



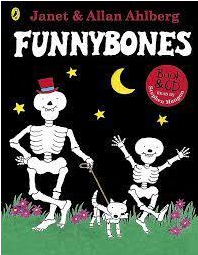
Killamarsh Infant and Nursery School's Reading Spine

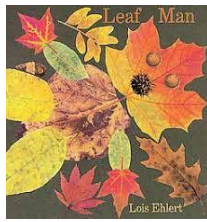
At Killamarsh Infant and Nursery School we have developed a 'Reading Spine' of core, high quality texts for each year group from Nursery to Year 2. It consists of wide range of books to inspire and enthuse children's reading.

We are incredibly passionate about providing children with high quality texts to help them become confident, lifelong readers. They are shared with all the children in different ways.

The books on the spine are a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry to ensure children explore a breadth of text types and genres to help them find their favourite. We have also included texts which are diverse, encourage oral storytelling and promote wellbeing.

Nursery

Book Title and Author	Book Description
 <p data-bbox="406 1854 582 1888">Funny Bones</p> <p data-bbox="406 1933 582 1966">Alan Ahlberg</p>	<p data-bbox="976 1603 1220 1637">Classic Story Book</p> <p data-bbox="810 1671 1391 1933">The classic and beloved Funnybones is the first ever Funnybones book of all. We are introduced to the wonderful humour and fun of the much loved series. The Funnybones books are a must for children just starting their reading journey. These funny skeletons are definitely not the scary sort!</p>



The Leaf Man

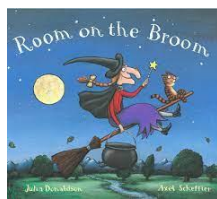
Lois Ehlert

Classic Story Book

Ride the wind and drift east with Leaf Man in this autumnal classic by Caldecott Honor-winning author-illustrator Lois Ehlert, perfect for young readers.

Fall has come, the wind is gusting, and Leaf Man is on the move. Is he drifting east, over the marsh and ducks and geese? Or is he heading west, above the orchards, prairie meadows, and spotted cows?

No one's quite sure, but this much is certain: A Leaf Man's got to go where the wind blows.

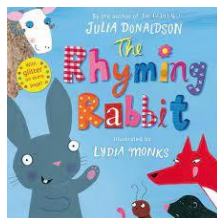


Room on the Broom

Julia Donaldson

Classic Story Book

A very funny story of quick wits and friendship The witch and her cat fly happily over forests, rivers and mountains on their broomstick until a stormy wind blows away the witch's hat, bow and wand. Luckily, they are retrieved by a dog, a bird and a frog, who are all keen for a ride on the broom. It's a case of the more, the merrier, but the broomstick isn't used to such a heavy load and it's not long before . . . SNAP! It breaks in two! And with a greedy dragon looking for a snack, the witch's animal pals better think fast!



The Rhyming Rabbit

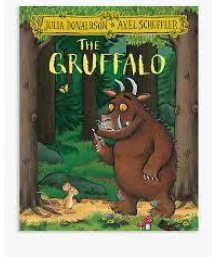
Julia Donaldson

Poetry

The Rhyming Rabbit loves to make up entertaining poems, inspired by everything he sees, but the other rabbits don't appreciate his talent for rhyme. Sad and lonely, the Rhyming Rabbit sets off one starry night all on his own – will he ever find someone to share his poems with?

The Rhyming Rabbit is a clever rhyming adventure from the stellar picture book

	<p>partnership of Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks, creators of <i>What the Ladybird Heard</i>. With brilliant rhyming verse and bright and distinctive illustrations, this story is a delight to read aloud.</p>
<div data-bbox="368 427 617 629" data-label="Image"> </div> <p data-bbox="448 667 539 701">Splash</p> <p data-bbox="416 748 571 781">Jane Hissey</p>	<p data-bbox="975 434 1222 468">Classic Story Book</p> <p data-bbox="810 501 1391 725">Old Bear and his friends take a trip to the seaside! While the other toys play in the sand, Little Bear goes to sea in a bucket and makes a brand new friend - Splash the baby seal. Full of stunning illustrations that burst off the pages in a riot of fun and movement.</p>
<div data-bbox="384 898 601 1167" data-label="Image"> </div> <p data-bbox="432 1211 555 1245">Old Bear</p> <p data-bbox="416 1290 571 1323">Jane Hissey</p>	<p data-bbox="975 864 1222 898">Classic Story Book</p> <p data-bbox="810 972 1391 1352">Old Bear tells the classic tale of how a much-loved teddy bear is lost and finally found again. After Old Bear is packed away in a box in the attic, Bramwell Brown becomes determined to save his forgotten friend. And so, with the help of Little Bear, Duck, Rabbit and an assortment of other toys, he plans an ingenious rescue mission to save Old Bear from loneliness and bring him safely back home...</p>
<div data-bbox="400 1435 585 1688" data-label="Image"> </div> <p data-bbox="392 1733 593 1767">Rumpelstiltskin</p> <p data-bbox="400 1812 585 1845">Grim Brothers</p>	<p data-bbox="991 1442 1206 1476">Traditional Tale</p> <p data-bbox="810 1520 1391 1711">A magical introduction to the well-loved stories that are a key part of every childhood. With fresh and fun illustrations, the simple re-telling of classic fairy tale make a perfect read for young and old alike!</p> <p data-bbox="810 1756 1391 1946">Poor Isabel! The king has locked her in a tower and ordered her to spin straw into gold. It's impossible! Then a mysterious, magical man appears, offering to help . . . But what does he want in return?</p>

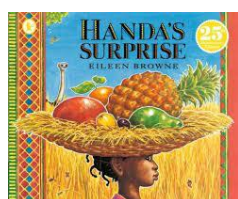


Gruffalo

Julia Donaldson

British Picture Book Classic

The Gruffalo is a British children's picture book by author Julia Donaldson and illustrated by Axel Scheffler. It tells the story of a mouse taking a walk in the woods and deceiving different predators, including the Gruffalo.



Handas Surprise
Eileen Browne

Modern Classic

This is the story of Handa, who's part of the Luo tribe in south-west Kenya. Handa decides to take seven pieces of delicious fruit to her friend, Akeyo, who lives in the neighbouring village. But as Akeyo muses, I wonder what fruit Akeyo will like best?, a series of sneaky animals steal something from Handa's basket, which she's carrying on her head... When Handa reaches Akeyo, will she have anything left to offer her friend?

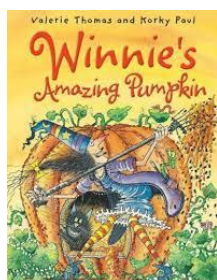


Ladybirds creepy crawlies

Sian smith

Non Fiction – Rhyming Book

This book uses simple rhymes and engaging images to teach readers about ladybugs.



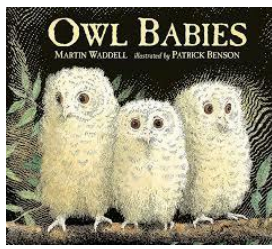
Modern Classic

Winnie and Wilbur love their vegetables. They are regulars at the weekly farmers' market to stock up on their greens, but bringing them back home on a broomstick proves to be rather hazardous. So Winnie decides to grow her own and digs a

<p>Winnie's Amazing Pumpkin</p> <p>Valerie Thomas</p>	<p>vegetable patch in her garden. Not having the patience of a true gardener, she uses a little magic to speed up the growing process . . . only to end up with a garden overrun by enormous vegetables.</p>
<div data-bbox="391 465 598 712" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>The Dinosaur that Pooped a Planet</p> <p>Tom Fletcher and Dougie Pointner</p>	<p>Rhyming Picture Book</p> <p>Danny and Dinosaur are off on an adventure in space!</p> <p>But when Danny realises he's forgotten Dino's lunch box, the very hungry dinosaur eats everything in sight, including their only way back home: the rocket!</p>

Reception

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<div data-bbox="379 1357 603 1664" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>The Tiger Who Came to Tea</p> <p>Judith Kerr</p>	<p>Classic Story Book</p> <p>The doorbell rings just as Sophie and her mummy are sitting down to tea. Who could it possibly be? What they certainly don't expect to see at the door is a big furry, stripy tiger!</p> <p>This warm and funny picture book story is perfect for reading aloud, or for small children to read to themselves time and again. First published in 1968 and never out of print, it has become a timeless classic enjoyed and beloved by generations of children.</p> <p>The magic begins at teatime!</p>

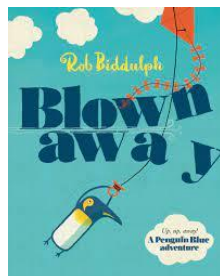


Owl Babies

Martin Waddell

Classic Story Book

A gentle tale of three baby owls reassures young children that Mummy will always come home. Three baby owls, Sarah, Percy and Bill, wake up one night in their hole in a tree to find that their mother has gone. So they sit on a branch and wait... Darkness gathers and the owls grow anxious, wondering when their mother will return. But, at last, she does and they bounce up and down with joy, welcoming her home.



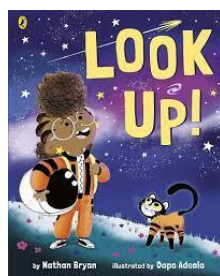
Blown Away

Rob Biddulph

Modern Picture Book

Meet a fearless blue penguin on an unexpected journey.

It's a windy day, and he has a brand-new kite – but where's he going on this maiden flight?



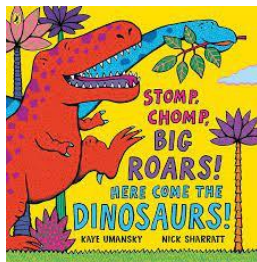
Look Up

Nathan Bryon

Modern Picture Book

Meet hilarious, science-mad chatterbox, Rocket - she's going to be the greatest astronaut, star-catcher, space-traveller that has ever lived! But... can she convince her big brother to stop looking down at his phone and start LOOKING UP at the stars?

Bursting with energy and passion about science and space, this heart-warming, inspirational picture book will have readers turning off their screens and switching on to the outside world.

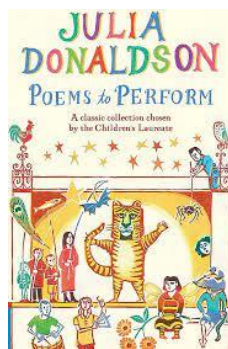


Chomp, Stomp Big Roars, Hear Come the Dinosaurs

Nick Sharratt

Poetry

A brilliant third action rhymes book from the perfect duo of Kaye Umansky and Nick Sharratt. Following on from Tickle my Nose and Wiggle My Toes, this book focusses on the perennial favourites, dinosaurs, and boasts a whole host of brand new interactive fun rhymes about all sorts of things. Illustrated with Nick Sharratt's superbly vibrant and fantastic dinosaur characters, this is a popular and hilarious book.



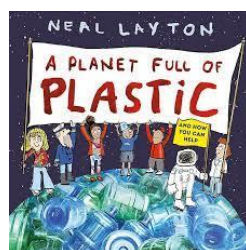
Poems to Perform

Julia Donaldson

Poetry

In Poems to Perform, Julia Donaldson has chosen poems with performance by children in mind, and her notes and ideas on performing them are included in a special section at the end of the book.

From the author of The Gruffalo, Julia's passionate belief that performance can help children enjoy reading and grow in confidence is informed by her own experience both as a child and now, working with groups of children to bring stories, poems and songs to life.

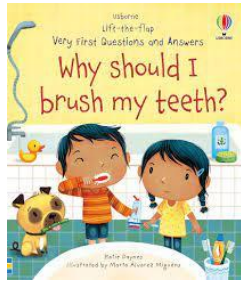


A Planet Full of Plastic

Neal Layton

Non-Fiction

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 alike. But he's also FULL of ideas for how you can help! From giving up straws in juice cartons to recycling all we can and taking part in a beach clean, A Planet Full of Plastic will get young readers excited about how they can make a difference to keep Planet Earth happy.



Why Should I Brush My Teeth

Katie Daynes

Non-Fiction

Why don't animals have toothbrushes? And why do baby teeth fall out? Should everyone brush their teeth? Curious young children can discover the answers to these questions and many more in this entertaining book, with over 30 flaps to lift, gentle humour and easy-to-understand text on every page.



The Colour Monster

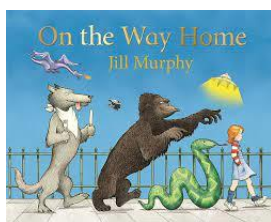
Anna Llenas

Modern Story Book

One day, Colour Monster wakes up feeling very confused. His emotions are all over the place; he feels angry, happy, calm, sad and scared all at once! To help him, a little girl shows him what each feeling means through colour.

What is the Colour Monster feeling? And can you help him feel a little less mixed up?

A gentle exploration of feelings for young and old alike.



On the Way Home

Jill Murphy

Classic Story Book

Claire has hurt her knee so she sets off home to tell her mum all about it. On the way she meets her friends and tells them how the fall happened. But just how did it happen . . .? Was she dropped by a wolf, a slithering snake, an enormous dragon or a hairy gorilla?!

On the Way Home is a fantastic journey of the imagination that every small child who tells the occasional tall tale will relate to! A bestselling classic that has been delighting readers for forty years.

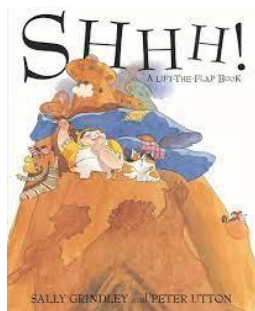


Supertato

Sue Hendra

Modern Story Book

Meet Supertato! He's always there for you when the chips are down. He's the supermarket superhero with eyes everywhere - but now there's a pea on the loose. A very, very naughty pea. Has Supertato finally met his match?



Shhh!

Sally Grindley

Classic Story Book

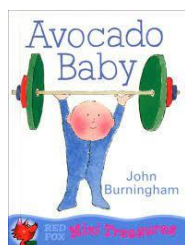
Shhh! You are about to enter a giant's castle. Be very quiet. Can you get through the book without waking up the enormous scary giant? What will you do if he wakes up? Why shut the book of course!

An interactive retelling of a classic fairy tale with flaps and peepholes that will keep children hooked! From the bestselling, award-winning author Sally Grindley, this is the perfect book for reading aloud and sharing together.

Year 1

Book Title and Author

Book Description

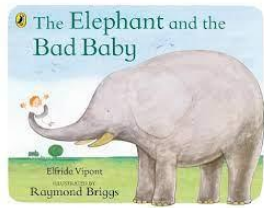


Avacado Baby

John Burningham

Modern Classic

The Hargraves want their new baby to grow up big and strong. But the baby will hardly eat a thing. One day Mrs Hargraves finds an avocado in the fruit bowl and the baby gobbles it up. Soon, the strangest things start to happen. A book of humour that supports a discussion about being strong and weak.



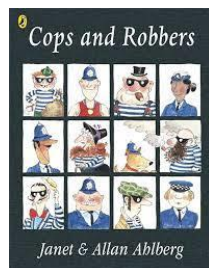
The Elephant and the Bad Baby
Elfrida Vipont and Raymond Briggs

Modern Classic

Follow along with the adventures of a giant elephant and a mischievous baby in this timeless picture-book story.

When an Elephant meets a Bad Baby and offers them a ride, it's the start of a wild adventure - going 'rumpeta, rumpeta, rumpeta' down the road, and helping themselves to ice creams, lollipops, and all manner of sweet treats.

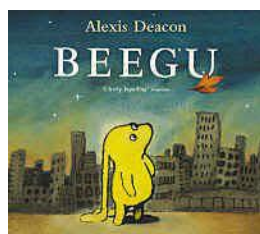
But as a long line of disgruntled shopkeepers and salespeople begin to follow them, Bad Baby learns the importance of saying 'please,' and all the trouble you can get into if you forget . . .



Cops and Robbers
Allan and Janet Ahlberg

Classic Picture Book

The robbers of London town plan a desperate crime one Christmas Eve - to steal all the toys they can lay their hands on! Fortunately, the robbers meet their match in brave office Pugh who leaps into action and arrests the villains - all except Grandma Swagg who manages to get away.



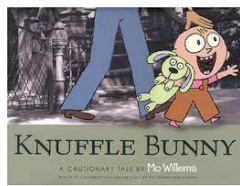
Beegu
Alexis Deacon

Classic Story Book

Beegu is not supposed to be on Earth.

She is lost. She is a friendly little creature, but the Earth People don't seem very welcoming at all. However, so far she has only met the BIG ones. The little ones are a different matter . . .

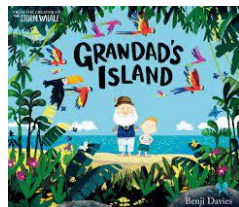
Re-read and track the ups and downs of what happens and what Beegu feels and might be thinking.



Knuffle Bunny
Mo Willems

Cautionary Tale

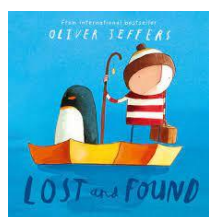
This is the brilliantly true-to-life tale of what happens when Daddy's in charge and things go terribly, hilariously wrong. The visually striking story follows Daddy, Trixie and Knuffle Bunny on their trip to the neighbourhood Laundromat. But their adventure takes a dramatic turn when Trixie realizes somebunny's been left behind... And no matter how hard she tries to tell dad, he just doesn't understand!



Grandad's Island
Benji Davies

Modern Classic

At the bottom of Syd's garden, through the gate and past the tree, is Grandad's house. Syd can let himself in any time he likes. But one day when Syd comes to call, Grandad isn't in any of the usual places. He's in the attic, where he ushers Syd through a door, and the two of them journey to a wild, beautiful island awash in color where Grandad decides he will remain. So Syd hugs Grandad one last time and sets sail for home. Visiting Grandad's house at the bottom of the garden again, he finds it just the same as it's always been — except that Grandad isn't there anymore. Sure to provide comfort to young children struggling to understand loss, Benji Davies's tale is a sensitive and beautiful reminder that our loved ones live on in our memories long after they're gone.



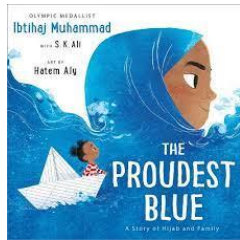
Lost and Found
Oliver Jeffers

Modern Classic

A magical story from award-winning international bestselling picture book creator, Oliver Jeffers

There once was a boy and one day a penguin arrives on his doorstep. The boy decides the penguin must be lost and tries

to return him. But no one seems to be missing a penguin. So the boy decides to take the penguin home himself, and they set out in his row boat on a journey to the South Pole. But when they get there, the boy discovers that maybe home wasn't what the penguin was looking for after all.



The Proudest Blue

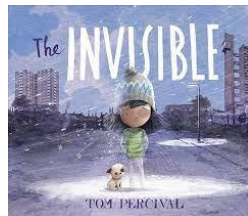
Ibtihaj Muhammad and S. K. Ali

Modern Picture Book

Asiya's hijab is like the ocean and the sky, no line between them, saying hello with a loud wave.

It's Faizah's first day of school, and her older sister Asiya's first day of hijab – made of a beautiful blue fabric. But not everyone sees hijab as beautiful. In the face of hurtful, confusing words, will Faizah find new ways to be strong?

This is an uplifting, universal story of new experiences, the unbreakable bond shared by siblings and of being proud of who you are, from Olympic medallist Ibtihaj Muhammad.



The Invisible

Tom Percival

Modern Picture Book

A moving, powerful story that shines a light on those that feel invisible in our world - and shows us that we ALL belong.

The Invisible is the story of a young girl called Isabel and her family. They don't have much, but they have what they need to get by. Until one day, there isn't enough money to pay their rent and bills and they have to leave their home full of happy memories and move to the other side of the city.

It is the story of a girl who goes on to make one of the hardest things anyone can ever make...a difference. We all belong.



The Great Big Book of Families
Mary Hoffman and Ros Asquith

Non-Fiction

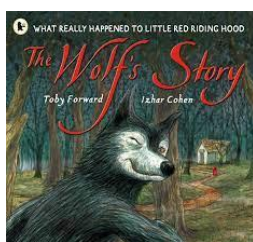
Mary Hoffman takes a look through children's eyes at the wide varieties of family life: from homes, food, ways of celebrating, schools and holidays to getting around, jobs and housework, from extended families, languages and hobbies to pets and family trees - and she concludes that, for most people, their own family is the best one of all!



The Puffin Book of Fantastic First Poems
June Crebbin

Poetry

A great first poetry book; the poems span time, from Robert Louis Stevenson and Walter de la Mare right up to date with Roger McGough and Michael Rosen. Themes covered, such as mealtimes, playtime, animals, family and bedtime, really appeal to young readers. A truly lovely collection of all-time favourite poems.



The Wolf Story: The Real Story of Little Red Riding Hood
Toby Forward

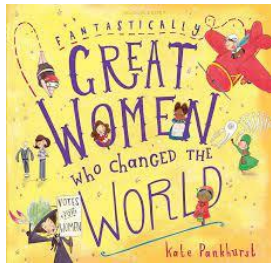
Traditional Tale – Retold!

The real story of Little Red Riding Hood – told by the Wolf himself!

Recounted in the confidential, conversational voice of a New York wheeler-dealer, this funny version of the Grimm Brothers' Little Red Riding Hood is retold from a fresh perspective – the Wolf's! Full of humorous revelations and surprises, the story shows, as it unfolds, how a series of misunderstandings and accidents leads to his vilification.

Year 2

Book Title and Author	Book Description
 <p>Just Because</p> <p>Rebecca Elliott</p>	<p>Modern Classic</p> <p>Toby thinks his sister Clemmie is the best. Join their adventures to find out why. A heart-warming story of the very special bond between a brother and a sister, no matter what.</p>
 <p>Martin Luther King</p> <p>Little People Big Dream</p>	<p>Biography</p> <p>Little Martin grew up in a family of preachers: his dad was a preacher, his uncle was a preacher, his grandfather was a preacher... so maybe he'd become a great preacher too. One day, a friend invited him to play at his house. Martin was shocked when his mother wouldn't let him in because he was black. That day he realized there was something terribly unfair going on. Martin believed that no one should remain silent and accept something if it's wrong. And he promised himself that – when he grew up – he'd fight injustice with the most powerful weapon of all: words. This moving book features stylish and quirky illustrations and extra facts at the back, including a biographical timeline with historical photos and a detailed profile of the inspiring activist's life.</p>



Fantastically Great Women Who Changed The World

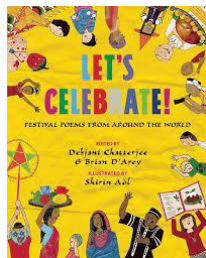
Kate Pankhurst

Non-Fiction

Discover fascinating facts about some of the most amazing women who changed the world we live in!

- Fly high with incredible explorer and pilot Amelia Earhart
- Discover the Wonderful Adventures of medical pioneer Mary Seacole
- Fight for your rights with legendary civil rights activist Rosa Parks
- Change the face of books forever with superstar novelist Jane Austen

Bursting full of beautiful illustrations and astounding facts, Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World is the perfect introduction to just a few of the most incredible women who helped shaped the world we live in. A fantastic gift for girls and boys alike!

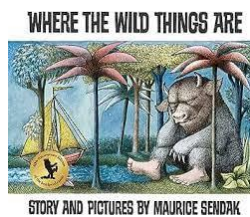


Let's Celebrate

Debjani Chatterjee

Festive Poems

This exciting anthology of poems celebrates festivals all over the world. From Chinese New Year to Carnival, from Thanksgiving to Holi, and from Purnima to Diwali. with explanations of the festivals at the back of the book, and with colourful and atmospheric illustrations by Shirin Adl.



Where The Wild Things Are

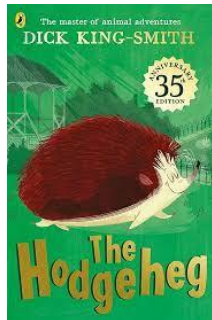
Maurice Sendak

Classic Story Book

One night Max puts on his wolf suit and makes mischief - so his mother calls him 'Wild Thing' and sends him to bed without his supper.

That night a forest begins to grow in Max's room, an ocean rushes by with a boat to take Max to the place where the wild things

are... Max tames the wild things and crowns himself as their king, and then the wild rumpus begins!
But when Max has sent the monsters to bed, and everything is quiet, he starts to feel lonely. He realises it is time to sail home to the place where someone loves him best of all.



The Hodgeheg

Dick King-Smith

Classic Story Book

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? His first attempt ends in a nasty bump on the head and, when Max tries to speak, he realises his words are all mixed up. He is no longer a hedgehog but a hodgeheg!

Still determined to fulfil his mission, Max discovers the best way to cross the road - with the help of the lollipop lady and some careful detective work . . .



Fantastic Mr Fox

Roald Dahl

Classic Story Book

Mr Fox is a very clever fox - every evening he creeps down into the valley and helps himself to food from the nearby farms.

Chickens from Farmer Boggis, ducks and geese from Farmer Bunce, and turkeys from Farmer Bean.

But now the farmers have had enough, and together they hatch a plan to get rid of Mr Fox for good!

But what they don't know is Mr Fox has some help, and a fantastic escape plan of his own...



Flat Stanley

Jeff Brown

Classic Story Book

The magical and brilliantly funny adventures of everyone's favourite flat boy – Flat Stanley. With wonderful new illustrations by the award-winning author/illustrator and star of Lockdown viral sensation #DrawwithRob, Rob Biddulph .

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 the flattest boy in the world be its biggest hero?



Grandad's Secret Giant

David Litchfield

Modern Classic Story Book

A GIANT story of belonging and friendship from David Litchfield, author of *The Bear and the Piano*. "He has hands the size of tables," Grandad said, "legs as long as drainpipes and feet as big as rowing boats. Do you know who I mean?" "Yes," sighed Billy. "The Secret Giant. But he's not real!" Billy doesn't believe his Grandad when he tells him there's a giant living in his town, doing good deeds for everyone. He knows that a giant is too big to keep himself hidden. And why would he want to keep himself a secret? But as time goes on, Billy learns that some secrets are too BIG to stay secret for long...

This delightful heartfelt story of belonging and friendship teaches the importance of tolerance and acceptance to young children.



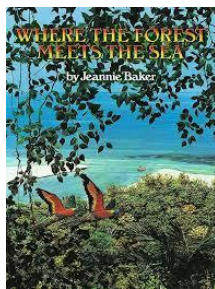
The Great Paper Caper

Oliver Jeffers

Modern Picture Book

When life in the forest begins to change; when trees mysteriously lose their branches, when whole tree trunks start to disappear, when homes are lost, the only course of action for the forest dwellers is to begin a full scale investigation. Alibis must be proved, clues must be sought but even so, blame is never far from anyone's thoughts.

Who is the perpetrator of this heinous crime? Will justice be done?

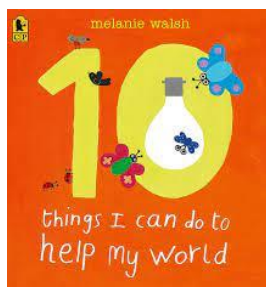


Where The Forest Meets The Sea

Jeannie Baker

Non-Fiction

When a young boy visits a tropical rain forest, he pretends it is a long time ago and that extinct and rare animals live in the forest, and aboriginal children play there. But how much longer will the rainforest remain, he wonders?



10 Things I Can Do To Help My World

Melanie Walsh

Non-Fiction

A beautifully simple book for small children where transforming pages reveal ten things that everyone can do to help conserve their world. Many of them, such as turning off the television properly, walking to school and turning off lights when leaving a room, are about conserving energy. Others, such as feeding the birds in winter and growing plants from seed, will encourage an understanding of nature and conservation.