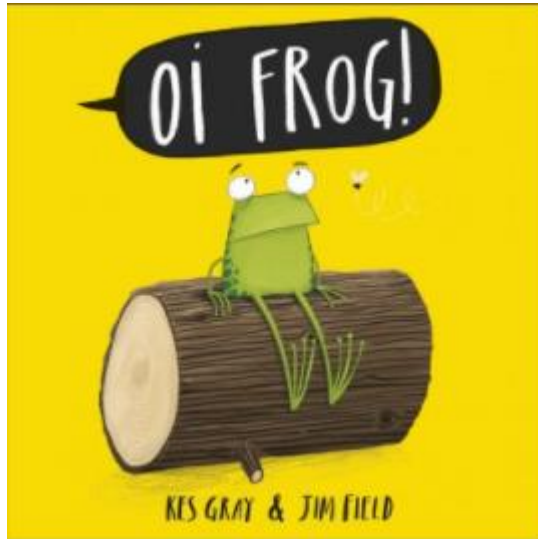


Miss Bowskill Recommends

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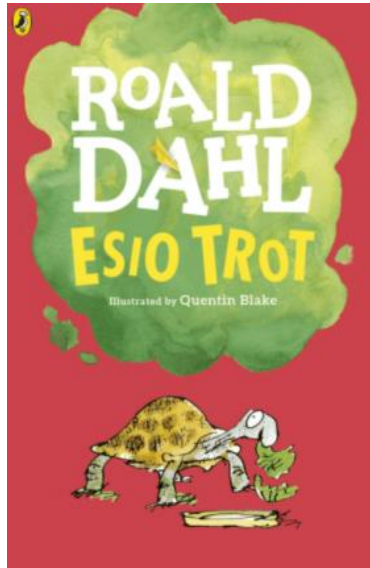
Oi Frog! By Kes Gray and Jim Field.



This is one of my favourite books because it is funny and is great for learning about rhyming words. There are lots of different animals in the book and they all sit on different things, so it is very entertaining.

The book is filled with colourful and funny pictures. Jam packed with animals and silliness, this story is guaranteed to make you giggle!

KS2 Esio Trot by Roald Dahl



Roald Dahl is my favourite author of all time. I started reading his books when I was in KS2 and still re-read them now!

Esio Trot tells the story two people who are both lonely and a

pet - a man called Mr Hoppy, his neighbour Mrs Silver, and Mrs Silver's special tortoise called Alfie. The story has many important messages. It shows that it is good to try and find people around you that like the same things.

Roald Dahl shows through the friendship of Mr Hoppy and Mrs Silver that it is important to have friends with the same interests as you. When they learn that they both share an interest in Alfie, they realise that teamwork and co-operation helps them to get further.

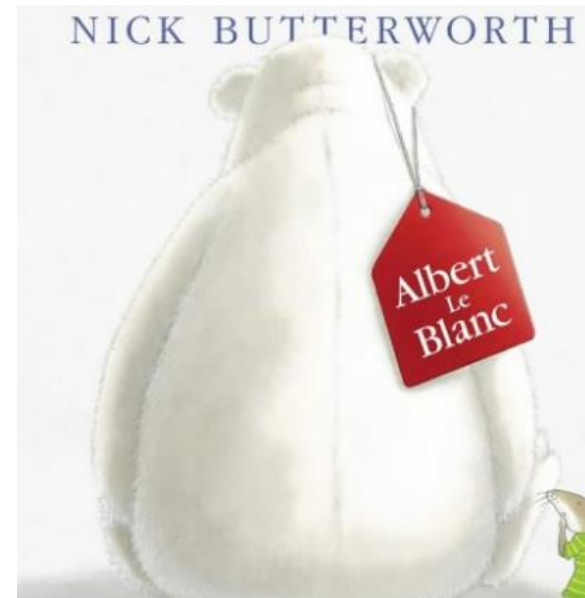
Miss Jones Recommends

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Albert Le Blanc – Nick
Butterworth

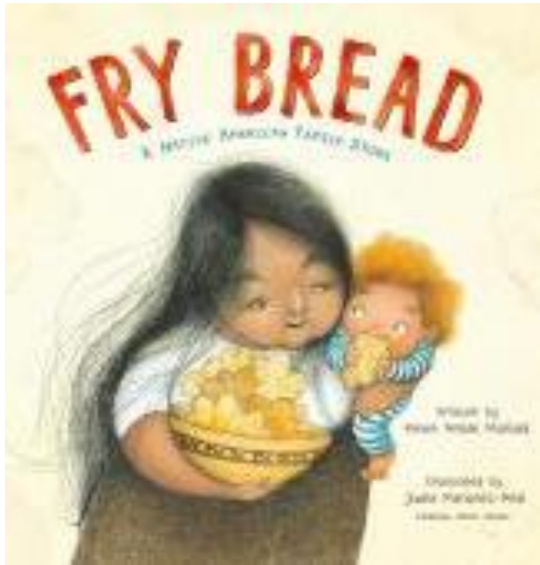
It didn't take me much time at all to think about my favourite book... if you are in my class you will know I have chosen 'Albert Le Blanc' by Nick Butterworth. The main reason I love reading this book and sharing it with other people is because it is so funny! The ending never fails to make everyone in the room smile and giggle. If you

haven't yet read it... you certainly should. It'll brighten up your day!



Miss Luz Recommends

Fry Bread – Kevin Noble Millard



Fry bread is a beautifully illustrated book that shows the life of a modern Native American family. It explores how fry

bread, like other amazing food gives Native American families time together. The story also shows how food helped build the Native American culture.

Hair love –
Matthew A
Cherry

Hair love is a lovely story that teaches you how to love and appreciate yourself. It is also illustrated with amazing, bright pictures that you will love.

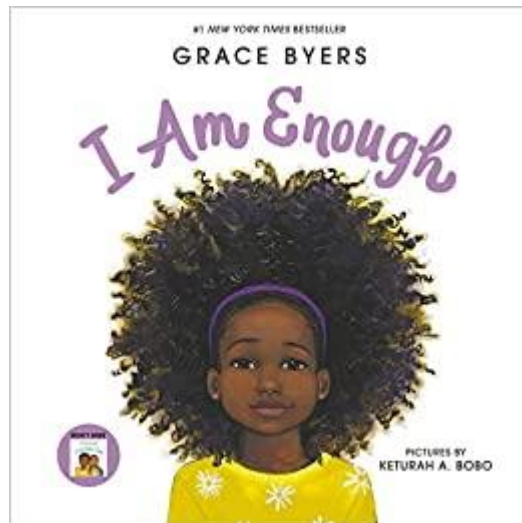


Miss Parsley's Book

Recommendations

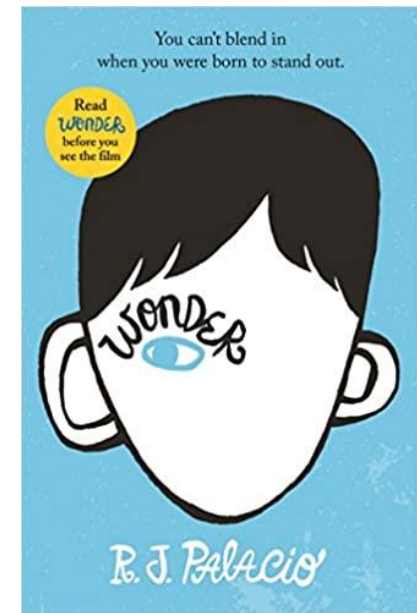
I Am Enough by Grace Byers

I bought this book for my niece after falling in love with the message. The message of this book, to embrace and celebrate our differences, is one of the most important ones and one which sometimes we can all need a reminder of. The rhyme and rhythm of this book makes it a fun and inspiring read.



Wonder by R J Palacio

I am certain many of you will have already read this one but it became an instant favourite of mine after reading over the summer. The story follows a boy name Auggie as he starts school for the first time. What is already a challenging time is only made more difficult by the fact that he has a facial disfigurement. This is an amazing story about the power of kindness and friendship.



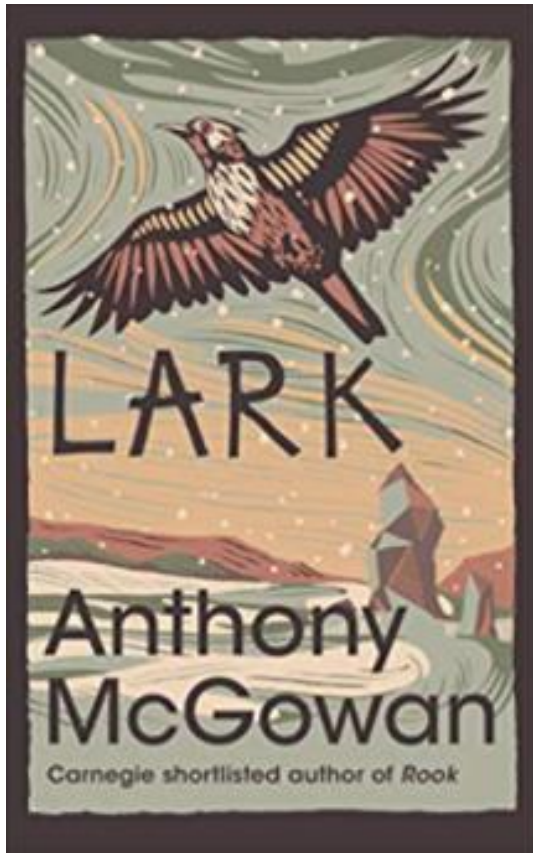
Miss Robinson Recommends

KS1

Sam and Dave Dig a Hole - Mac Barnett and Jon Klassen



Jon Klassen is one of my favourite authors and illustrators because he knows how to hide meaning in pictures. You could spend a lot of time learning new things each time you look at this book, even without looking at the words.



This is a particularly wonderful book because it raises lots of questions about what individuals search for in life and what's

Lark -- Anthony McGowan

important to us. It's a stunning picture book that would suit children of all ages.

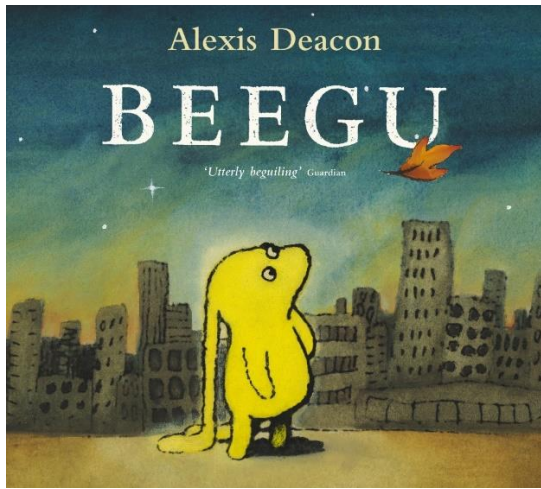
KS2

What a stunning novella. There are some rude words inside (so be prepared!) but that's not what makes this book magical. The text is sparse, which means there's lots underneath the surface; I love a book which suggests more than it says. The story itself is riveting – I found myself laughing, panicking and crying. In that order. Who knew that a lark through the countryside could be so dangerous, yet could show how close two people can be? A must-read novel for older children, I really

recommend that you spend some time in this novella.

Miss Rowden Recommends

KS1 - Beegu by Alexis Deacon



Alexis Deacon has written some amazing books but Beegu has to be number one on my list for

children in KS1 (although I would recommend it to children and adults of all ages!). Beegu tells the story of a lost creature who is on a journey to find her way home. Along the way she tries, and often fails, to find her place in our world. One of my favourite things about this book is the way Beegu's ears are such an important part of the story. Can you spot how she is feeling just by looking at her?

KS2 – The Journey by Francesca Sanna



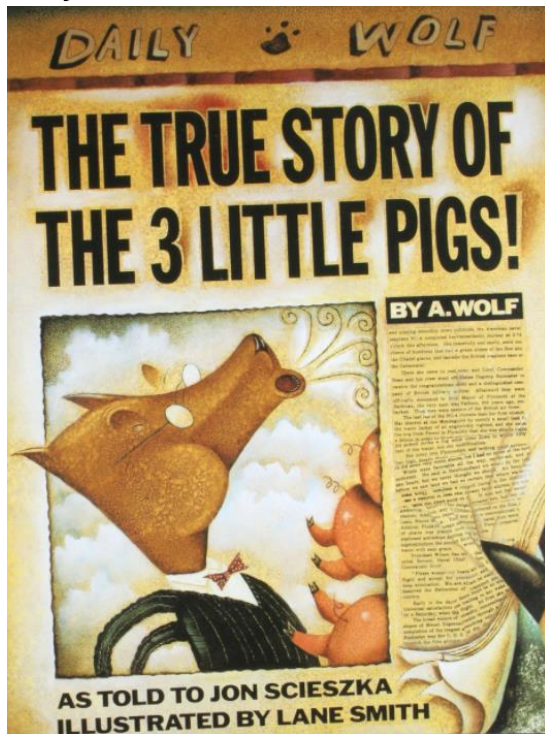
This is one of my absolute favourite books to share with children in KS2. My class have enjoyed reading this together during our reading comprehension lessons and it inspired so many

incredible discussions. The Journey tells the story of a family who leave their home and everything they know behind to escape the turmoil of war. It is based on the true stories of refugees who are searching for a better life. As in many picture books, the text is simple and so much is left for the reader to discover through the images. A must read!

Mr Cooper Recommends

KS1

The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs—Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith



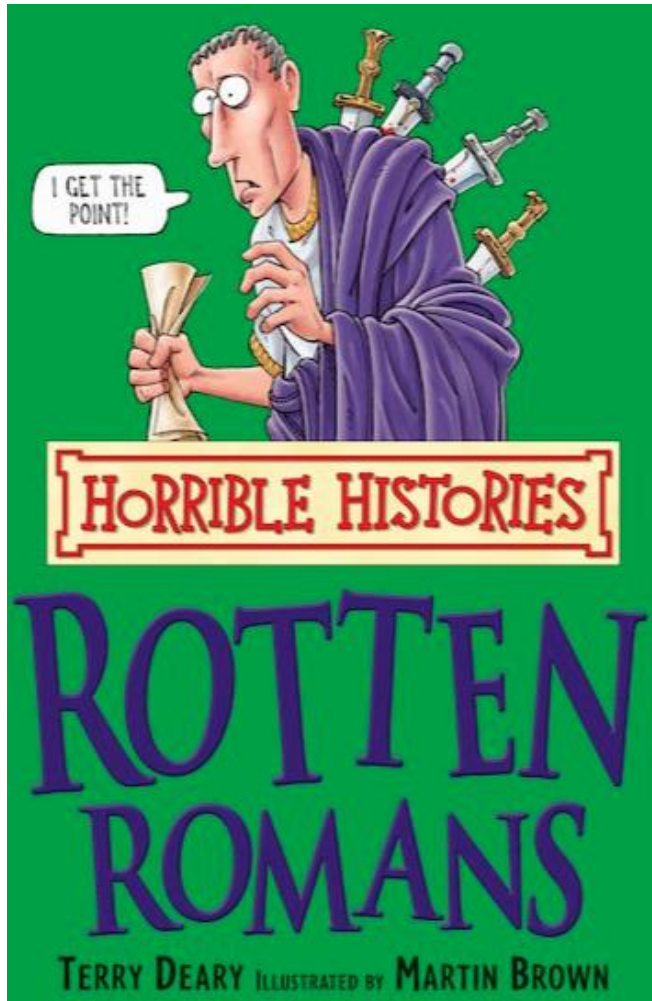
Did you ever feel sorry for the Big Bad Wolf at the end of the story of The Three Little Pigs? After all, what's a wolf supposed to do when he's hungry and desperate?

Author Jon Scieszka had the brilliant idea of retelling this famous story from the Wolf's point of view where we find out that perhaps he was just misunderstood.

It's a fun and often hilarious read that shows how **who** is telling the story is often more important than the story itself.

KS2

Rotten Romans – Terry Deary



This is the book that launched the behemoth that is *Horrible Histories*. Well, not quite. There were two books that came before it. But for me, this is the first and most important.

We find out a lot about the Romans when we're at school but leave the really important questions to Terry Deary. Things like "What use did the Romans have for a sponge on the end of a stick?" and "Can you keep on conquering when you run out of conkers?"

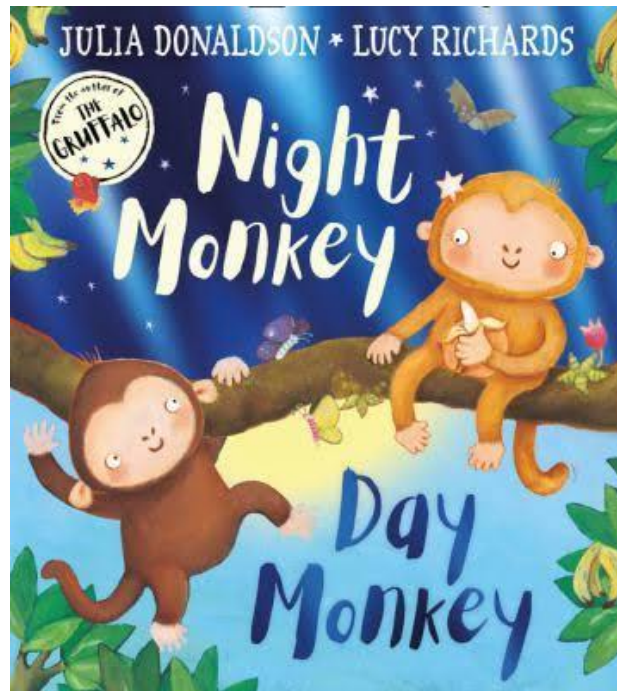
If you're at all interested in history and the amazing (or amazingly stupid) things ancient people got up to, *Rotten Romans* is the place to start.

Mrs Bastable Recommends

Lower KS1

Night Monkey, Day Monkey

- Julia Donaldson/Lucy Richards



Julia Donaldson is my all-time favourite author for younger children because of her choice of vocabulary and clever rhyme. In this story of two monkeys, there is a constant rhythm which continues throughout in a repeating pattern. It makes me laugh when I read this book aloud as it is so enjoyable to feel the momentum of the words. Lucy Richards has created sweet monkey characters and enticing night-time and day-time worlds in her colourful illustrations.

Mrs Gallagher Recommends

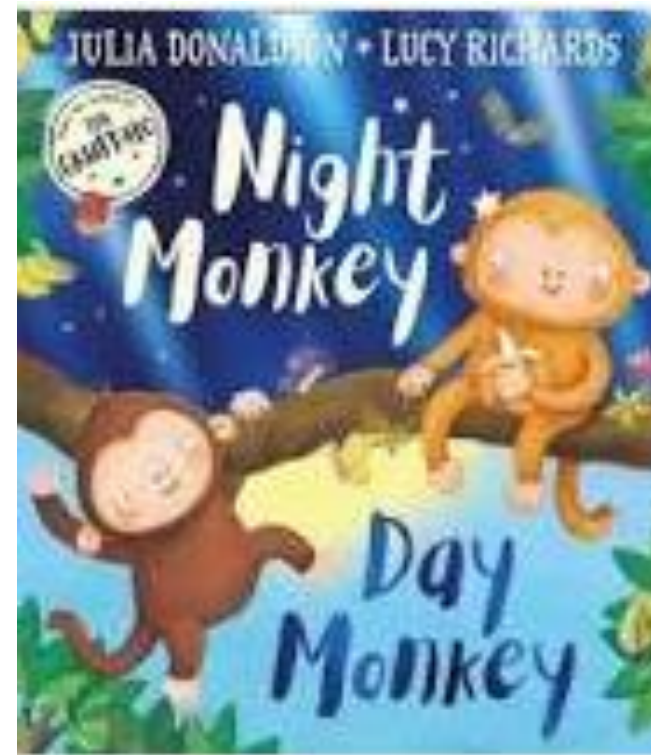
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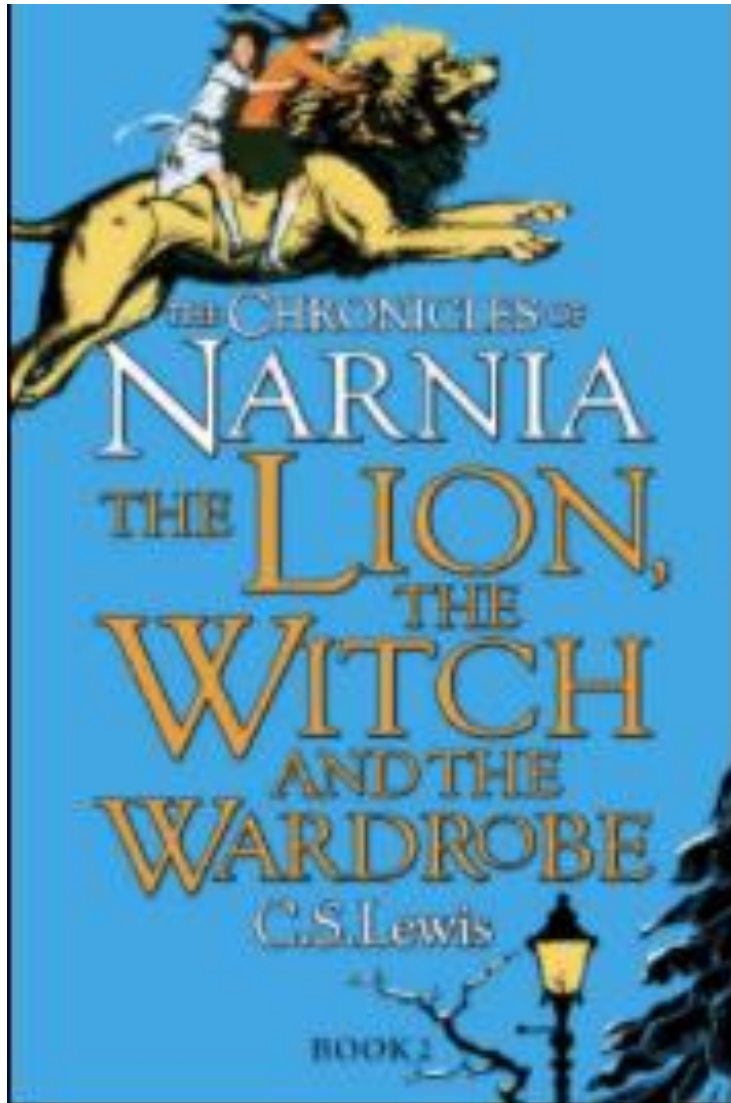
Day Monkey Night Money – Julia Donaldson

This is one of my favourite story books, written by the wonderful author who wrote The Gruffalo.

In the story of the two friends Day Monkey and Night Monkey help each understand the others world. They are kind and helpful, which is what we all know friends should be.

It is also makes me giggle when the monkeys can't decide what some unknown creatures are and have a guess. It is a fun game for us to try and guess too.





KS2

The Chronicles of Narnia - C S Lewis

A true classic for children and adults alike. I first read this with my mum when I was around 8 years old; I found reading tricky so my mum would read a paragraph and then I would read. It took us a while to read the whole book but I loved the way it created pictures in my head of the most amazing imaginary world filled with fantasy creatures.

When I was 11, I returned to the world of Narnia and read the whole story on my own, it felt great!



Throughout my teenage years, I went on to read the whole series of books. Each book has its own setting and some new characters, which adds to the excitement. There are lots of hidden messages in the Narnia books. Do you know who Aslan the great lion represents?

As an adult I have enjoyed introducing these stories to my own children and also watching the film adaptations, too. I love watching films that have been created from books. It is fascinating to discuss the similarities and differences in the films and the books.

I would recommend *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* by CS Lewis to anyone from 7 years old up to 107! (or beyond)

Mrs Jones Recommends

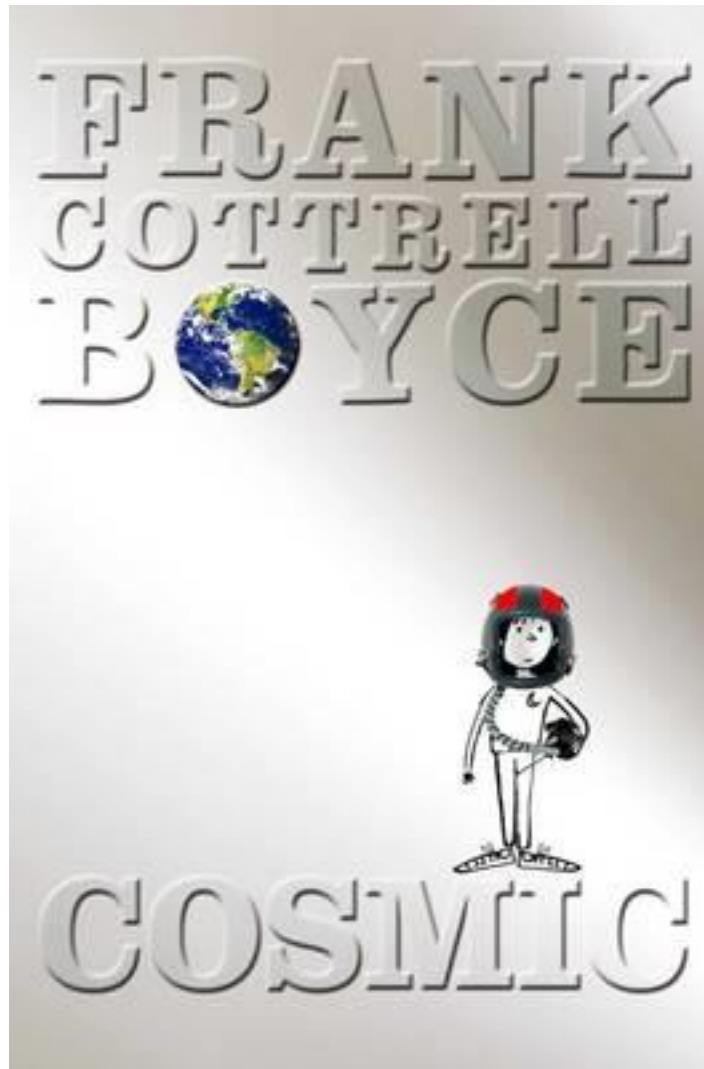
KS1

Mr Magnolia – Quentin Blake

Quentin Blake
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MAGNOLIA



I love books by Quentin Blake, with their colourful illustrations and distinctive characters, but I particularly love Mr Magnolia, who is blessed with so many wonderful (and somewhat whacky) things in his life and yet only one boot. The book is full of fun, humour and lots of lovely rhyming. Will poor Mr Magnolia ever find another boot, or will he forever have to hop? You will have to read the story to find out...



KS2

COSMIC - Frank Cottrell Boyce

If you like a fast-paced story that's crammed full of humour and somewhat improbable events, then I would recommend COSMIC, by Frank Cottrell Boyce.

Liam Digby is a typical 12-year-old boy, except for one thing: he looks older. A lot older. So old, in fact, that he is frequently mistaken for a grown up. Coupled with his slight inability to tell the truth, this gets Liam into some difficult

situations. Like the time he accidentally took assembly, or the time he nearly stole a Porsche. But, as Liam explains, none of these incidents compare with the events that lead up to him visiting a theme park and sort of, by accident, ending up in space.

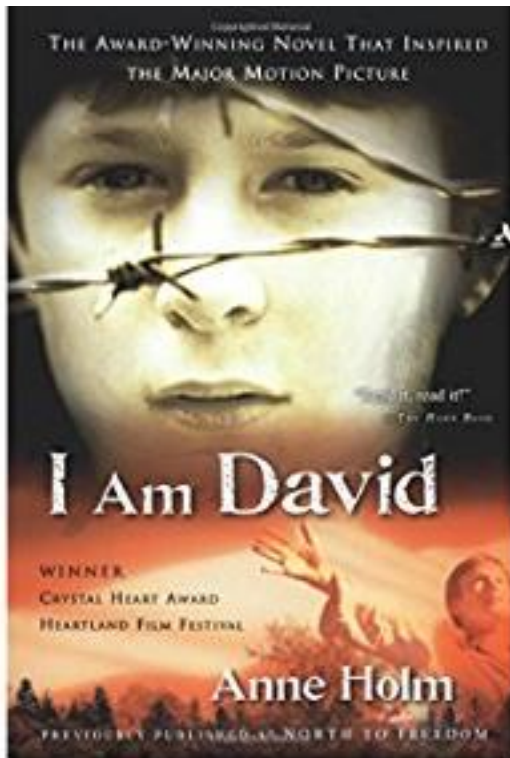
This book made me laugh out loud when I read it. I love the way that scientific space facts are combined with imaginative comic fiction; I love the way that Liam tries so hard to do the right thing, even when things keep going

wrong, and I love the other crazy characters that the author brings to life. It's an out-of-this-world read in more ways than one.

Mrs Morley Recommends

Upper KS2

I am David - Anne Holm

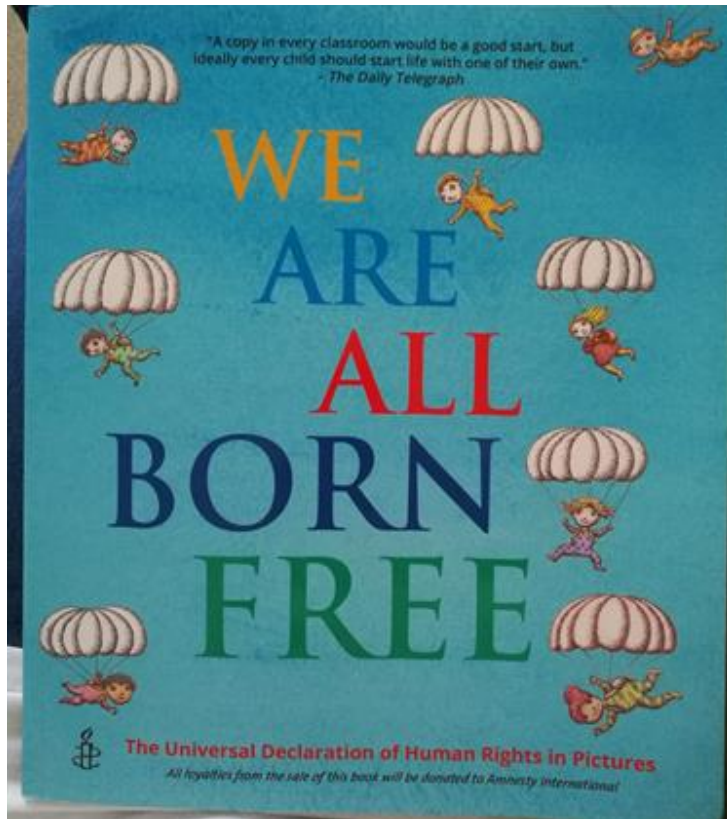


A beautiful and powerful story full of both sadness and hope. A story that shows the extraordinary resilience and courage of a young boy. David, in spite of his experiences in a concentration camp, can appreciate the beauty of the world.

A deeply moving book that would suit older children

KS2

We Are All Born Free – Amnesty International



A unique collection of stunning pictures to represent the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Everyone on the planet is protected by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. No matter who we are or where we live, we should be thriving. Believing and acting on these rules is how we make the world a better place.

A wonderful picture book for children of all ages.

Mrs Swift Recommends

KS1

The Red Prince – Charlie Roscoe

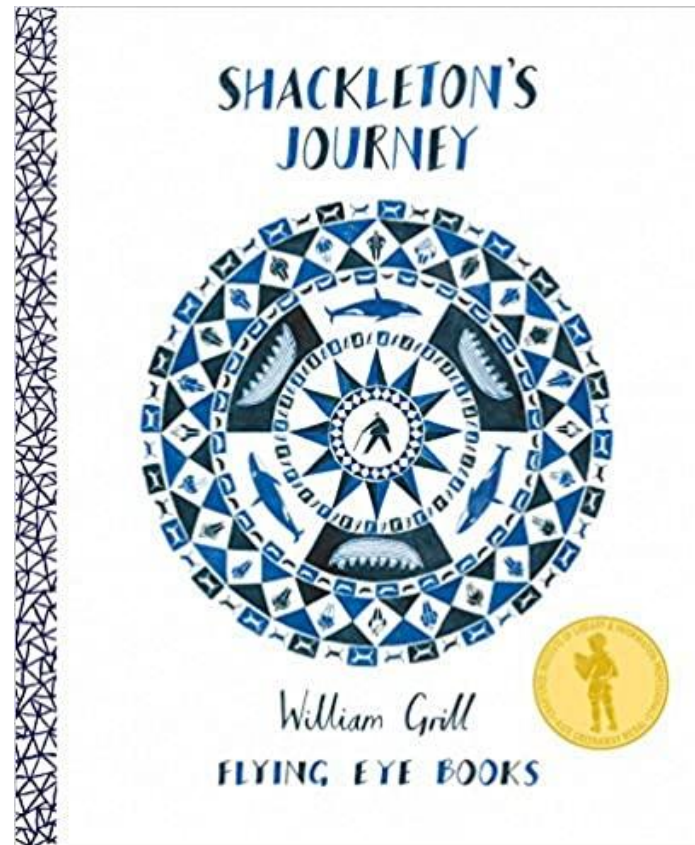


I love this book because it is so visually stunning. When the young prince of Zapada is imprisoned by invaders, he needs all the help he can get to escape. As he flees, dressed in his red pyjamas, his captors are hot on his heels. Eventually, the brave young boy comes together with his people who defend him in a very clever way!

The text is quite minimal, and this is perfect for the story - the pictures tell the story as much as the words.

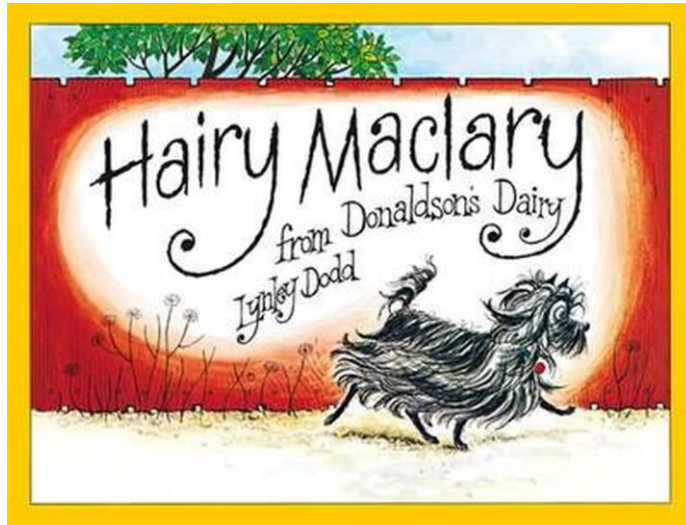
KS2

Shackleton's Journey - [William Grill](#)



This is an enchanting book with gorgeous illustrations and an engaging style. It's jam packed with fascinating and incredible facts and information, but you hardly realise you're learning! It's a unique visual re-telling of Ernest Shackleton's landmark expedition crossing the Antarctic from one pole to the other on Endurance. Shackleton's Journey is a story full of the courage and heroism that Shackleton and his crew displayed. A must read.

Mrs Watts Recommends



Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy

By Lynley Dodd

KS1

This is the first in a whole series of books about Hairy Maclary and his friends. There's Hercules Morse as big as a horse; Bottomley Potts all covered in spots; and Schnizel von Krumm with a very low tum to name but a few. He does get into a bit of trouble and we find out the one animal he is afraid of!

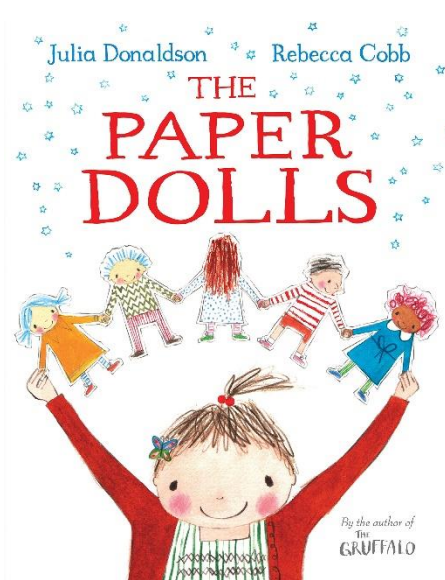


Other books in the series include Hairy Maclary's Rumpus at the Vets and Hairy Maclary's Bone. Lynley Dodd has also written a number of other books that are favourites of my family, including Scarface Claw and Dragon in a Wagon.

Mrs Wilson Recommends

KS1

The Paper Dolls – Julia Donaldson
and Rebecca Cobb



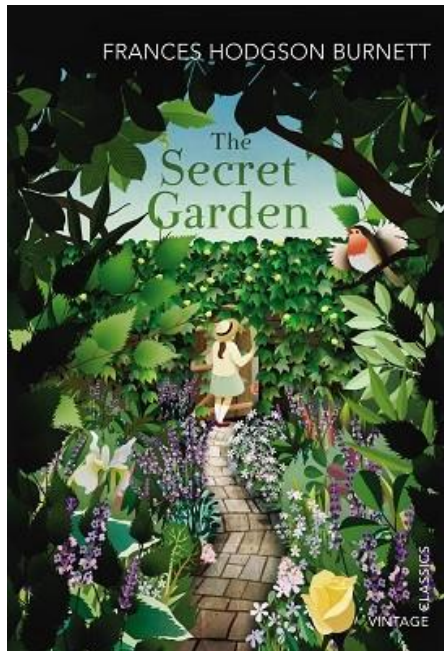
A beautifully written and illustrated book. The story is about a little girl who makes some paper dolls with her Mummy. It then takes you on a journey with the paper dolls as imagined by the little girl as she is playing. The book uses repetition of a rhyme, which makes it easy and fun for younger children to join in too!

I really like the way the story explores the idea of the girl's memory and the people and experiences that she has stored in there. It is a lovely way to introduce the idea of how we hold onto experiences in our lives. It can also be used as a gentle introduction to the idea of loss for younger children should it be required, as it shows that even if someone or something is no longer with us, we always have their memory with us.

Lots of fun can be had making your own paper dolls after reading this too!

KS2

The Secret Garden – Frances Hodgson Burnett



I am huge fan of the classics. They offer an alternative type of reading experience that focuses on different aspects of life, especially in the days prior to modern technology! This classic story is available in a variety of levels and versions, so it is accessible to all readers, depending on where you are as a reader on your reading development journey.

It is a lovely story about overcoming adversity and how helping someone can have a transforming and long lasting effect on their life. Plus, the idea of discovering a secret garden is simply enchanting!