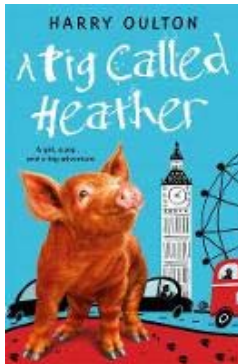


St John's Spring Reading Challenge

Year 2 (age 6-7) (KS1)

Here are some fantastic books for Year 2 to read.



A Pig Called Heather
Harry Oulton

An inspiring tale of courage, friendship and, above all, apples! Heather's best friend is a girl called Isla, who lives with her dad on a farm in Scotland. Their idyllic life together is shattered when a thunderstorm destroys everything and forces Isla's dad to sell up and move to London - leaving Isla and Heather miles apart and utterly miserable. Then fate intervenes, turning Heather from an everyday pig into a national celebrity, and catapulting her to fame, fortune and, most excitingly of all . . . London. Armed only with her own pig-headedness, Heather embarks on a quest to track down her best friend. After all, how many girls with freckles can there be in London?

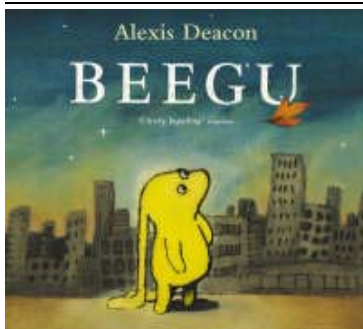
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Beaver Towers Witches Revenge
The Witch's Revenge
Nigel Hinton

The second BEAVOR TOWERS adventure. Once again Philip has been transported to the island to help his friends the beavers in their fight against the wicked witch, Oyin. But Oyin is planning a terrible revenge on the island's inhabitants.

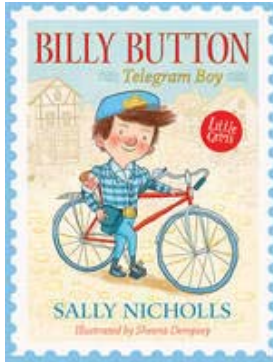
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Beegu
Alexis Deacon

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 ...

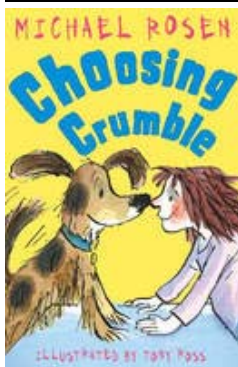
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Billy Button, Telegram Boy
Sally Nicholls

When Charlie the telegram boy breaks his leg and can't ride his bicycle, Billy Button sees his chance. He has always wanted to be a telegram boy, delivering messages all over the village on the red Post Office bicycle. Soon Billy is zooming about all over the place with news of new babies, sick sisters and sweethearts coming to visit. He even has a chance to put a few things right with a special 'extra' telegram or two...High quality cream paper and a special easy to read font ensure a smooth read for all.

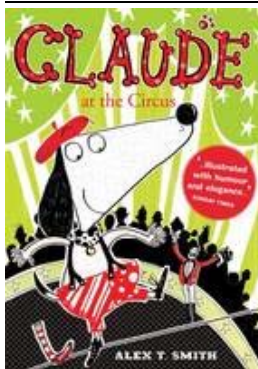
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Choosing Crumble
Michael Rosen

When Terri-Lee goes to the pet-shop she thinks she'll be choosing a dog - she doesn't expect the dog to be choosing her! But Crumble is no ordinary pet and he's got a few questions to ask: How many walks will you take me on? Do you like to dance? Will you tickle me? I like that a lot. Will Terri-Lee's dance moves and answers be enough to convince Crumble that she could be his owner?

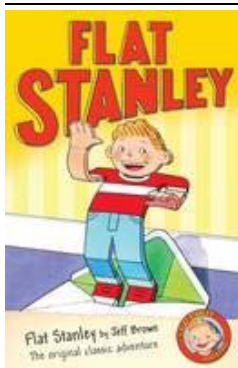
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Claude at the Circus
Alex T Smith

A walk in the park leads to a walk on a tightrope when Claude joins a circus, throws custard pies, and becomes the star of the show! Praise for Claude: '...illustrated with humour and elegance...' - The Times 'With quirky illustrations and plenty of humour...' - Metro

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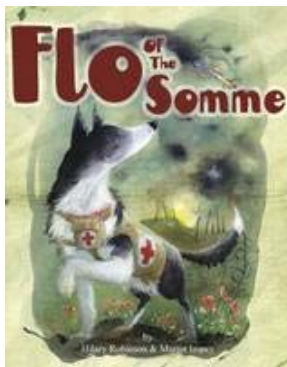


Flat Stanley
Jeff Brown

The classic adventures of everybody's favourite flat boy - It's Jeff Brown's Flat Stanley. Stanley Lambchop is an ordinary boy with an extraordinary problem. One night, a giant pinboard falls on top of him leaving him completely flat. At first, Stanley enjoys the benefits of his strange predicament - it can be fun going in out of rooms simply by sliding under the door. And it's a hoot being posted to your friends in California for a holiday. But it's not always easy being different, and, once the novelty begins to wear off, Stanley wishes he could be just like

everybody else again. But how will he ever fill out? Jeff Brown's world-famous character Flat Stanley continues to charm half a century after he first found his way into print.

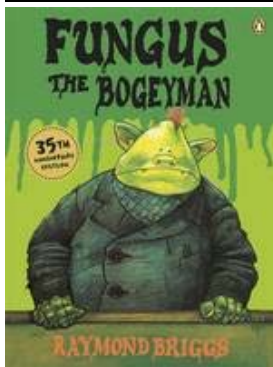
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Flo of the Somme
Hilary Robinson

Following on from the huge success of 'Where The Poppies Now Grow' and 'The Christmas Truce', 'Flo Of The Somme' pays tribute to the remarkable bravery of the animals who risked their lives during World War 1. Mercy dog 'Flo' has more to contend with than racing across dangerous battlefields. Can she reach the injured in time with her first aid kit, and can she lead stretcher bearer, Ray, to the stricken. Poignant, poetic text, sensitively written for a young audience with rich illustrations that detail significant landmarks of a battle which is recognised as one of the costliest engagements of World War 1.

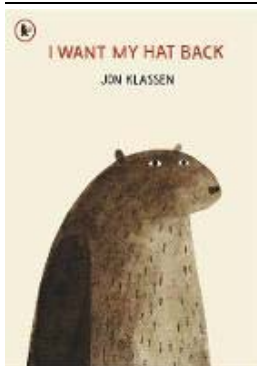
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Fungus The Bogeyman
Raymond Briggs

Life in Bogeydom is full of snot, smells, slime, scum and other unspeakable things, and Bogeymen live under the ground revelling in all the nastiness imaginable. Briggs has created a whole new world in this sophisticated cartoon-strip picture book for older children which will entice the most reluctant of readers into books.

Format: Paperback



I Want My Hat Back
Jon Klassen

A bear searches for his missing hat in the bestselling, multiple award-winning picture book debut of Jon Klassen. In his bestselling debut picture book, the multiple award-winning Jon Klassen, illustrator of 'This Is Not My Hat' and 'Sam and Dave Dig a Hole', tells the story of a bear whose hat has gone. And he wants it back. Patiently and politely, he asks the animals he comes across, one by one, whether they have seen it. Each animal says no (some more elaborately than others). But just as it begins to lose hope, lying flat on his back in despair, a deer comes by and asks a rather obvious question that suddenly sparks the bear's memory and renews his search with a vengeance... Told completely in dialogue, this quirky, hilarious, read-aloud tale plays out in sly illustrations brimming with visual humour and winks at the

reader who will be thrilled to be in on the joke.

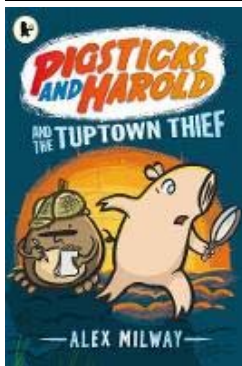
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Ottoline at Sea
Chris Riddell

Ottoline and Mr. Munroe do everything and go everywhere together. That is, until the day Mr. Munroe mysteriously disappears, leaving a strange clue written in string ...Armed with her Amateur Roving Collectors' travel pass, Ottoline sets off on a journey over, under and on top of the sea to find her hairy best friend - and bring him back home. Ottoline at Sea is the third enchanting Ottoline adventure from Kate Greenaway award winner, Chris Riddell. With his appealing illustration style, Riddell's humorous details make this a book to pore over and adore.

Format: Paperback



Pigsticks and Harold and the Tuptown Thief
Alex Milway

Step aside Holmes and Watson - only Pigsticks and Harold can solve the case of the Tuptown Thief! There's a thief on the loose in Tuptown, and the annual Butterfly Ball will be cancelled unless someone is brought to justice. Luckily, Pigsticks has crime-fighting in his blood and a magnifying glass in his hand. Will Detective Pigsticks and his keen-eyed assistant Harold solve the crime? And can they do it in time to save the Butterfly Ball?

Format: Paperback



Something About a Bear
Jackie Morris

Where the water churns with salmon, thick and rich with leaping fishes, there the brown bear stands and catches the wild king of the river. With stunning watercolour paintings, this lyrical picture book - shortlisted for the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal - describes eight bears from all over the world, all shown in their wild habitats: Black Bear, Polar Bear, Sloth Bear, Spectacle Bear, Sunbear, Panda, Moonbear, Brown Bear. But which is the best bear of all? Your own teddy bear of course!

Format: Hardback



Storytime: What's the Time, Wilfred Wolf?
Jessica Barrah

Wilfred Wolf can't tell the time, big hands and little hands are too confusing! Wilfred Wolf can't tell the time, he just eats and sleeps when he feels like it! When Wilfred gets invited to a party, he's faced with a problem - how will he know when it's time to go? This sweet story teaches the importance of time telling and the need for helpful and supportive friends. Part of the series Storytime. Beautifully illustrated, QED Storytime introduces young children to the pleasures of reading and sharing stories. Discussion points for parents and teachers are also included.

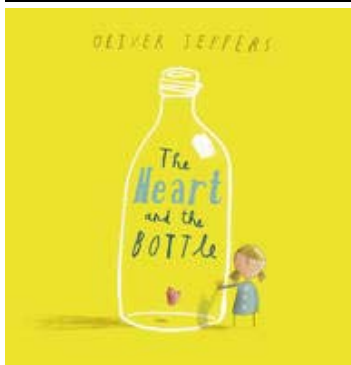
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The Adventures of Captain Underpants
Dav Pilkey

When naughty George and Harold hypnotise their headteacher, they accidentally create the greatest superhero in the history of their school -- Captain Underpants! His true identity is so secret that even HE doesn't know who he is...but he's fighting for truth, justice, and all things pre-shrunk and cottony!! If you're a naughty villain like the diabolical Dr Diaper, watch out! Captain Underpants has wedgie-power on his side, and he's coming your way

Format: Paperback



The Heart and the Bottle
Oliver Jeffers

Award-winning picture book star Oliver Jeffers explores themes of love and loss in this life-affirming and uplifting tale. Once there was a girl whose life was filled with wonder at the world around her...Then one day something happened that made the girl take her heart and put it in a safe place. However, after that it seemed that the world was emptier than before. But would she know how to get her heart back? In this deeply moving story, Oliver Jeffers deals with the weighty themes of love and loss with an extraordinary lightness of touch and shows us, ultimately, that there is always hope.

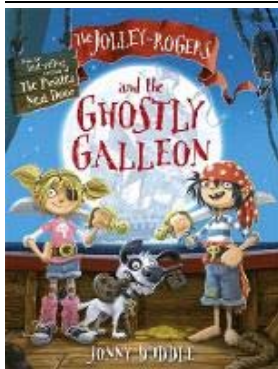
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The Hodgeheg
Dick King-Smith

Max is a hedgehog who lives with his family in a nice little home, but unfortunately on the wrong side of the road from the Park, with its beautiful lily pond, and more importantly its juicy slugs, worms and snails! The busy road is a dangerous barrier but Max notices that humans seem to cross it quite easily. If they can, why can't hedgehogs? So Max sets out on a quest to find a safe way to reach the Park. His first attempt ends in a nasty bump on the head, and Max finds when he tries to speak his words are all mixed up. He is now a Hodgeheg, not a hedgehog, but he is still determined to fulfil his mission. After some careful detective work, Max eventually discovers the best way to cross the road - with the help of the lollipop lady, of course!

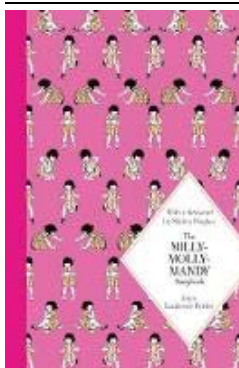
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The Jolley-Rogers and the Ghostly Galleon
Jonny Duddle

Ahoy there shipmates! Climb aboard with a new fiction series from Jonny Duddle featuring the crew from The Pirates Next Door. Join Jim Lad and Matilda as they sail the seven seas (and the coast of Dull-on-Sea) in search of adventure and pirate loot. Every full moon, a mysterious ship is seen off the coast of Dull-on-Sea. Then, the day after, gold and jewellery are missing from the homes, shops and museums of the town. Matilda needs the Jolley-Rogers' help to investigate. Can Matilda and Jim Lad retrieve the stolen booty from the mysterious ship before the moon fades? Or will they end up stuck on board with ghostly pirates until the next full moon?

Format: Paperback



The Milly-Molly-Mandy Storybook Macmillan Classics edition
Joyce Lankester Brisley

The stories of Milly-Molly-Mandy and her friends have charmed generations of children since their first publication in 1925. Perfect for reading aloud, these twenty-one stories will bring back happy memories for parents and grandparents and introduce younger readers to an enduringly popular heroine and her friends little-friend-Susan and Billy Blunt. Gloriously illustrated with the author's original line drawings, a ribbon marker and with a foreword by Shirley Hughes, this beautiful hardback edition of Joyce Lankester Brisley's The Milly-Molly-Mandy Storybook is a truly special gift to treasure.

Format: Hardback



Tiny The Invisible World of Microbes
Nicola Davies

This exciting non-fiction picture book introduces young readers to the wondrous (and invisible) world of microbes. There are living things so tiny millions could fit on a dot. Although they are invisible, they are everywhere and they multiply very quickly. They are vital for life on earth, and do all sorts of things - from giving us a cold and making yoghurt to wearing down mountains and helping to make the air we breathe. With charming illustrations by Emily Sutton, this friendly, clever book succeeds in conveying the complex science of micro-organisms simply and clearly, and opens up an exciting new avenue for young non-fiction.

Format: Paperback