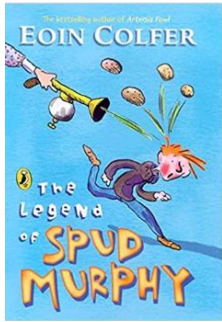


Recommended Reading List for Year 2

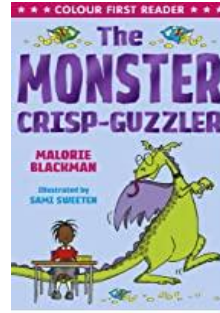
Classic & Modern Fiction

 <p>The Hedgehog Dick King-Smith <small>The master of animal adventures</small></p>	<p>Max is a hedgehog who lives with his family in a nice little home, but it's on the wrong side of the road from the Park where there's a beautiful lily pond and plenty of juicy slugs, worms and snails! The busy road is dangerous but Max is determined to make his way across. If humans can do it, why can't hedgehogs?</p>	 <p>FLAT STANLEY THE ORIGINAL CLASSIC ADVENTURE JEFF BROWN <small>Illustrated by Rob Biddulph</small></p>	<p>Stanley Lambchop was just an ordinary boy – until a noticeboard fell on him. Now he's flat as a pancake! Being flat is fantastic – he can be rolled up, sent in the post and even fly like a kite. But it's not all fun and games . . . there are thieves in town. Can Flat Stanley be a hero?</p>
 <p>Janet & Allan Ahlberg Mrs Wobble the Waitress <small>A favourite HAPPY FAMILIES story</small></p>	<p>Mrs Wobble LOVES her job as a waitress but, oh dear, there's one big problem - she wobbles!! And when she wobbles and wobbles and drops jelly everywhere, it's time for a new job! Luckily, Mr Wobble, and all the Wobble children have a cunning plan . . .</p>	 <p>ANNE FINE The Diary of a Killer Cat <small>"Hilarious" - Guardian</small></p>	<p>Poor Ellie is horrified when Tuffy drags a dead bird into the house. Then a mouse. But Tuffy can't understand what all the fuss is about.</p>
 <p>Everyone's favourite wizard Mr Majeika Humphrey Carpenter</p>	<p>As a rule, magic carpets don't turn up in schools, but this is exactly what happens when Class Three's new teacher flies in through the classroom window and lands on the floor with a bump. Mr Majeika can behave just like any ordinary teacher if he wants to, but something has to be done about Hamish Bigmore, the class nuisance, and so he uses a little magic to turn him</p>	 <p>ROALD DAHL GEORGE'S MARVELLOUS MEDICINE <small>Illustrated by Quentin Blake</small></p>	<p>George Kranky's Grandma is a miserable grouch. George really hates that horrid old witchy woman. One Saturday morning, George is in charge of giving Grandma her medicine. <i>So-ho! Ah-ha! Ho-hum!</i> George knows exactly what to do. A magic medicine it will be! One that will either cure her completely of her</p>
 <p>URSULA MORAY WILLIAMS Gobolino the Witch's Cat</p>	<p><i>Gobolino</i> by Ursula Moray Williams is the charming tale of a witch's cat who would rather be a kitchen cat. Gobolino has one white paw and blue eyes and isn't wicked at all, so his mother doesn't like him. He escapes to look for a kitchen home but is distrusted everywhere he goes and blamed for mysterious happenings, such as the farmer's milk turning sour and the orphanage children's gruel turning into chocolate.</p>	 <p>Clarice Bean That's Me Clarice Bean is fifteen Lauren Child</p>	<p>All Clarice Bean wants is a bit of peace and quiet. But that can be hard to find in a house where your little brother is being <i>utterly</i> annoying, your big brother is in the dark tunnel of adolescence and your grandad's pouring soup on his cornflakes . . .</p>

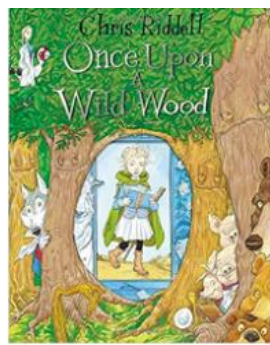


Will has four brothers and it's chaos in his house! If he's not being teased by his big brother Marty, he has to deal with the terrible, three-headed bundle of cuteness that is his three younger brothers. Even worse, his mother has the brilliant idea of packing Will and Marty off to the library during the holidays. She just doesn't understand! Not only is the library no fun, it's also the habitat of the legendary librarian Spud

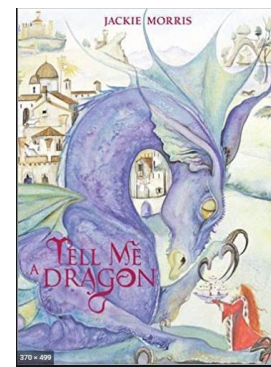
Murphy.



At her new school, Mira discovers she has a very unusual teacher - a teacher who turns into a real-life dragon when she eats crisps! This comes in very handy when the class run into trouble on a school trip to the seaside...

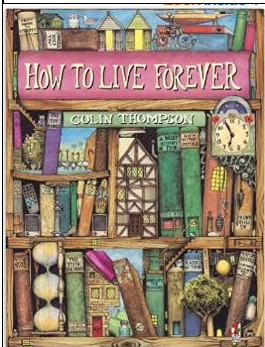


Little Green Raincape is on her way to Rapunzel's party, deep in the wild woods. The way is long and dark, but Green is a smart girl. Smart enough to turn down apples offered by kindly old ladies, smart enough to turn down travel advice from helpful wolves, and above all, smart enough to solve a wealth of classic fairy tale problems - not least mend a lovelorn beast's broken heart.



With wonderful stylish artwork by an artist of rare talent, this book describes through images and enchanting text the many different varieties of dragon and exactly why the different owners love them more than any other. Ranging from a dragon as big as a village to a tiny dragon with whisper-thin

wings and finally at the end of the book a page bursting with every dragon in the book.



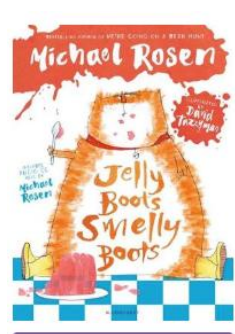
Peter and his family live among the Quinces in the cookery section of a mystical library, and at night, when the library comes to life, Peter ventures out of his home to find a missing volume: How To Live Forever.



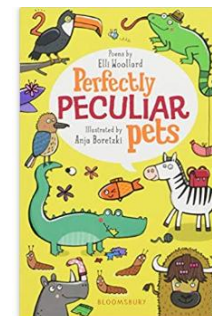
'Dear Uncle Morton. You'd better get on a plane right now and come back here. Your dragon has eaten Jemima.' It had sounded so easy: Edward was going to look after Uncle Morton's unusual pet for a week while he went on holiday. But soon the fridge is empty, the curtains are blazing and the postman is fleeing down the

garden path.

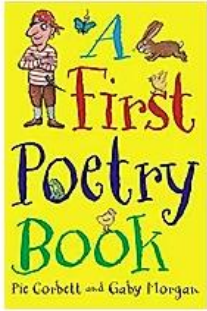
Poetry



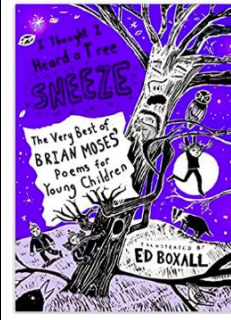
A riotous celebration of words - silly words, funny words, words you only use in your own family, new words, old words, and the very best words in the right order. Filled with colour illustrations and packed with silly rhymes, witty wordplay and thought-provoking story poems, this collection will delight children of all ages.



From armadillos, flamingos and umbrella birds to quokkas and iguanas, Elli Woollard presents a lovely collection of poems for younger children about pets which are just a little bit peculiar... Filled with fun rhymes, quirky black-and-white illustrations and exotic animals, this book is perfect for reading aloud.



This topic-based collection features brand-new poems about fairies, mermaids, princesses, monsters, mythical creatures, dinosaurs, pets, transport, families, seasons, school, people who help us, pirates, the senses, space, feelings, holidays and festivals, minibeasts, food, where we live, nature, friends and the past.

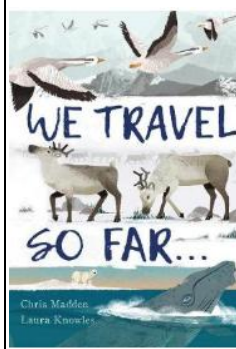


I thought I heard a Tree Sneeze. Animals, mini-beast, parents, siblings, there's plenty of material for Brian Moses to write about. Here's a wonderful collection of his poems for younger children brought together for the first time in one volume.

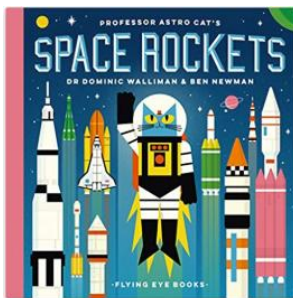
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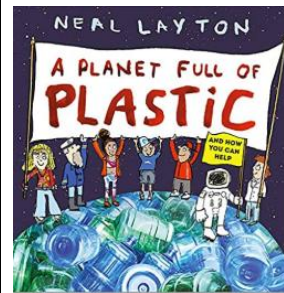
Meet Belka and Strelka, the two dogs who changed the face of space history and became international celebrities in the process! In 1960, two stray dogs were plucked from the streets of Moscow to become space pioneers. This quirky and delightful picture book tells the incredible true story of these heroic strays.



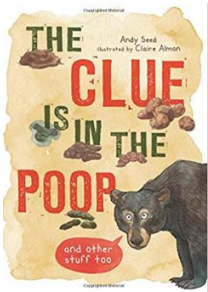
A beautifully illustrated picture book looking at the most incredible journeys undertaken by animals around the world, from the epic migration of the huge humpback whale to the unbelievable determination of the tiny hummingbird, each animal tells us the reason why they travel so very far.



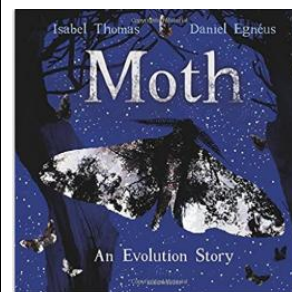
Professor Astro Cat's latest adventure leads young readers through the wonders of space travel. Easy-to-understand facts and beautiful illustrations introduce rockets, astronauts, satellites and the space station.



Our world is drowning in plastic, and it's a big problem. Award-winning author-illustrator Neal Layton is here to explain where plastic comes from, why it doesn't biodegrade, and why that's dangerous for animals and humans.

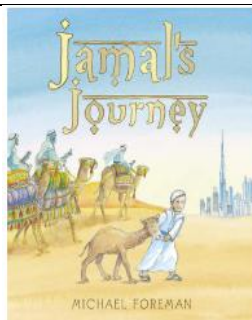


A fascinating and funny guide to animals and their poo, and all the other tracks and traces they leave behind. You will be amazed (and perhaps a little revolted!) by the things that can be learned about wildlife from their deposits.

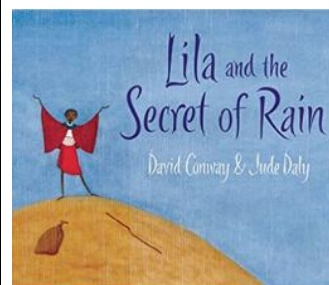


A clever picture book text about the extraordinary way in which animals have evolved, intertwined with the complication of human intervention. This remarkable retelling of the story of the peppered moth is the perfect introduction to natural selection and evolution for children.

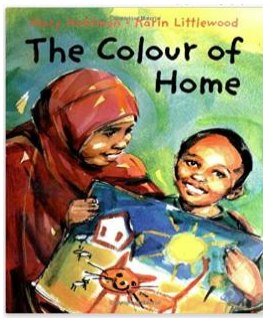
Diversity



Jamal is a little camel so he must walk, walk, walk through the desert. One day he becomes separated from his friend, the boy, but a wise falcon helps to reunite them. They go on to explore the city and its exciting sights and sounds.



Lila and the Secret of Rain. The beautiful story of how Lila saves her village by telling the sky the saddest thing she knows. Without rain the well will run dry and the crops will fail. Lila is so worried that when her grandfather whispers to her the secret of rain, she decides to go and talk to the sky herself.

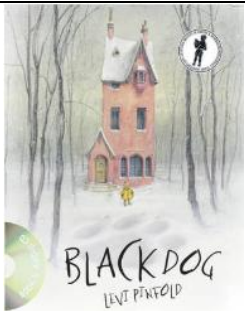


Hassan feels out of place in a new cold, grey country. At school, he paints a picture showing his colourful Somali home, covered with the harsh colours of war from which his family has fled. He tells his teacher about their voyage from Mogadishu to Mombasa, then to the refugee camp and on to England. But gradually things change. When Hassan's parents put up his next picture on the wall, Hassan notices the maroon prayer mat, a bright green cushion and his sister Naima's pink dress - the new colours of home.



An uplifting book that represents one Polish girl's experience of living in the UK. Kasia misses her old home in Poland, especially her friends and family, and finds it hard to like her new home in England. When her grandparents arrive from Poland for a surprise visit, Kasia finds delight in showing them around her town and realises that she is fonder of her new home than she thought.

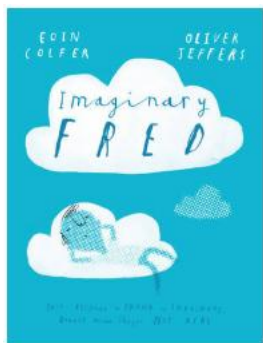
Emotions & Relationships



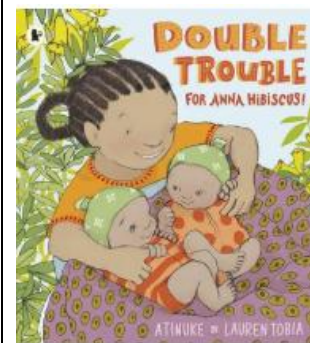
Only Small, the youngest of the Hopes, has the courage to face the Black Dog that appears outside the family's home. When it chases her through the forest she shows no fear, so it grows smaller and smaller.



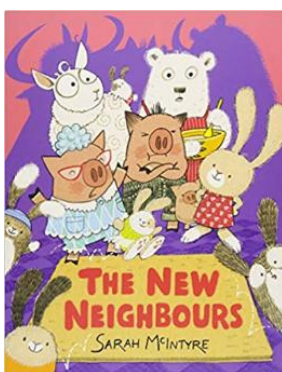
Laszlo is afraid of the dark. He knows that the dark lives in the same house as him but luckily they don't usually share the same space in the house. One day, Laszlo goes looking for the dark. It's a scary journey of discovery.



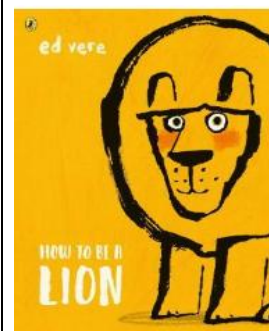
Sometimes, with a little electricity, or luck, or even magic, an imaginary friend might appear when you need one. An imaginary friend like Fred...Fred floated like a feather in the wind until a lonely little boy wished for him and found a friendship like no other.



Anna's mum has just given birth to twins and Anna is going to have to share her family with her baby brothers. She immediately starts thinking of them as Double and Trouble. Perfect for big brothers or sisters.



When new neighbours move in to the tower block, what will the other residents of Pickle Rye think? Find out in this hilarious and light-hearted book that is bursting with wonderful characters and humour. Giggle away as you hop, trot and totter down the stairs to share news of the new neighbours and learn just how important it is to leave judgements and prejudices far behind.



Meet Leonard - a lion like no other. Leonard's best friend is Marianne, a duck. But lions chomp ducks, don't they? And what will the pair do when their way of life is threatened? The bold expressive line captures the philosophical nature of this non-conformist lion and his unlikely friend, and empowers all readers to stand up for what they believe in.