



St Walburga's Catholic Primary School



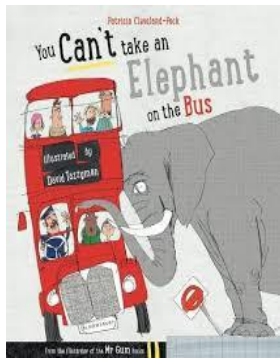
Year One - Recommended Reading



Year One recommended reading list

- Below is a list of our recommended reads for Year One. The children will be reading lots of brilliant books in school, but as always, reading at home is just as important, so if you are able to help your child read and enjoy some of these books, that would be great.
- This is not an exhaustive list, there are hundreds of wonderful books recommended for this age group, all of which provide quality reading material, exposing children to various genres and levels according to their interest and reading ability. The following websites offer plenty of other recommended reads for each year group, so please take a moment to peruse them when you can:
<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/>
<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/category/reading-lists-for-primary-school-pupils/>
- The Love reading website (<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/>) has lots of downloadable reading resources and is free to join. You will be able to find most recommended reads on Amazon, but we also want to encourage you to make use of local Libraries, which are a brilliant but often underused resource for our children.
- Many of the books on each list may be suitable for other year groups, so please feel free to branch out if this suit your child's needs.
- We have included both fiction and non-fiction books as part of the list. The non-fiction books have been chosen because they are linked to the topics the children will be studying in school.
- We hope this is a useful list and will help you and your child enjoy reading together!

Fiction Books



You Can't Take an Elephant on the Bus

By Patricia Cleveland - Peck

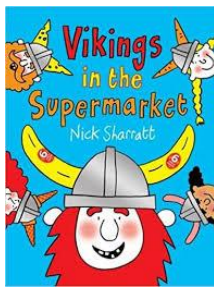
You can't take an elephant on the bus ...It would simply cause a terrible fuss! Elephants' bottoms are heavy and fat and would certainly squash the seats quite flat. Never put a camel in a sailing boat, or a tiger on a train, and don't even THINK about asking a whale to ride a bike ... This riotous picture book is filled with animals causing total disaster as they try to travel in the most unsuitable vehicles. A real romp of a book, with hilarious rhyming text and spectacular illustrations.



Sam Wu Is Not Afraid of Sharks

By Katie Tsang and Kevin Tsang

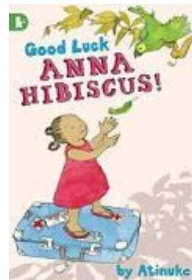
Brilliantly funny new young series about the bravest scaredy-cat in the world. Sam Wu is NOT a scaredy-cat (except when he is). And when a shark TOTALLY tries to eat him at the local aquarium, he decides he's not going to take any more chances. So at his friend's birthday party at the beach, Sam refuses to dip even a toe in the water. Nothing could go wrong now, could it?



Vikings in the Supermarket

By Nick Sharratt

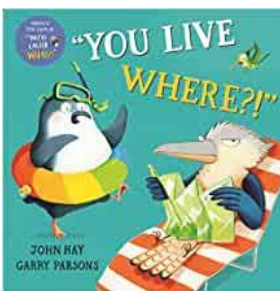
What would Vikings use instead of horns for their helmets? What would a mermaid do with a shoe? What colour would a king paint his castle? And what does a tidy pirate do on washing day? All these questions answered (and more!) in this fantastically funny collection of poems by Nick Sharratt, with his own inimitable illustrations. Jokes on every page!



Good Luck Anna Hibiscus

By Atinuke

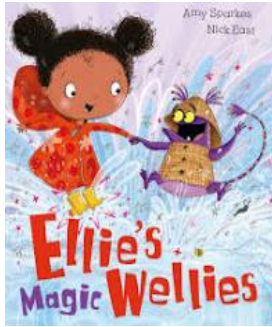
Third in the series of delightful stories about Anna Hibiscus, a little girl who lives in Africa. Anna Hibiscus is looking forward to visiting her grandmother in Canada, where she will see snow for the first time! But before she goes, she must find suitable clothes to keep her warm in the cold winter weather, and say goodbye to the family she loves.



You Live Where?

By John Hay

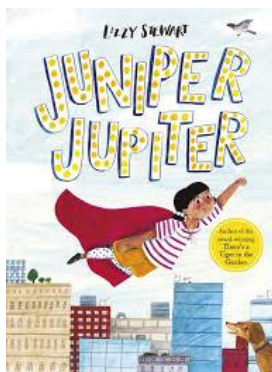
A laugh-out-loud funny story. Little Snoring. Scratchy Bottom. Nowhere. Nowhere Else. You Live Where?! It's the first day of the holiday and down by the pool the birds are getting to know each other. But as they soon discover, they all have one thing in common . . . they come from the places with the funniest names. A hilarious story, featuring a whole range of unbelievably silly real place names.



Ellie's Magic Wellies

By Amy Sparkes

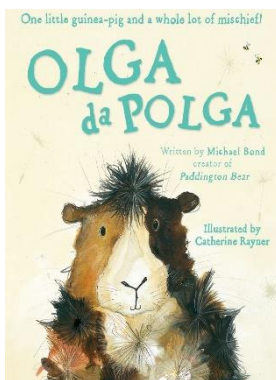
Ellie Pengelly is fed up and bored... until she gets a pair of FANTABULOUS new wellies! When Ellie goes out to explore in her new wellies she jumps into a puddle but before she knows it something jumps out! When the strange Fibberty-Gibberty starts juggling with jam, guzzling and gobbling food, and squeezing toothpaste he makes quite a mess! Will Ellie manage to clean it all up before mum gets home? The author and illustrator pair behind *The Mouse Who Sailed the Seas* team up again in this rollicking, rhyming story with the anarchic energy of Dr Seuss that children will love!



Juniper Jupiter

By Lizzy Stewart

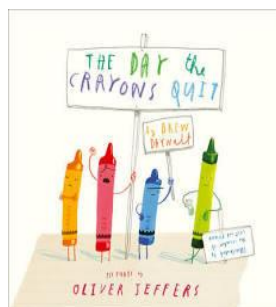
Juniper Jupiter is a real life superhero. It's no big deal. She's super brave, super fast, super strong, super smart, and she can even fly, but something is missing. What is a hero without an amazing sidekick? It turns out that lots of people want to be a superhero's sidekick, but none of them are quite right. They're too big, too scratchy, too weird, too scared, or WAY too prepared . . . will Juniper ever find the perfect one? This is a fun and feisty story about friendship and learning to value what you already have.



Olga da Polga

By Michael Bond

Olga da Polga has left the pet shop to start a new life with her owners. Her home is now a large and airy hutch and it's not long before she meets Noel the cat, Fangio the hedgehog, and Graham the tortoise. Her garden companions soon discover that Olga loves an audience and from the moment she arrives she tells them stories about her wild and exciting adventures. Although they are not always sure whether to believe everything Olga says, one thing is certain - since Olga moved in, life is never dull!



The Day the Crayons Quit

By Drew Daywalt

Poor Duncan just wants to colour. But when he opens his box of crayons, he finds only letters, all saying the same thing: His crayons have had enough! They quit! Blue crayon needs a break from colouring all those bodies of water. Black crayon wants to be used for more than just outlining. And Orange and Yellow are no longer speaking—each believes he is the true colour of the sun. What can Duncan possibly do to appease all of the crayons and get them back to doing what they do best.

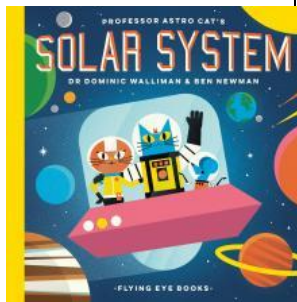
Non-fiction Books



The Big Book of Bugs

By Yuval Zommer (*Information book*)

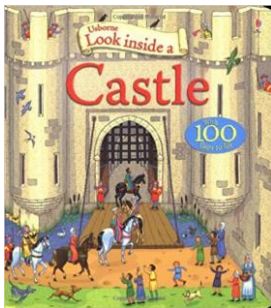
Introductory spreads explain that bugs live nearly everywhere on Earth and give tips on how to become a young bug spotter. The book is divided into key groups of bugs, including beetles, moths, butterflies, bees, snails, crickets, grasshoppers, worms and spiders, all illustrated with scenic compositions. The text is chatty, funny and full of amazing facts.



Professor Astro Cat's Solar System

By Dominic Walliman and Ben Newman (*Information book*)

Professor Astro Cat takes us on a tour of the solar system, highlighting features of each planet. The information is deliberately limited to facts contained in three speech bubbles per spread so as not to overwhelm younger readers with information. This element of interaction with the professor and his friends is inviting and accessible and the selection of intriguing facts will entice them to find out more.



Look Inside a Castle

By Conrad Mason (*Information Book*)

This is an innovative flap book offering a fascinating glimpse behind the scenes of a busy castle. Amid the hustle and bustle, find flaps beneath flaps and many more surprises to keep enquiring minds entertained. Young readers can meet lords, ladies, knights and squires and find out how they live, work, fight and relax in their magnificent castle home.