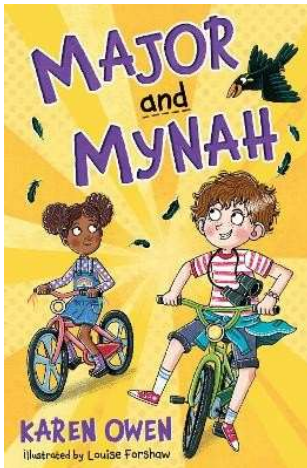


A selection of books especially selected for children in Year 3.

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.

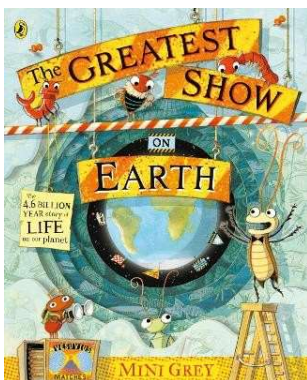
If your child is a very competent reader or has read all of these titles, then try the books from the Year 4 list.



Major and Mynah

Author: Karen Owen Release Date: 05/05/2022

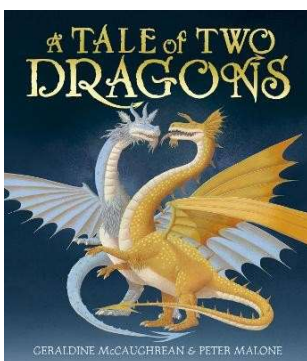
Join SPUD, the Super Perceptive Undercover Detectives, on their first fast-paced detective adventure. Getting your first hearing aids can be nerve-wracking; especially when you have to wear them to school. When Callie realises her new hearing aids - 'the Slugs' - give her the unique ability to communicate with Bo the Mynah bird, some of her worries are lifted. In fact, having a pair of eyes in the sky might come in handy. The duo team up with Callie's best friend, Grace, as they set out to catch a local thief who has been causing trouble all over town.



The Greatest Show on Earth

Author: Mini Grey Release Date: 28/04/2022

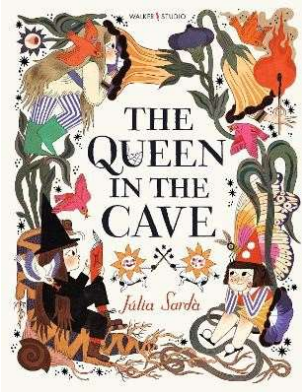
A wonderful tour of the development of our planet and all its inhabitants. This is a visual delight that will have children poring over it as they look at the amazing world in which we live. Each double page spread has so much to read and marvel at on it, that children will find it engrossing and informative in equal measures.



A Tale of Two Dragons

Author: Geraldine McCaughrean Release Date: 07/10/2021

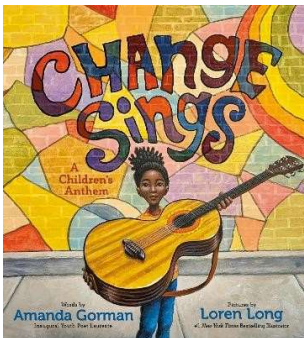
The kingdoms of Arbor and Pomosa are neighbours. Arbor is leafy and green with forests, while Pomosa is fertile, full of wheatfields and grazing cows. A high thorn hedge divides them but the children sneak through the hedge at night to help themselves to firewood or grain and milk. This keeps the people of both countries warm, fed and happy but the kings are determined to protect their property and each one hires a dragon to patrol the hedge. Perfectly told and beautifully illustrated, the story will catch children's imagination and reveals so much about the way the world operates, and who has the power to change it.



The Queen in the Cave

Author: Julia Sarda Release Date: 07/10/2021

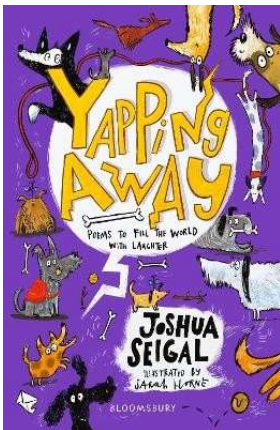
One night, Franca has a dream about a marvellous queen. And now she feels intrigued... Eager to know more about this mystical figure, Franca shares her dream with her two younger sisters. Together, they set out on an enchanting adventure to discover the kingdom of the queen in the cave. This is a riveting and atmospheric picture book that will surprise and enthrall young readers and dreamers.



Change Sings

Author: Amanda Gorman Release Date: 21/09/2021

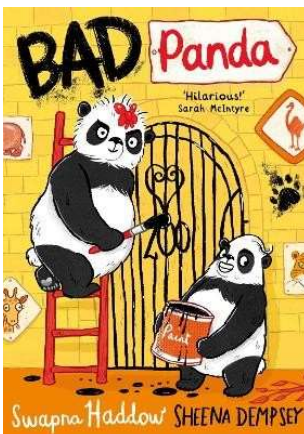
Celebrating unity and hope, this delightful picture book is a joyous anthem to the importance of working together for a better world. As a young girl leads a cast of characters on a musical journey, they learn that they have the power to make changes - big or small - in the world, in their communities and most importantly, in themselves.



Yapping Away: Poems by Joshua Seigal

Author: Joshua Seigal Release Date: 19/08/2021

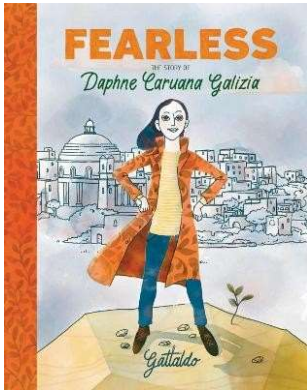
The opening poem in Joshua Seigal's sparkling new collection invites readers to 'fill the world with words', and he does a very good job of doing just that in poems that represent his audience's world perfectly. Here are poems about classrooms, playtime, grandparents, chocolate biscuits - all just right to read aloud and deliciously easy to remember.



Bad Panda

Author: Swapna Haddow Release Date: 01/07/2021

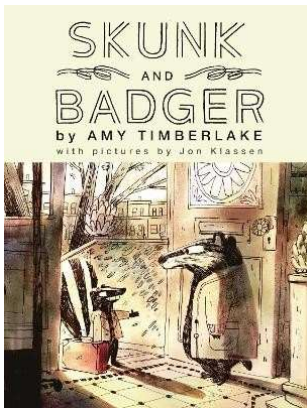
Thoroughly fed up with being treated as the cutest creature in the zoo, Lin plots some serious panda-monium in this comical story. She will do everything in her power to prove that she's the baddest, meanest, most un-cute animal in the zoo.



Fearless: The Story of Daphne Caruana Galizia

Author: Gattaldo Release Date: 08/10/2020

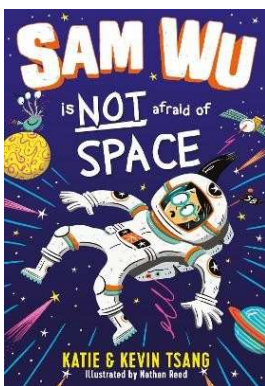
What does it take to be an investigative journalist and discover the truth against all the odds? Daphne Caruana Galizia had a happy childhood with her family on the small island of Malta, loving books, stories and writing. When she became a journalist, she discovered that there was much to write about in her home country. She found that greedy and corrupt politicians were making themselves rich rather than working for the good of their people. Fearlessly, Daphne exposed criminal and dishonest activities. Her enemies responded with threats and insults to discourage her from revealing more. But nothing could dissuade Daphne from fighting for what she believed in.



Skunk and Badger

Author: Amy Timberlake Release Date: 03/09/2020

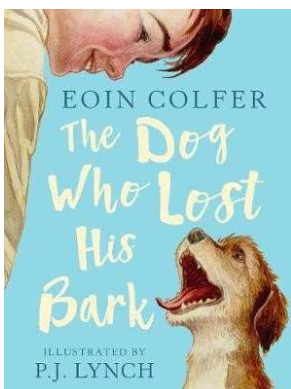
Meet Skunk and Badger. The first time Badger saw Skunk, he thought, 'puny' and shut the front door. There was simply too much slick in this Skunk's stripe. Too much puff in his tail. Also, there'd been that grin, and the way he'd stuck out his paw as if he had been looking forward to meeting Badger. Badger knew what to make of that. He shut the door before the fellow got any ideas... But Skunk is Badger's new roommate, and there is nothing Badger can do about it. When Skunk bursts into Badger's life, everything Badger knows is upended.



Sam Wu is Not Afraid of Space

Author: Katie Tsang & Kevin Tsang Release Date: 06/08/2020

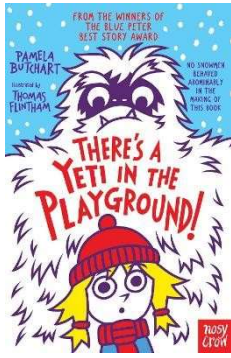
A wonderfully funny and reassuring read for every child staying away from home for the very first time. Common childhood fears dealt with in a hilarious, sensitive and accessible way.



The Dog Who Lost His Bark

Author: Eoin Colfer Release Date: 01/08/2019

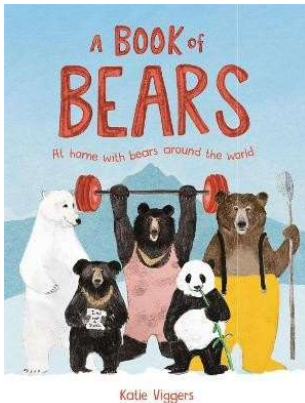
Patrick is delighted to go to stay at his grandparents' house, especially when he is told he can choose a rescue puppy. Oz, the puppy has had a terrible start but Patrick is determined to help, until his own life falls apart and he doesn't love his dog. Colfer explores his subject with an empathy which makes the characters and dilemmas very real. A great read.



There's A Yeti In The Playground!

Author: Pamela Butchart Release Date: 04/10/2018

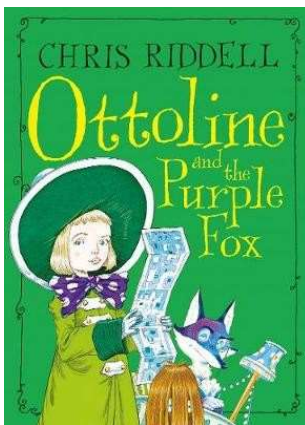
An award winning author with an infallible touch when it comes to humour and familiar settings that all children can relate to and told with a flair for zany and exciting plots like this one!



A Book of Bears At Home with Bears Around the World

Author: Katie Viggers Release Date: 01/10/2018

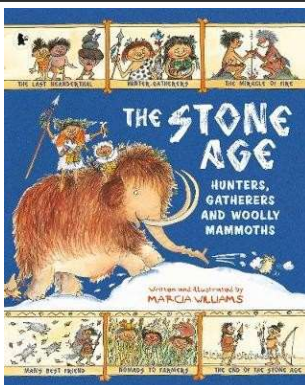
A fascinating guidebook to bears large and less large, this quirky book is packed with information but full of humour too. It introduces readers to the eight different species of bears living in the world, and there's a section on each one, with a very useful illustrated panel showing 'how they size up'. A comical book with memorable facts.



Ottoline and the Purple Fox

Author: Chris Riddell Release Date: 17/05/2018

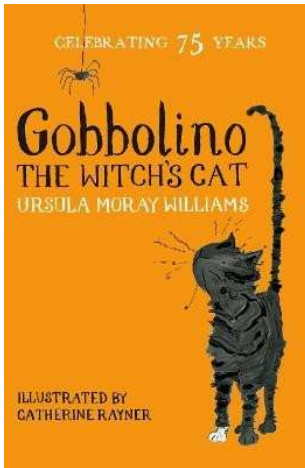
This is the fourth adventure for Ottoline and her best friend Mr Munroe, and it is every bit as enchanting, witty and surprising as the first. The emphasis is on friendship in this story: with her parents still roving the world for interesting items to add to their ever-growing collection of objects, Ottoline holds a dinner party.



The Stone Age Hunters, Gatherers and Woolly Mammoths

Author: Marcia Williams Release Date: 01/10/2017

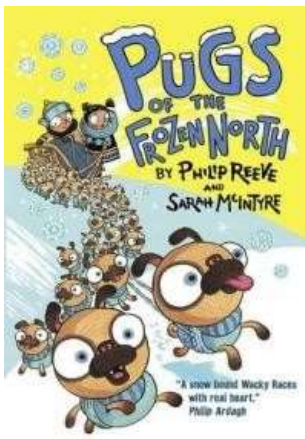
A masterclass in how to make history come to life with trademark cartoon style illustrations and lots of fascinating facts and detail.



Gobbolino the Witch's Cat

Author: Ursula Moray Williams Release Date: 07/09/2017

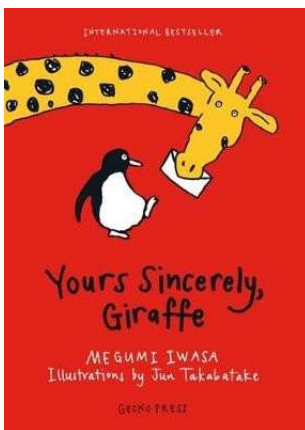
A timeless and always appealing tale getting a well-deserved new lease of life with delightful illustrations from award winning Catherine Rayner.



Pugs of the Frozen North

Author: Philip Reeve Release Date: 01/09/2016

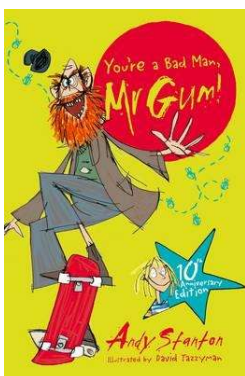
Shen the cabin boy is abandoned by his shipmates when their ship is stranded in the ice. He's completely alone, except for 64 little pugs, part of the ship's cargo! He soon teams up with Shika, a girl desperately seeking dogs to pull her grandpa's sled in the Race to the Top of the World, a once in a lifetime contest to win your heart's desire. The eccentric competitors mean there's something of the Wacky Races about all of this, but amongst the crazy and very entertaining scenes there are surprising notes of poignancy.



Yours Sincerely, Giraffe

Author: Megumi Iwasa Release Date: 14/07/2016

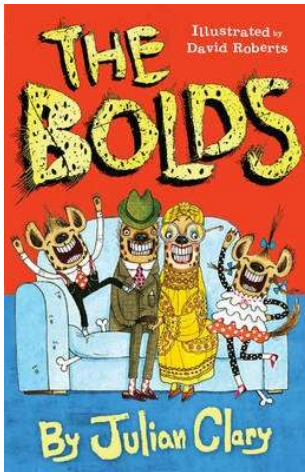
Giraffe is bored, as usual. He'd love a friend to share things with. So he writes a letter and sends it as far as possible across the other side of the horizon. There he finds a pen pal—Penguin. Giraffe knows nothing about penguins and his letters are full of questions. What does a penguin look like? Where is a penguin's neck? And so the letters begin to fly from horizon to horizon.



You're a Bad Man, Mr Gum!

Author: Andy Stanton Release Date: 25/02/2016

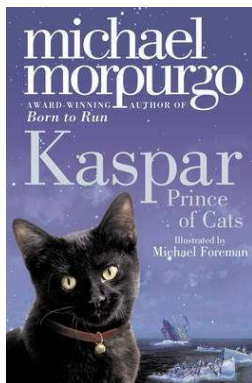
Mr Gum may well be a 'bad man' but rest assured the author Mr Stanton is a 'funny man'. There's a wonderful sense of humour throughout and fans of Roald Dahl will love it.



The Bolds

Author: Julian Clary Release Date: 30/07/2015

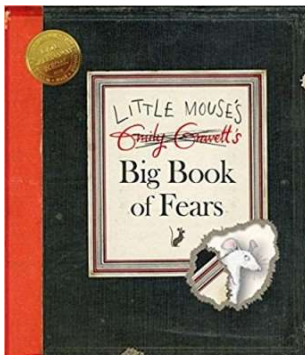
The Bolds is a real treat - a funny story with a ludicrous but hugely enjoyable plotline, lots of jokes, some nail-biting moments and wonderful characters. The Bolds live happily in Teddington where Mrs Bold sells hats and Mr Bold writes the jokes for Christmas crackers, jobs for which they are perfectly suited. Hardly anyone knows they are actually hyenas! Their secret nearly comes out when they attract the attention of their grumpy next-door neighbour, but maybe he's got things to hide too.



Kaspar Prince of Cats

Author: Michael Morpurgo Release Date: 07/01/2010

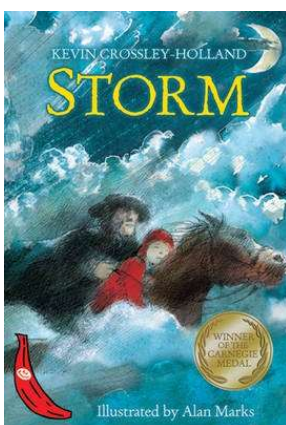
A wonderfully emotional but heart-warming tale. Brilliantly interwoven in historical fact at the time of the sinking of the Titanic is the story of Kaspar the Savoy cat, who we also discover is a survivor of the sinking of the Titanic. The story is utterly compelling and brought to life still further by some dreamy illustrations.



Little Mouse's Big Book Of Fears

Author: Emily Gravett Release Date: 01/08/2008

Through nurseryrhyme stories follow Little Mouse as he confronts his many fears including Ablutophobia (Fear of Bathing) and Ligrophobia (Fear of loud noises). You can also make lists of your own fears to overcome!



Storm

Author: Kevin Crossley-Holland Release Date: 01/09/2001

A wonderful story of drama and adventure that is beautifully unraveled by award-winning author Kevin Crossley-Holland. The characters are superbly drawn and the narrative is simply but lyrically told. And there's a surprise at the end.