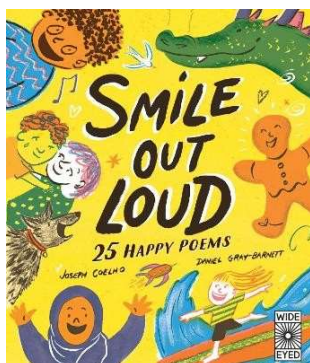


A selection of books especially selected for children in Year 2.

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.

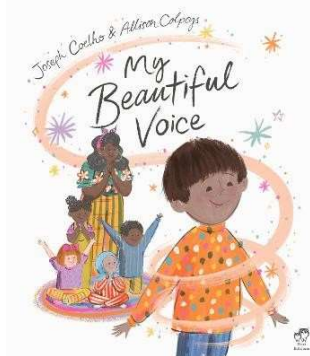
If your child is a very competent reader or has read all of these titles, then try the books from the Year 3 list.



Smile Out Loud 25 Happy Poems

Author: Joseph Coelho Release Date: 10/05/2022

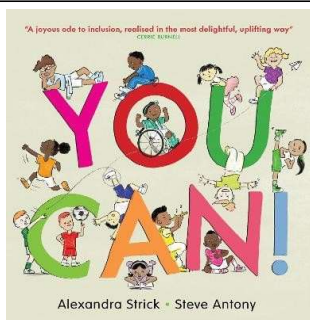
This is a compendium of poetry full of different styles, different shapes and different rhyme schemes that makes a wonderful read out loud collection. Each poem comes with a suggestion of how it might be used or how children might read it to each other, or even act out the different verses of specific poems. The poems make you smile, make you laugh, make you think and the bright illustrations add colour, humour and emotion to the collection.



My Beautiful Voice

Author: Joseph Coelho Release Date: 03/05/2022

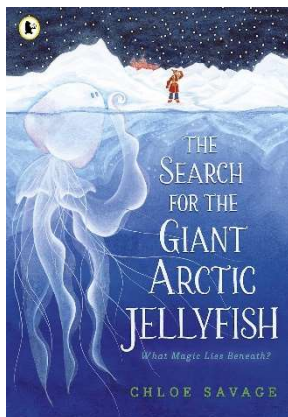
An inspirational story about finding your voice, both literally and metaphorically. The lyrical text and expressive images capture the intense anxiety of the shy child who never speaks in school and also the transformative power of a good teacher. Getting the child engaged in responding to poetry is the first step into unlocking her feelings and revealing what she needs to say. This lovely story has a powerful message of resilience, courage and determination and will encourage all children to unlock their potential.



You Can!

Author: Alexandra Strick Release Date: 07/10/2021

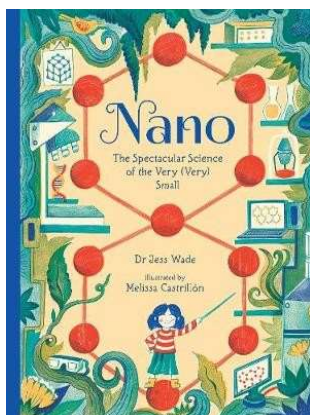
This book results from a unique, direct collaboration with children and young people aged from 8-18, where they were asked what they would say to their younger selves to inspire, reassure and enthuse them about the future. Their responses have been worked into a truly remarkable text, which follows 14 characters from babies to toddler through to young adults. Inspirational, aspirational, reassuring and hopeful, this book will truly allow every child to feel seen, heard and respected.



The Search for the Giant Arctic Jellyfish

Author: Chloe Savage Release Date: 05/10/2023

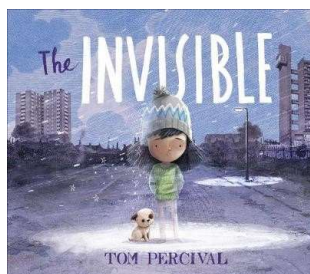
Dr Morley is about to embark on a quest to the northernmost tip of the world, to discover a creature that everyone talks about but nobody has ever seen: The Giant Arctic Jellyfish. After years of research and hard graft, she gathers together a highly trained crew and a boat full of specialist equipment and sets sail for the vast icy scapes of the Arctic. Will she find what she is searching for? Or will it find her?



Nano: The Spectacular Science of the Very (Very) Small

Author: Dr. Jess Wade Release Date: 01/04/2021

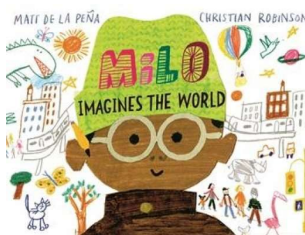
This exciting non-fiction picture book introduces young readers to the fascinating (and cutting-edge) science of the very, very small. Everything is made from something - but the way we make things, from the materials we use to the science and technology involved, is changing fast. Nano offers a fascinating narrative introduction to this cutting-edge area of STEM, better known by the name nanotechnology.



The Invisible

Author: Tom Percival Release Date: 04/02/2021

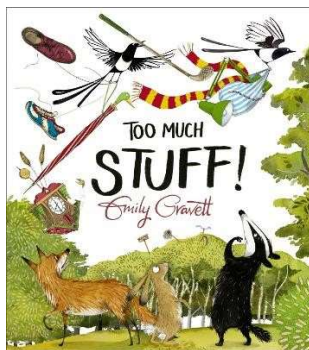
This is a picture book with an emphasis on family and belonging. Isabel is a small girl who lives with her family, and though they have little they have each other, so life is happy. Then disaster strikes and they have to leave their home to move to the other side of town - where everything is grey and cold and sad and lonely. Gradually colour returns to her life and she becomes part of a thriving community.



Milo Imagines The World

Author: Matt de la Peña Release Date: 04/02/2021

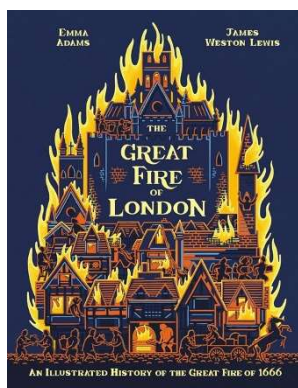
Milo Imagines the World is a warm and richly satisfying story about a little boy with a big imagination who learns that you can't know anyone just by looking at them. Set in a bustling city, and full of a family love that binds even in difficult circumstances. Milo is on a train journey through the city with his older sister, looking at the faces of the other passengers and drawing pictures of their lives.



Too Much Stuff

Author: Emily Gravett Release Date: 15/10/2020

Two magpies build a cosy nest in the tallest tree for their four bright blue eggs. But they then start to get worried 'their nest/ Needed more stuff to make it the best.' Written in rhyming verse, we stare in amazement at all the things the magpies collect to add to their nest - until there is no hope of seeing the nest, and we can only see the teetering heap of things that have been added on top! Disaster strikes as the tree gives way! Happily, all the animals around help to clear the mess - and create useful homes and shelters out of all the rubbish! A gentle, funny and very beautifully illustrated poem about waste and recycling.



The Great Fire of London

Author: Emma Adams Release Date: 26/05/2016

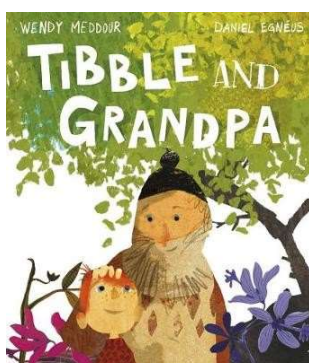
In 1666, London's citizens woke to see the skyline above their city's cramped wooden houses ablaze. *The Great Fire of London* is a visual re-telling of one of the most well-known disasters in the city's history. The drawings take readers on a journey, from the single smouldering coal that falls out of the baker's oven to the swirling clouds of ash that engulf the city and then in to the very heart of the fire itself. As the pages turn, you can witness London burning to the ground and then rebuilding again.



Clean Up!

Author: Nathan Bryon Release Date: 23/07/2020

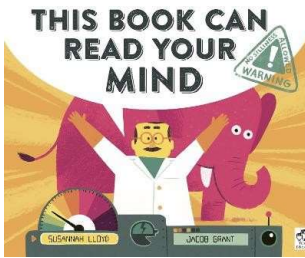
When Rocket goes for a holiday to visit her grandparents, she's shocked by the pollution that is spoiling their island home and putting the local sea life at risk. Can she think of a way to save the day?



Tibble and Grandpa

Author: Wendy Meddour Release Date: 21/05/2020

A touching intergenerational story of love and resilience. Tibble loves talking to Grandpa. But Grandpa has stopped listening. Mum says just give him time. But Tibble wants to talk to Grandpa now... So Tibble tries his favourite game - TOP THREES! And something amazing happens. Grandpa starts talking again... A moving story about love, loss, and the wonder of families.



This Book Can Read Your Mind

Author: Susannah Lloyd Release Date: 07/01/2020

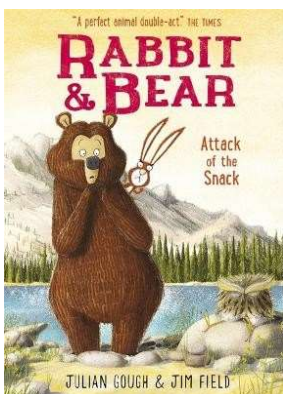
With a concept based entirely upon the universal truth that as soon as somebody tells you not to think of something, you immediately do so and the quite philosophic concept of visualisation of language heard or read, this book will have young (and old) readers in stitches. Stamped with a No Silliness Allowed warning on the front cover, we can anticipate plenty of silliness ahead despite the firm instructions from the very serious scientist introducing the amazing book that has the power to show a picture of the reader's thoughts.



After the Fall

Author: Dan Santat Release Date: 23/11/2018

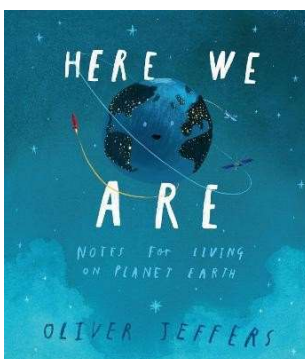
Anyone familiar with the story of poor old Humpty Dumpty will be intrigued by this story of what happens after that fall. A powerful story of recovery and overcoming fear this will resonate with all readers. The illustrations are full of clever jokes but portray Humpty's emotional state perfectly.



Attack of the Snack

Author: Julian Gough Release Date: 09/08/2018

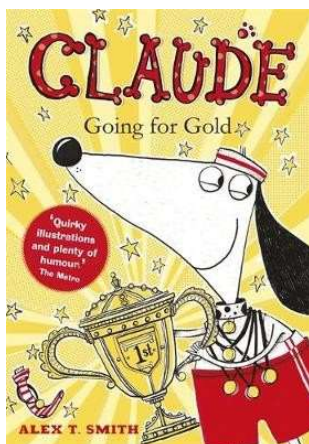
Rabbit and Bear: Book 3 Rabbit and Bear are perfect companions for building reading confidence. Gorgeously illustrated and with a classic feel, this is a brilliantly funny story of a rabbit and a bear who discover that things are always better when they're shared with a friend.



Here We Are

Author: Oliver Jeffers Release Date: 14/11/2017

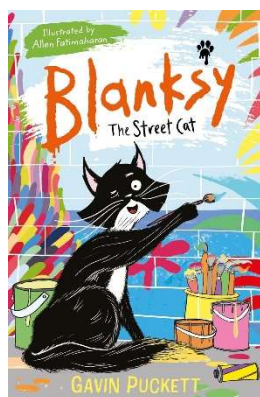
Inspired by the birth of his son, Oliver Jeffers has created a deeply touching introduction to the world as a physical space and also as a place that needs to be treated with great care and respect. Subtitled 'Notes for Living on Planet Earth' Jeffers uses richly coloured double page spreads and only a few words of commentary to describe the obvious features of land, sea, night and day but also how time can move both slow and fast and should never be wasted!



Claude Going for Gold!

Author: Alex T. Smith Release Date: 23/02/2017

When Claude and Sir Bobblysock discover a Very Exciting Sports Competition at their local sports centre, they are very excited. They are even more excited when they are asked to take part. But Claude's doggy paddle isn't quite fast enough, and he's not quite as good at gymnastics as he thought he might be. Then some robbers steal the Gold Cup and Claude chases them - can he run fast enough to catch them?

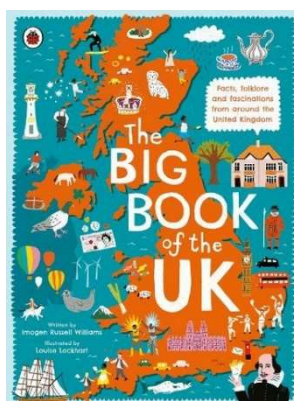


Blanksy the Street Cat

Author: Gavin Puckett Release Date: 02/05/2022

*Seascapes and landscapes, snowy-capped hills.
Colourful tulips and gold daffodils.
His art was incredible, vibrant and loud.
Enough to make Pablo Picasso feel proud!*

When Blanksy the cat discovers a talent for painting murals he uses it to draw bigger and bigger crowds to help his friend Pete the busker become rich. But will money really make Pete happy?



The Big Book of the UK: Facts, folklore and fascinations from around the United Kingdom

Author: Imogen Williams Release Date: 01/08/2019

A beautiful book introducing children to the wonders, history, culture and customs of the United Kingdom. Find out where black diamonds come from and meet the supernatural animal that haunts the Scottish Highlands. Filled with facts about wildlife, food, sports, geography, language and some very silly place names, this book will help you uncover national secrets and unearth local legends.