

OUR BRILLIANT BOOK CLUB

Summer 2021 Books in the Spotlight Teacher Notes

Welcome to the third edition of Our Brilliant Book Club!

We hope that you loved the books in your last box of Our Brilliant Book Club treats, the videos and the competitions. As we mentioned in a previous email, we decided to make this summer edition a special bumper version combining two sets of books and resources for you to share with your children through the final part of the summer term. Our 'books in the spotlight' this edition take you through a range of new titles which we hope will keep the whole school community buzzing about books until the end of term.



Our suggestion would be to share the single copies of the books for Y1 and Y3 with your year group leads along with the blurbs for them to explore and engage with the titles.

This time the focus groups are both Y4 and Y6 as we have a double dose this edition for you. You will have received several copies of the two books spotlighted for each of these year groups with some suggestions for accompanying activities, links to short author videos (look out for some famous faces!!) and information about competitions for Y4 and Y6.

Remember there are lots of ways you can use the books in your Our Brilliant Book Club box...why not:

- Share the books and linked ideas with parents and carers
- Tweet us a book review and name check the author
- Explore the themes in this edition's books in more detail – there are lots of ideas this time to talk about!

Empathy Day - 10th June

Empathy Day was founded in 2017 as part of our mission to inspire the rising generation and to drive a new empathy movement.

Empathy is a vital human force which has come into sharp focus during the COVID-19 pandemic and we've never needed it more. Empathy Day aims to help everyone understand and experience the transformational power of empathy through stories.

The day focuses on using books to step into someone else's shoes. Scientists say that we can train our brain with stories – the more you empathise with characters, the more you understand other people's feelings.

Each Empathy Day, we run online events and fun home-based activities to help children read, connect and act using empathy. Authors, illustrators, schools, libraries, and families across the UK take part, supported by our downloadable community toolkits and family activity pack.

<https://www.empathylab.uk/empathyday-2021>



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Summer 2021 Books in the Spotlight Year 4

Year 4 - with a little more challenge

FLY HIGH CREW: THE GREEN GLOW by ASHLEY BANJO AND JORDAN BANJO

Published by Scholastic, ISBN 978-0702306440

This is the debut book from TV personalities and Diversity street dance superstar brothers Ashley and Jordan Banjo, written in collaboration with Alexandra Sheppard.

Brothers Trey and Jax spend after-school hours rehearsing with their street dance collective the Fly High Crew, until the evening they see a green beam of light flash out of the sky and are thrown into an out-of-this-world adventure!

Aliens have landed and are mind-controlling all the teachers and adults: can the Fly High Crew work together as a team and save the day?



Some great ideas for activities and book chat:

- Trey and Jax are really passionate about their hobby Street Dance. Do you have a hobby or sport you love? What does it mean to you?
- Throughout the book, collaboration and teamwork are key themes in the book. What are the most important parts of being a team? When have you collaborated successfully on a project or as part of a group or team? What did you do?
- There are lots of characters in the story. Who do you find most interesting and why?
- The book has both funny and exciting sections. Look back through the story and choose your favourite funny or exciting part and explain why you like this section in particular.
- If you had to recommend this book to a friend. How would you summarise the story in 4 sentences?

Remember to watch the author videos all about this book especially for you:

Ashley and Jordan Banjo - <https://youtu.be/tRHLUTfBXJo>

Alexandra Sheppard - <https://youtu.be/gv6g9CXcVhg>

Teaching Resources - <https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/resources/451271>



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Year 4 - with a broad appeal

FIVE WAYS TO MAKE A FRIEND by GILLIAN CROSS

Published by Barrington Stoke, ISBN 978-1781129081

It's Ella's first day at her new school and that can only mean one thing: making new friends. But the challenge is even tougher than Ella thought, as the girls in her class just don't seem interested in her. When she stumbles across the book 'Five Ways to Make a Friend' in the library, it's like all her prayers have been answered. With five excellent ideas up her sleeve, Ella will be friends with the girls in no time ... Right? But what if things don't quite work out as planned? And what if the friend Ella really needs has been there all along? A touching tale of friendship, understanding and finding the confidence to be yourself.

Some great ideas for activities and book chat:

- Ella is so eager to make a friend at her new school and ends up finding a friend in Josh. Discuss if you have ever made a friend in an unexpected or unusual way.
- Ella finds it hard to join the group of girls in her class. What do you think of how they treat Ella and why do you think they behave like this?
- Josh is really kind and helpful to Ella. What do you think of this character? Can you think of any other words to describe him?
- In the book there are 5 ways to make a friend in Ella's library book. With a partner, try to come up with 5 other ways to make a friend and share them with your class.



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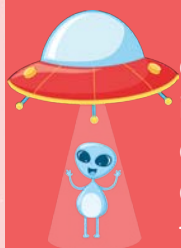
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Summer 2021 Competition Time Year 4

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FLY HIGH CREW: THE GREEN GLOW



In the book, Fernhill is taken over by strange aliens. The invasion has a strange effect on Fernhill especially by controlling people and the environment.

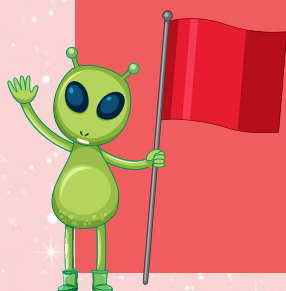


Use your powers of imagination to think about an alien invasion in your neighbourhood.

Use descriptive words to help you write a paragraph which includes:

- A description of your alien invaders – their appearance, behaviour and special powers.
- An explanation of how they arrive and take over.

You can include an illustration but be sure to focus on your writing first as this is the most important part.



FIVE WAYS TO MAKE A FRIEND

Being the new person in a school or class can be quite daunting and it may be difficult to make friends easily. Design a **Top Tips for Making Friends** fact sheet that you could give to someone who needs a spot of advice when they are in a new situation.



- Try to come up with 5-10 pieces of advice – you should include ideas of your own rather than use the ones from the story.
- Be encouraging and helpful with your ideas.
- Draw some pictures to go with your advice.



How to enter

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Bonus Books in the Spotlight Year 4

Year 4 - with a little more challenge

PIAZZ: THE SUPER AWESOME NEW SUPERHERO SERIES by SOPHIE HENN

Published by Simon & Schuster Children's UK, ISBN 978-1471193989

Pizazz is a superhero in a family of superheroes but her superpower is just... lame! And it's no fun when being different makes it hard to fit in. So, she reluctantly becomes Eco Monitor for her class, in an attempt to make friends. In between saving the universe and trying to be normal, Pizazz's life is crazy. But stopping the park being bulldozed to make a carpark might just solve her problems.... Funny story with cartoons, about a very different superhero!

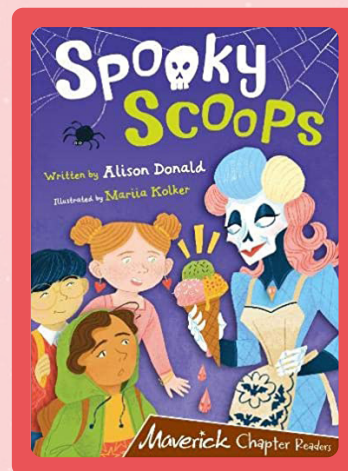


Year 4 - with a broad appeal

SPOOKY SCOOPS by ALISON DONALD AND MARIIA KOLKER

Published by Maverick Arts Publishing, ISBN 978-1848867307

Sanaya is worried when the ice cream shop gets a strange new owner Skeletina Sundae. Everyone is eating ice cream all the time – and it's making them turn into monsters. Can Sanaya and her friend Haru stop Skeletina? A fun story with a gentle message about acceptance.



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Other books we'd love to
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YEAR 4

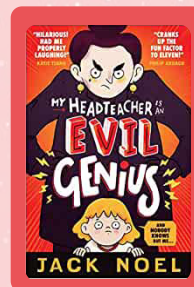
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YEAR 4 - with a bit more challenge

MY HEADTEACHER IS AN EVIL GENIUS BY JACK NOEL

Published by Walker Books, ISBN 978-1406386356

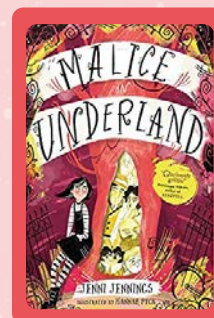
Hilarious tale about Thomasina "Tom" Ginger and her teeth braces – which have the power to tune in to the evil plotting of her new Headteacher, Ms Fortune. She's up to something bad but who will believe Tom? As the school changes beyond recognition, foes will become friends and an uprising will start to stir... can the kids of Belton Primary foil the great smoothie plot? Very funny tale which will have you laughing out loud.



MALICE IN UNDERLAND by JENNI JENNINGS

Published by Scholastic, ISBN 978-0702304408

Take a pinch of Harry Potter, add a dollop of the Addams Family, and a spoonful of Lewis Carroll, stir it up in a cauldron and take a taste of Malice in Underland! Malice isn't into mischief-making like her parents, and when her gentle ghost Grandad disappears, she joins her do-gooder detective Uncle Vex in trying to solve the mystery. Just why are all the ghostly Grandads disappearing? Could a spell have gone wrong? Follow the adventures of Malice and Vex in the deliciously gothic Underland as they attempt to put things right. A great adventure story, and teachers will love the imaginative similes.

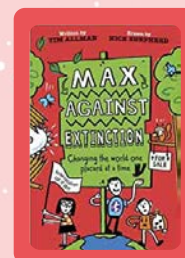


YEAR 4 - with broad appeal

MAX AGAINST EXTINCTION BY TIM ALLMAN

Published by OUP Oxford, ISBN 978-0192775153

Max is horrified to discover that his beloved Bramble Field is about to be turned into an office block. Can he stop the development? Join Max and his mates as they bravely protest and try to save the newts that live in Bramble Field; it will be hard, it will be embarrassing, but this is one boy who will not give up!



THE WORRIES: SOHAL FINDS A FRIEND by JION SHEIBANI

Published by Puffin, ISBN 978-0241438619

Sohal draws his worries to help cope with them – but they come to life! Suddenly, Hurt, Fail, Anger, Big and Alone are in his bedroom for real, and Sohal has to come up with ways to keep them under control. Just how do you deal with worries who have a life of their own? A funny and reassuring story, the first in a new series.



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Summer 2021 Books in the Spotlight Year 5/6

Year 5/6 - with a little more challenge

THE NIGHT BUS HERO by ONJALI Q RAUF

Published by Orion, ISBN 978-1510106772

Hector is the school bully. He pushes people over, steals their pocket money and sweets, and is generally regarded as BIG TROUBLE by his classmates and teachers alike. But when he targets a homeless man in the park, he gets far more than he bargained for. Thinking the man is really the notorious thief who is stealing famous statues across London, he steps up his campaign against him – only to discover that the homeless community have their own code. Can Hector be a hero? Can he unmask the thief? And can he do the bravest thing of all – learn how not to be a bully? This story will grip you from start to finish with its mystery, as you follow Hector's journey from zero to hero. Read beginning for a taste of Hector's antics.



Some ideas for activities and book chat:

- The story explores the theme of bullying and on the surface Hector is not a very nice person at all. Discuss why you think he behaves as he does and what has led him to be this way? How do you think he changes?
- There are several strong characters in the story. Which do you find the most interesting and why?
- Homelessness runs throughout the story. Thomas is treated quite badly by many people. Place yourself in a homeless person's shoes, how do you think it might feel? What would be your biggest worries or concerns?
- Think of a time you have been really kind to someone. Jot down, who? Why? And something about what you did or said that was a kind? Share this with a talk partner.

Remember to watch the author video here: <https://www.facebook.com/WHSmithuk/videos/198688928485672/>

Teaching Resources - <https://www.hachetteschools.co.uk/hachette-schools-posts/2020/10/23/the-night-bus-hero-teaching-resources/>



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Books in the Spotlight Year 5/6

Year 5/6 - with a broad appeal

THE GHOST GARDEN by EMMA CARROLL

Published by Barrington Stoke, ISBN 978-1781129005

Fran's father works as Head Gardener at Longbarrow House, and Fran is poking about in the garden one day when she uncovers a bone and accidentally breaks it. Then Leo, one of the children that lives in the House, breaks his leg. More strange coincidences happen – is the garden causing them, or predicting them? And are there such things as ghosts? A spooky tale that will chill you, but also a poignant read set during the eve of the First World War about friendship.



Some ideas for activities and book chat:

- The theme of coincidences runs through the story. Explain the meaning of the word.
- Fran thinks the coincidences are trying to tell her something or give her a message or warning. Do you believe this sort of thing happens in real life?
- Fran is a helpful character even though at first, she feels that she has been roped in to look after Leo and doesn't really want to. What do you think about her character?
- The story is spooky or eerie in places, which is your favourite spooky part and why?
- The story is set just before the First World War. Write down 5 facts you think you know about this period of history. Check them with a partner or the rest of the class.
- Jessie and Evan are mischievous younger siblings to Leo. Do you have a younger or older sibling? Are they fun to be around or do they get up to mischief too? Talk to a partner about them and come up with 5 words to describe them.

Remember to watch the author videos all about this book especially for you: <https://youtu.be/QMERPvYPgAQ>

Poster - <https://www.barringtonstoke.co.uk/books/the-ghost-garden-poster/>



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Summer 2021
Competition Time
Year 5/6

We hope that you have enjoyed reading the books. Now it's time to work together as a class and create some award winning entries for our Year 5/6 competition.



THE NIGHT BUS HERO



The title of the books and the actions of the characters are linked to the theme of heroes. Heroes don't need to be characters with special powers in a comic book, they can be real people too!

Think about someone you know personally or a famous role model or hero that you have heard of; someone you think of as a real-life hero.

Write about them including the following ideas:

- Who are they? How do you know them?
- Describe them and what makes them a hero
- What are their actions or characteristics which make them a hero or role model?



How to enter

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THE GHOST GARDEN



There are some interesting descriptions of the place where Fran and Leo live: the garden, the house and the burial mound they find. There is often a spooky atmosphere which you can sense as a reader.

Think of a place you know well like your school, your house or local park.

Write a spooky description of this place using interesting verbs, adjectives and adverbs to make it sound eerie to your reader. Keep it short but load it with meaning; be sure to redraft and improve.

Challenge: try to use imagery like similes or metaphors to make your writing more vivid.

You can even draw an illustration to go with your description.



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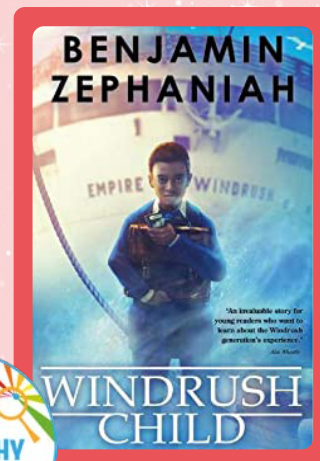
Bonus Books in the Spotlight
Year 5/6

Year 5/6 - with a little more challenge

WINDRUSH CHILD by BENJAMIN ZEPHANIAH

Published by Scholastic, ISBN 978-0702302725

There's been lots on TV about the Windrush Generation lately but what does it mean, and what did it feel like to be a Windrush child? Find out in this brilliant story by a master storyteller. Leonard moves from vibrant Jamaica to dreary London, to join his Dad who's been trying to make a better life for them. He hates it and is treated badly by his classmates because he's Black. But despite lots of drama, slowly Leonard makes a new life, and the story follows him to the present day. Britain is his home – isn't it? Prepare to be enthralled and shocked by Leonard's story, which is based on true events.

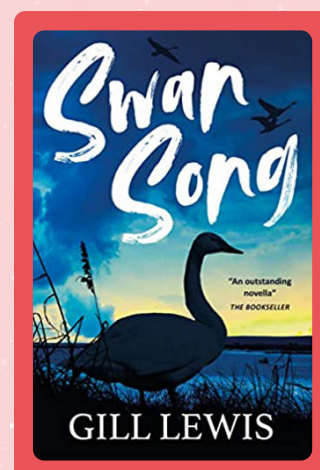


Year 5/6 - with a broad appeal

SWAN SONG by GILL LEWIS

Published by Barrington Stoke, ISBN 978-1781129548

Dylan is struggling. Since he started high school, everything has become too much to handle. Now he's been expelled and is forced to move to the tiny village in Wales where his grandad lives. But when Grandad invites Dylan out on his boat to watch the Whooper swans return to their winter feeding ground, things begin to change. Grandad doesn't judge or question; he just lets Dylan be. Out on the water, with no distractions or pressure, Dylan begins to feel like himself again. But when the swans and their home are threatened, and tragedy strikes at home, can Dylan keep going when it feels like everything is slipping out of control again?



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Other books we'd love to recommend!

YEAR 5/6

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YEAR 5/6 - with a bit more challenge

THE CHILDREN OF SWALLOW FELL BY JULIA GREEN

Published by OUP Oxford, ISBN 978-0192771582

War comes suddenly and Isabella and her Dad flee Italy to find refuge in Dad's childhood home, a remote cottage in Northern England. There's no water supply, no internet or phone, and food is in short supply. When her Dad ventures out to find food, Isabella discovers two children who have been living in the wild for several years. Their friendship will help them all survive in a harsh new world, while Isabella waits for her Dad to come back and her Mum and stepsister to find them. A lyrical tale about friendship and hope, and the resilience of the human spirit.



THE BEAST AND THE BETHANY by JACK MEGGITT-PHILLIPS

Published by Egmont, ISBN 978-1405298889

Ebenezer Tweezer is 511 years old and thoroughly selfish and vile. He's lived this long by feeding a Beast in his attic, who in return gives him a youth potion. But when the Beast asks Ebenezer to feed him a living child, they both get more than they bargained for in badly-behaved Bethany! Can Bethany bewitch evil Ebenezer and avoid the belly of the Beast? Amusing tale of how being bad isn't always wrong and that friendship can be unexpected!



YEAR 5/6 - with broad appeal

LIFE OF RILEY: BEGINNER'S LUCK BY SIMON JAMES GREEN

Published by Scholastic, ISBN 978-0702303623

Riley Quinn visits the fortune teller at the funfair and she puts a thousand curses on him when he sneezes his snot over her crystal ball! And now Riley is lurching from one disaster to another – involving glue, banana skins, disinfectant, killer seagulls, rampaging lawnmowers.... This boy is not safe to be around! He needs some good luck, fast. But can he learn to make his own luck? And is cool new kid at school, Brad Chicago, the good luck charm he needs? A hilarious story that will have you laughing your socks off – watch out for Riley, disaster magnet!



WORLD BURN DOWN by STEVE COLE

Published by Barrington Stoke, ISBN 978-1781129463

Carlos is terrified when he's kidnapped and taken on a terrifying journey into the Amazon rainforest. His mother is a soldier who protects the rainforest, but criminals want to scare her away. Carlos escapes but into worse danger – there is a forest fire! How will he find his way out and can he stop the criminals from doing more damage? A tense and powerful tale about a real-life issue. How can you protect the rainforest?



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Summer 2021 Books in the Spotlight Year 1

We have given you a copy of each of these books to read and enjoy with your Year 1 children - let us know what you think!

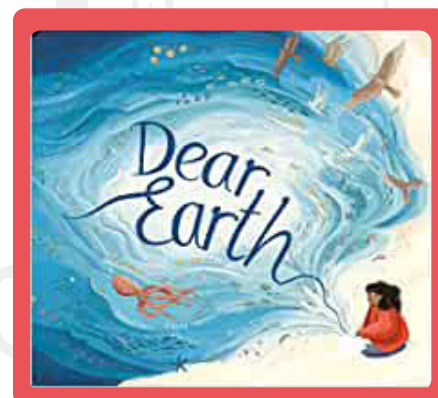
Year 1 - with a little more challenge

DEAR EARTH by ISABEL OTTER AND CLARA ANGANUZZI

Published by Caterpillar Books, ISBN 978-1848579415

Tessa writes a letter to the Earth about all the places that she would like to visit one day. Would you like to splash under waterfalls, dive with the fish, slide down desert dunes and fly high with the birds? Explore our wonderful world with this beautiful book and be inspired to write your own letter to the natural world around you.

Environmental message, beautiful illustrations, classroom potential

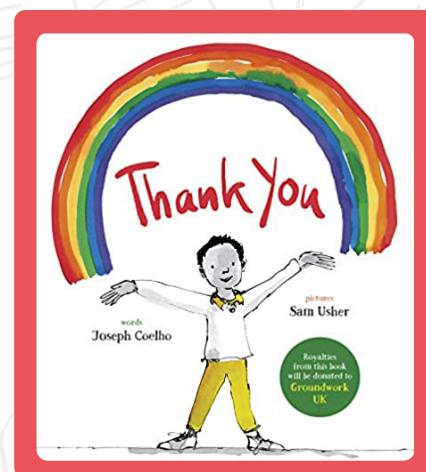


Year 1 - with a little more challenge

THANK YOU by JOSEPH COELHO AND SAM USHER

Published by Frances Lincoln, ISBN 978-0711262034

This wonderful book says a big thank you to everyone who helped others during the pandemic, but more than that, it shows the power of "thank you" in everyday life, as a young boy, Tatenda, makes everyone feel better. A joyful celebration of community, of hope, of coming together, and how even young children can make a difference. Great for promoting empathy.



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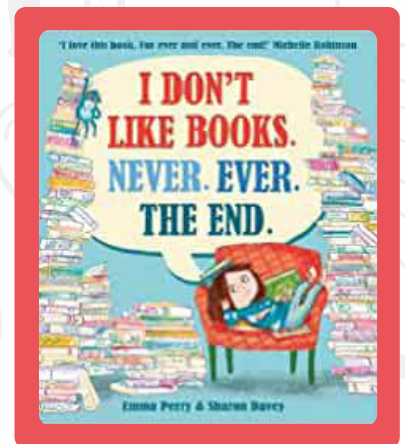
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Year 1 - with a broad appeal

I DON'T LIKE BOOKS. NEVER. EVER. THE END by EMMA PERRY

Published by David Fickling Books ISBN 978-1788450621

Once upon a time there was a little girl called Mabel. A girl who didn't like books. She used them for all sorts of things, from juggling to sledging, but she NEVER looked at the stories inside. Until the books decided they had had ENOUGH!



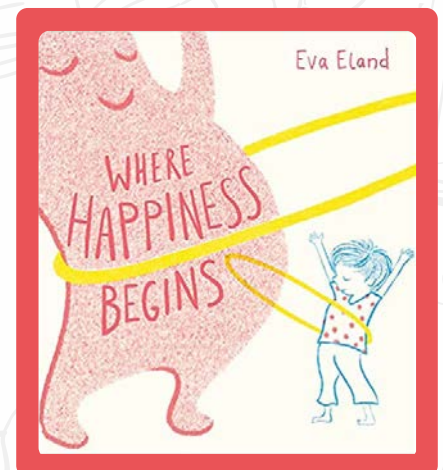
Year 1 - with a broad appeal

WHERE HAPPINESS BEGINS by EVA ELAND

Published by Andersen Press, ISBN 978-1783448555

What is happiness, and where can you find it? This charming book shows you that happiness is always your friend and is with you all the time. Look out for the cute orange Happiness blob throughout the story. What makes you happy?

Emotional resilience, recovery curriculum



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Year 1 - with a bit more challenge

I SAY BOO YOU SAY HOO by JOHN KANE

Published by Templar Publishing, ISBN 978-1787415508

Pure genius! This book will have everyone in uproar with its hilarious, interactive antics. Follow the instructions for total classroom chaos. Just who did the stinky poo?

THE LAST CHIP by DUNCAN BEEDIE

Published by Templar Publishing, ISBN 978-1783700011

Percy the pigeon never gets a scrap of food, as the bigger birds bully him and take it all for themselves. It's a sad life. But then Percy encounters some kindness – from a homeless person who offers him the last chip. This is a lovely story of kindness, struggle against adversity and determination. It can also lead to some interesting conversations around food poverty, bullying and homelessness and is great for supporting empathy development.

Year 1 – with broad appeal

BAD CAT! by NICOLA O'BYRNE

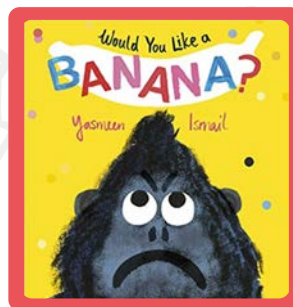
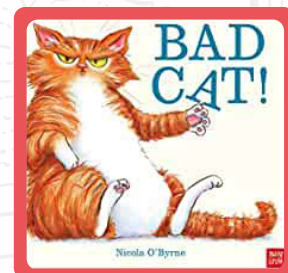
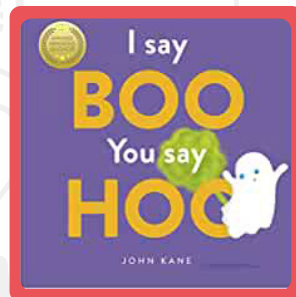
Published by Nosy Crow, ISBN 978-1788008860

Fluffykins is a very bad cat! What mischief will he get up to next? And will he say sorry? Have lots of fun guessing what Fluffykins will do – just look at that grumpy face! But will a cute smile and a meow be enough to put things right?

WOULD YOU LIKE A BANANA? by YASMEEN ISMAIL

Published by Walker Books, ISBN 978-1406375848

This little Gorilla will NOT eat a banana! No way! It doesn't matter what you say, "I won't eat a banana" is all this little Gorilla will shout. Or is it? Funny, expressive illustrations match this amusing tale perfectly, and you will laugh out loud as you empathise with Gorilla's feelings.



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Summer 2021 Books in the Spotlight Year 3

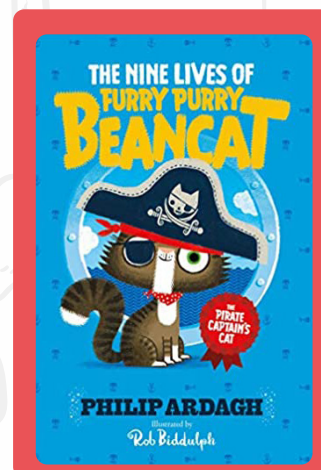
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Year 3 - with a little more challenge

THE PIRATE CAPTAIN'S CAT (THE NINE LIVES OF FURRY PURRY BEANCAT) by PHILIP ARDAGH AND ROB BIDDULPH

Published by Simon & Schuster, ISBN 978-1471184017

Furry Purry Beancat falls asleep and wakes up.... In an adventure! This time she's woken up on board a pirate ship, and must save the day when a rival pirate crew start a sea battle. Fun story with lots of action and a brave little cat who's adorable.

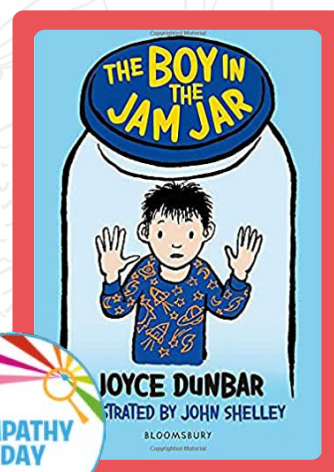


Year 3 - with a little more challenge

THE BOY IN THE JAM JAR by JOYCE DUNBAR

Published by Bloomsbury, ISBN 978-1472973931

Dylan can't hear as well as he used to be able to and he doesn't want to be different from his friends - he wants to be able to hear like everyone else. As his hearing gets worse he becomes more and more isolated from his friends. Luckily his dog Pluto is there to keep him down to earth...



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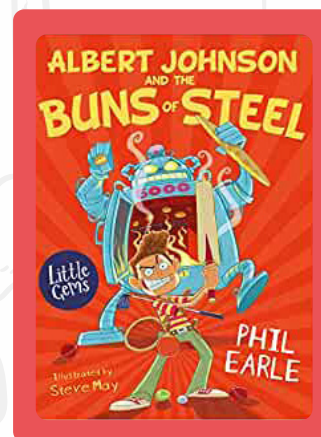
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Year 3 - with a broad appeal

ALBERT JOHNSON AND THE BUNS OF STEEL by PHIL EARLE

Published by Barrington Stoke, ISBN 978-1781129074

Albert doesn't want to be a baker like his Dad so is relieved when his Dad creates a robot – the Doughmaster 5000 – to help out in the bakery. But soon the robot is on the rampage and only Albert can stop him. A very funny story, short and pacy and with plenty of hilarious illustrations to match.

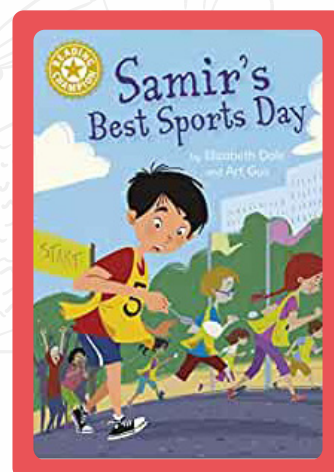


Year 3 - with a broad appeal

SAMIR'S BEST SPORTS DAY by ELIZABETH DALE AND ART GUS

Published by Franklin Watts, ISBN 978-1445169415

Samir is not having the best sports day! Everything is going wrong. Can he prove himself a winner? This reassuring story shows that everyone is good at something and taking part is what counts.



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Summer 2021 Other books we'd love to recommend! Year 3

There are so many great books around at the moment, we'd love to shout about some of our other favourites. Although we can't provide you with copies of these too, here's a guide to what they're all about and which children we think they would most suit.

YEAR 3 - with a bit more challenge

FROST by HOLLY WEBB

Published by Stripes Publishing, ISBN 978-1788951241

Cassie finds a fox cub near her flat and slowly tames it, until one night it leads her on a magical adventure to the Frost Fair on the Thames... is it a dream or has she travelled back in time? And in the present, can the fox cub, Frost, help her save the day when a neighbour is in trouble? A heart-warming animal story with a touch of magic.



THE PUG WHO WANTED TO BE A PUMPKIN by BELLA SWIFT

Published by Orchard Books, ISBN 978-1408360927

Peggy the Pug is scared of all the Halloween frights, especially the ghost at the haunted house by the park. But is there really a ghost? And can Peggy learn to be brave? Endearing puppy tale for all animal lovers, with a nice message about friendship.

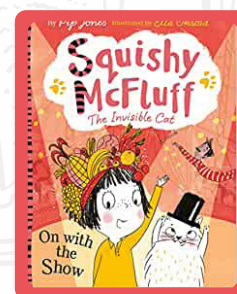


Year 3- with broad appeal

SQUISHY MCFLUFF THE INVISIBLE CAT: ON WITH THE SHOW! by PIP JONES

Published by Faber & Faber, ISBN 978-0571350360

Ava wants to visit the circus but – groan - first Mum says she must clear out the shed. But – high five! – this gives her plenty of opportunity to practice her circus skills! When Hank Honk the Clown can't make it to the finale, Ava steps in with her invisible cat, Squishy McFluff. Can they steal the show? Funny story told in rhyme that will be sure to make you giggle! There are six other stories about Squishy McFluff available.



FOOTBALL DREAMS by SHAWN PRYOR AND GENEVIEVE KOTE

Published by Raintree UK, ISBN 978-1474793759

Keisha doesn't want to do any old sport – she wants to play football, like her Grandad did. But she keeps catching the ball instead of kicking it – will she be able to follow her dream? A warm story about finding your talent.



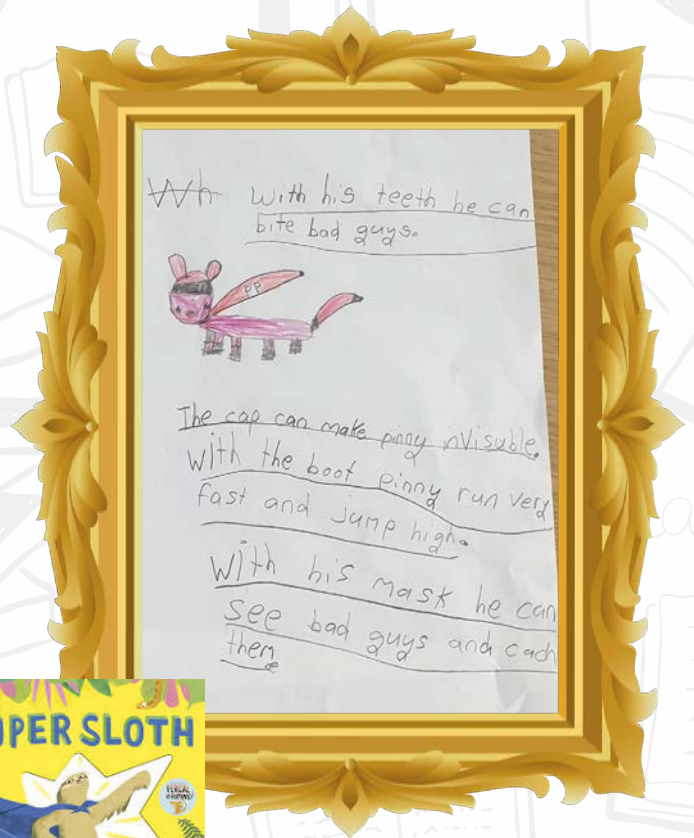
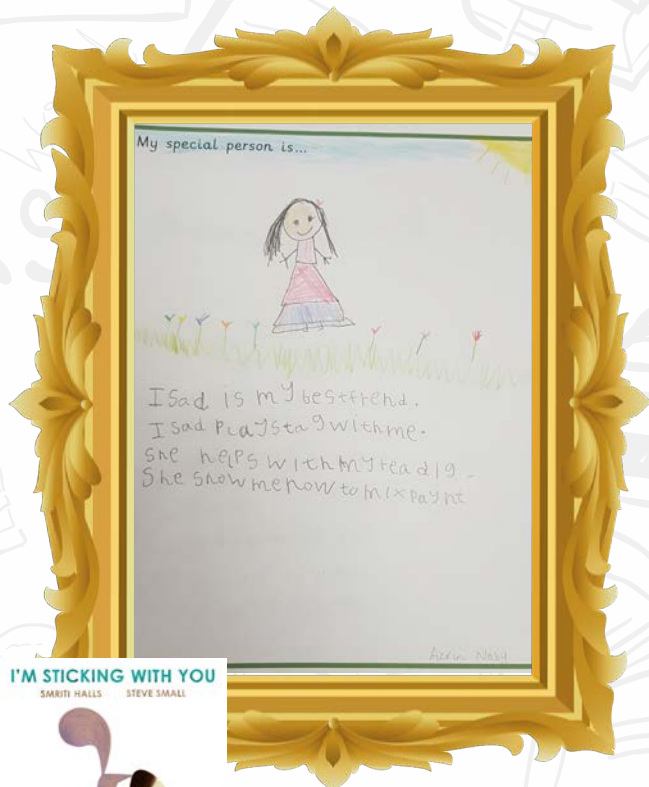
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Summer 2021 Year 1 Competition Winners

We received fantastic entries from: Braunstone Frith, Coleman, Dovelands, King Richard III, Linden, Medway, Mellor, Sandfield Close, St Thomas More and Stokes Wood. It was so difficult to judge.

**I'm Sticking with You Competition Winner from
Medway Community Primary School**

**Super Sloth Competition Winner from
Sandfield Close Primary School**



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pupils and schools.**

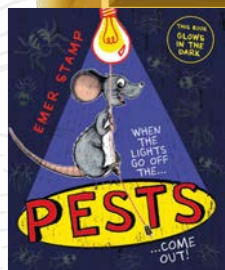
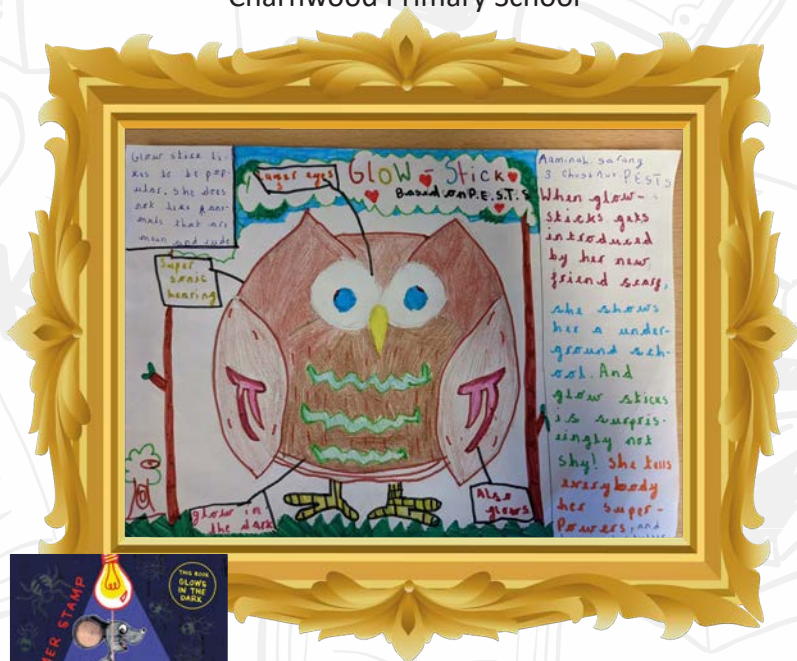


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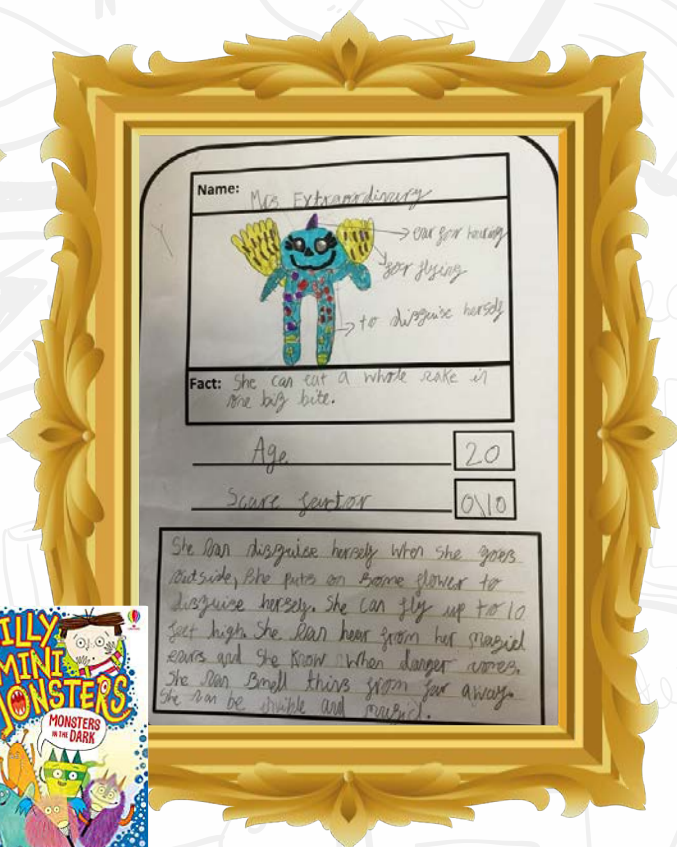
Summer 2021 Year 3 Competition Winners

We received fantastic entries from: Avenue, Barley Croft, Braunstone Frith, Charnwood, Christ the King, Dovelands, Herrick, Humberstone Junior, Inglehurst Junior, Montrose, Queensmead, Rushey Mead, Shenton, Stokes Wood, Whitehall and Willowbrook. It was so difficult to judge.

PESTS Competition Winner from Charnwood Primary School



Billy Mini Monsters Competition Winner from Rushey Mead Primary School



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