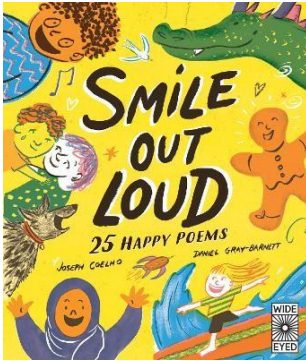


A selection of books especially selected for children in Year 2.

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.

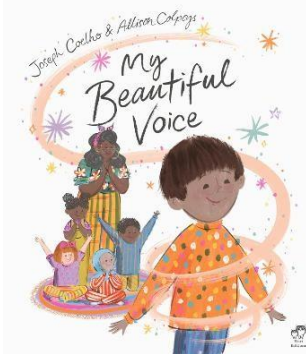
If your child is a very competent reader or has read all of these titles, then try the books from the Year 3 list.



Smile Out Loud 25 Happy Poems

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

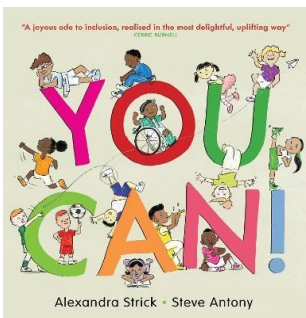
This is a compendium of poetry full of different styles, different shapes and different rhyme schemes that makes a wonderful read out loud collection. Each poem comes with a suggestion of how it might be used or how children might read it to each other, or even act out the different verses of specific 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

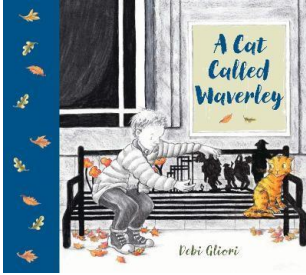
An inspirational story about finding your voice, both literally and metaphorically. The lyrical text and expressive images capture the intense anxiety of the shy child who never speaks in school and also the transformative power of a good teacher. Getting the child engaged in responding to poetry is 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

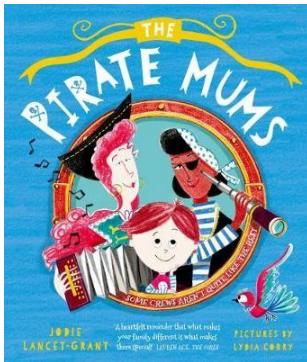
This book results from a unique, direct collaboration with children and young people aged from 8-18, where they were asked what they would say to their younger selves to inspire, reassure and enthuse them about the future. Their responses have been worked into a truly remarkable text, which follows 14 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.



A Cat Called Waverley

Author: Debi Gliori Release Date: 12/08/2021

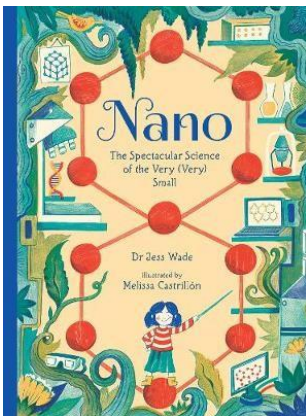
Born in a city park, Waverley is looked after by his best friend, Donald. Until, one fateful day, Donald signs up to fight in a war-zone far away. Loyal and patient, the homeless little ginger cat waits for his friend at Edinburgh's Waverley Station. He waits... and waits. Years go by but Waverley never gives up. He knows that home is where Donald is. Will Donald ever return and will he and Waverley find a home at last?



The Pirate Mums

Author: Jodie Lancet-Grant Release Date: 03/06/2021

The Pirate Mums is a swashbuckling, high-seas adventure starring Billy and his two extraordinary mums, complete with a bad-tempered parrot called Bird-Brain, a sudden storm, a sea-sick teacher and a captain who gets stuck in the toilet. Billy wishes his family could be a bit more like everyone else's, and just a bit more ordinary. In the end, Billy discovers that it's what makes his mums different that also makes them - and himself - special.

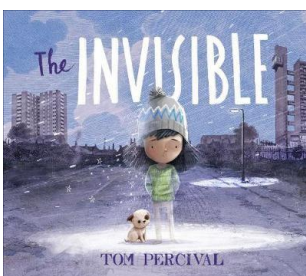


Nano: The Spectacular Science of the Very (Very) Small

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.

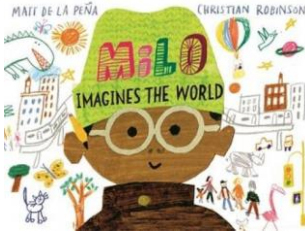


The Invisible

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.

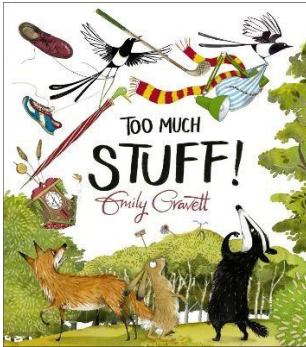
This is a very gentle story with a potent and persuasive message, that small acts can add up to a huge change.



Milo Imagines The World

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

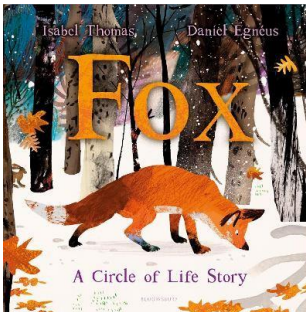
Milo Imagines the World is a warm and richly satisfying story about a little boy with a big imagination who learns that you can't know anyone just by looking at them. Set in a bustling city, and full of a family love that binds even in difficult circumstances. Milo is on a train journey through the city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

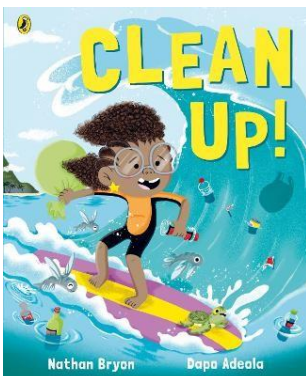
Two magpies build a cosy nest in the tallest tree for their four bright blue eggs. But they then start to get worried 'their nest/ Needed more stuff to make it the best.' Written in rhyming verse, we stare in amazement at all the things the magpies collect to add to their nest - until there is no hope 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.



Fox

Author: Isabel Thomas Release Date: 01/10/2020

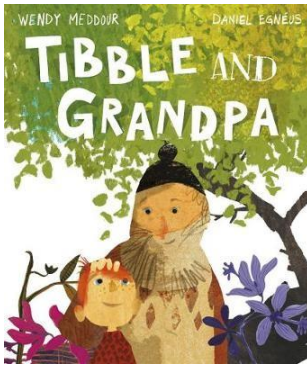
Life is everywhere, we read at the close of this exceptional picture information book, and every page prior is brimming the constant bustle and hum of the natural world. Even in death we see there is life: the mother fox is hit and killed by a car but immediately tiny creatures get to work. As the seasons roll round and winter turns to spring, new life grows again and the particles that made up the fox become something else. Text and illustration together explain the circle of life with an extraordinary clarity while retaining a sense of the sheer wonder of it all.



Clean Up!

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

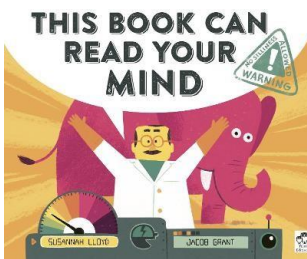
When Rocket goes for a holiday to visit her grandparents, she's shocked by the pollution that is spoiling their island home and putting the local sea life at risk. Can she think of a way to save the day?



Tibble and Grandpa

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

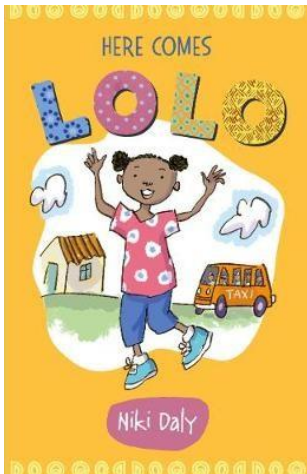
A touching intergenerational story of love and resilience. Tibble loves talking to Grandpa. But Grandpa has stopped listening. Mum says just give him time. But Tibble wants to talk to Grandpa now... So Tibble tries his favourite game - TOP THREES! And something amazing happens. Grandpa starts talking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



Here Comes Lolo

Author: Niki Daly Release Date: 08/08/2019

Lolo skips through life, leaving a trail of laughter and a few frowns! She's sure to become your new best friend! In these four easy-to-read stories Lolo, follow Lolo as she gets a gold star at school, longs for a cute floppy hat, finds a missing ring and helps to rescue a dog...



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.

**THE WOLF
THE DUCK &
THE MOUSE**

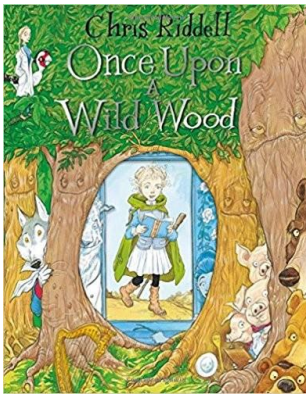
Written by
MAC BARNETT
Illustrated by
JOS KLASSEN



The Wolf, the Duck and the Mouse

Author: Mac Barnett Release Date: 04/10/2018

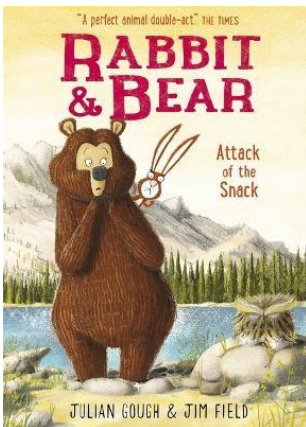
In this story the Mouse is swallowed by the Wolf. But being swallowed by the Wolf turns out not to be such a bad thing after all. The Mouse finds the Duck is already comfortably at home in the Wolf's stomach and soon the pair are happy improving their dark but cosy home - with the unwitting help of the Wolf. After all, as the Duck says, "I live well. I may have been swallowed, but I have no intention of being eaten." As ever, Barnett and Klassen amusingly provoke readers to question apparent truths.



Once Upon a Wild Wood

Author: Chris Riddell Release Date: 23/08/2018

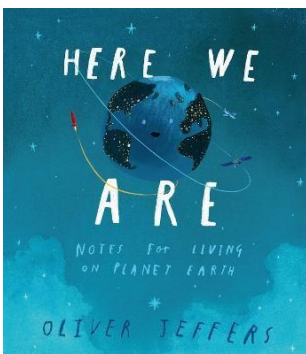
A wonderful fantasy adventure involving some of the best loved fairy story characters in this hugely attractive and thoroughly entertaining picture story book. Young readers will love both feeling they know the stories as well as being surprised by some of the turns of events.



Attack of the Snack

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

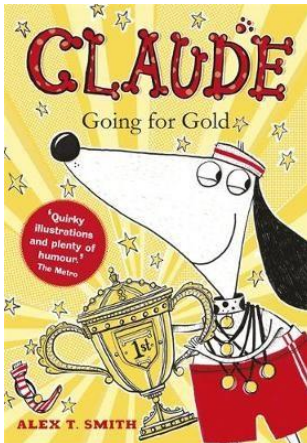
Rabbit and Bear: Book 3 Rabbit and Bear, like Claude, are perfect companions for building reading confidence and getting young children hooked into reading. Laugh aloud text and lively illustrations throughout. Gorgeously illustrated and with a classic feel, this is a brilliantly funny story of a rabbit and a bear who discover that things are always better when they're shared with a friend. Ideal for readers moving on from picture books.



Here We Are

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

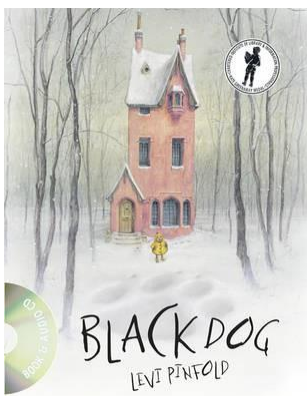
Inspired by the birth of his son, Oliver Jeffers has created a deeply touching introduction to the world as a physical space and also as a place that needs to be treated with great care and respect. Subtitled 'Notes for Living on Planet Earth' Jeffers uses richly coloured double page spreads and only 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

From the World Book Day Illustrator 2014 comes a brand-new tale about Claude, the bestselling beret-clad canine hero.



Black Dog

Author: Levi Pinfold Release Date: 01/01/2014

A visual treat, full of mood and atmosphere, the beautiful illustrations are full of detail and perfectly in keeping with the story. The use of scale, with the big dog pushing the text off the page, is clever. A timeless, thought-provoking book about facing up to anxiety, fears, and the black dog that visits some of us from time-to-time.



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.