really positive message beautifully presented, a book perfect for reading when exploring alternative traditional tales.



Elephant Me

Author: Giles Andreae Release Date: 14/05/2020

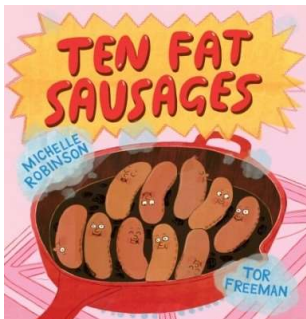
A vividly colourful jungle tale sharing a really positive message about being true to yourself. It is time for the all-important Elephant games when, one by one, the young elephants compete to impress King Elephant Mighty and earn their Elephant Name. So the loudest becomes Elephant Noisy and the strongest Elephant Strong and so on, but right at the end is little Num-Num who did not know what his talent was and failed to impress the king. He gets called Elephant Nothing at All and he decides to leave. But the animal friends he gains at his new watering hole convince him of his own worth and he returns to put the king right.



Cyril and Pat

Author: Emily Gravett Release Date: 10/07/2018

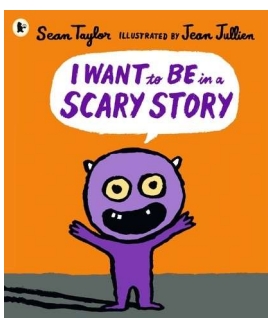
Witty and characterful illustrations and a clever rhyming text tell an inspiring tale of friendship against all odds.



Ten Fat Sausages

Author: Michelle Robinson Release Date: 07/02/2019

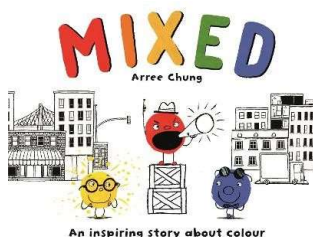
A tale of sausages and their fight for freedom, this picture book will have everyone laughing. We begin with ten sausages, of course, but as their friends go pop and bang, some of them decide to hop out of the pan, with varying degrees of success. The energetic storytelling creates something funny or surprising on every page, and it's great fun to read aloud.



I Want to Be in a Scary Story

Author: Sean Taylor Release Date: 06/09/2018

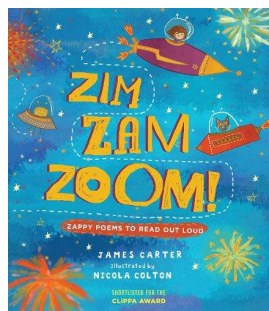
The Little Monster thinks he's brave but we're not so sure! Little Monster really wants to be in a scary story but he won't listen to the narrator. Cute, funny and just a little bit scary, a picture book perfect for Halloween fun.



Mixed

Author: Arree Chung Release Date: 14/06/2018

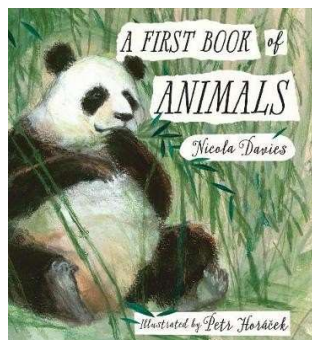
The primary colours have got everything sorted out in the city so they live in separate areas and never mix. But, when a Blue and a Yellow fall in love and marry, baby Green is soon born and everyone realises that mixing together makes everyone much happier. A love story in a paint box with an important message for all young readers.



Zim Zam Zoom Zappy Poems to Read Out Loud

Author: James Carter Release Date: 01/05/2016

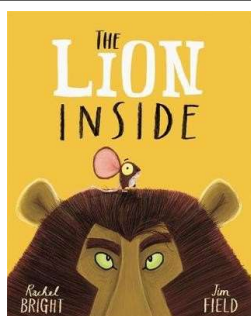
A lovely, lively and varied collection of verse that invites gleeful participation from its intended audience.



A First Book of Animals

Author: Nicola Davies Release Date: 06/10/2016

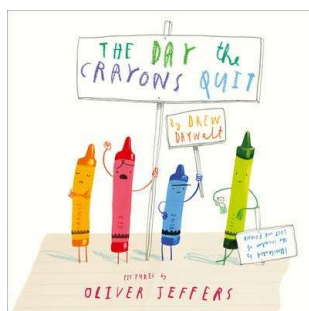
A book which will inspire a real interest in nature and the creatures that share our planet, as well as an appreciation of art and poetry. Nicola Davies shares her delight in animals in specially written poems, each of which is illustrated across dazzling double pages. Grouped by themes such as colours and shapes, creatures big and small are vividly brought to life. The images are breath-taking, full of movement and colour; the poems too are varied and memorable.



The Lion Inside

Author: Rachel Bright Release Date: 10/03/2016

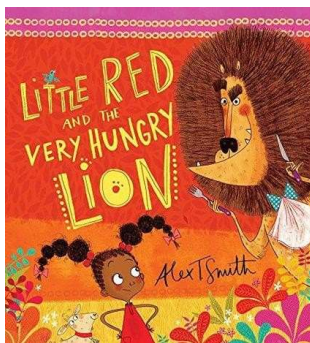
Fans of The Gruffalo and Giraffes Can't Dance will love this feel-good rhyming story portraying a positive message about overcoming your fears.



The Day the Crayons Quit

Author: Drew Daywalt Release Date: 27/06/2013

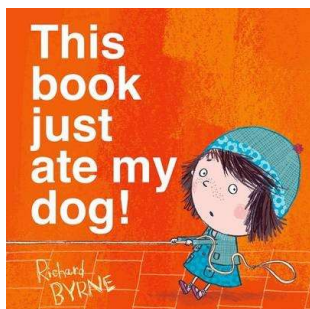
When Duncan goes to take out his crayons one day he finds a stack of letters inside. Every crayon has something to say. The red crayon complains he is used too much - too many things such as fire engines and strawberries are red; the purple crayon is a neat-minded soul and hates it that so much of Duncan's drawing goes outside the lines; the black crayon hates just to be used for outlines - and so on! In an attempt to satisfy them all, Duncan does a final drawing. A brilliant book for every age to enjoy.



Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion

Author: Alex T. Smith Release Date: 07/05/2015

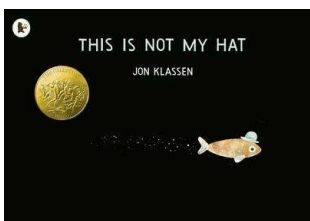
Little Red Riding Hood transposed to an African town setting where a lion is really no match for a clever small girl. An empowering portrayal of different cultures and a strong heroine, a witty, wonderfully engaging and beautifully illustrated classic fairy tale with a twist.



This Book Just Ate My Dog

Author: Richard Byrne Release Date: 01/01/2015

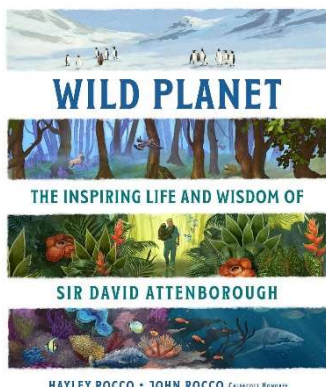
A little girl, a big dog, and a very badly-behaved book! Bella is taking her dog for a stroll across the page when something odd happens. Her dog disappears and it becomes apparent to Bella, her friend Ben, and the rescue services that peril lurks in the pages of this book. But where the police and fire brigade fail, you - the reader - can help!



This is Not My Hat

Author: Jon Klassen Release Date: 16/06/2014

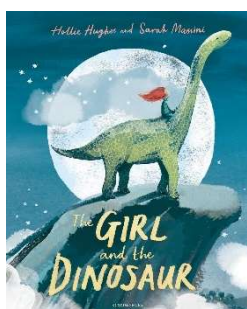
A witty, almost wordless picture book about a tiny fish who steals a hat from a very big fish - and hopes to get away with it. The illustrations show the audacious behaviour of a hapless fish heading for disaster. Readers will love knowing what the little fish doesn't!



Wild Planet: The Inspiring Life and Wisdom of David Attenborough

Author: Hayley Rocco Release Date: 05/06/2024

As a boy, David loved exploring the wild places near his home. When he was older, he travelled the world to film animals in their natural habitats. His adventures brought the wonders of the world into our homes. But David also noticed that our planet was changing. What could David do to help? What could we *all* do?



The Girl and the Dinosaur

Author: Hollie Hughes Release Date: 03/09/2020

In a town by the seaside, Marianne is often seen foraging on the beach. But she isn't playing with children her own age. Instead Marianne is alone, and digging for dinosaur bones to build a special sort of companion. Then, one night, she goes to sleep wishing with all her heart that her dinosaur might come to life...