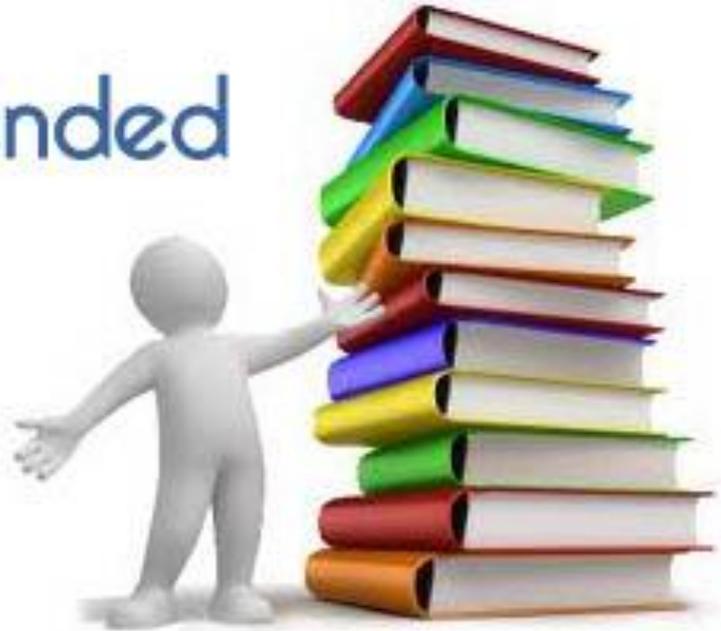




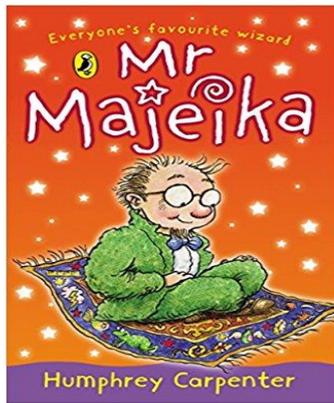
Recommended Reading...



Year Two Recommended Reading List

Below is a list of high-quality books from the '100 fiction books every child should read before they leave primary school' list and the love reading website which we recommend as good reading material.

- At Khalsa Primary School we are passionate about reading because lots of research shows that children who read regularly achieve more in school and have better life outcomes (<https://ces-schools.net/10-benefits-reading-children-adults-read-often/> <https://www.theguardian.com/books/booksblog/2013/sep/16/reading-improves-childrens-brains/>).
- Your children will also be reading many wonderful books in school, but it would be great if they could also read some books from this list as we will not be studying these books in class.
- On the Lovereading website, which is free to join, you can also find free downloadable extracts of many of these books (<http://www.lovereading4schools.co.uk/>). The other books can be found on Amazon.
- These books should also be available in local libraries because they are very popular.
- Please be advised that many of the books will be suitable for more than one year group as they can be read with different levels of understanding.
- This is by no means an exhaustive list! There is a lot of high-quality children's literature in the world and you can find helpful guidance on choosing appropriately from websites such as <http://www.booktrust.org.uk/books/> and your local library.
- We hope you and your children enjoy reading together!

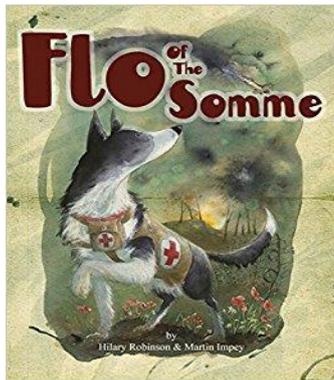


Mr Majeika

By Humphrey Carpenter

As a rule, magic carpets don't turn up in schools, but this is exactly what happens when Class Three's new teacher flies in through the classroom window and lands on the floor with a bump.

Mr Majeika can behave just like any ordinary teacher if he wants to, but something has to be done about Hamish Bigmore, the class nuisance, and so he uses a little magic to turn him into a frog. And to everyone's delight it looks as if Hamish will have to remain a frog because Mr Majeika can't remember the spell to turn him back again! With Mr Majeika in charge, suddenly life at school become much more exciting – there's even a magic-carpet ride to Buckingham Palace!

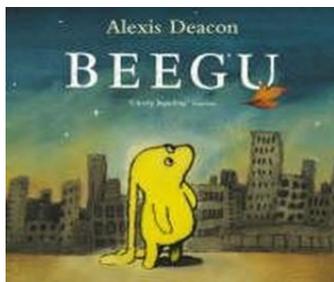


Flo of The Somme

By Hilary Robinson

Winner of the 2016 Historical Association's 'Young Quill's Award for Historical Fiction

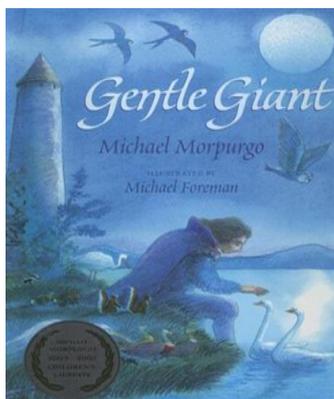
The stories of the many animals involved in the First World War make a great way to explain to children the sacrifices made by the soldiers: the animals had no choice but to take part, had no nationality, and children can quickly identify with them. Flo is a Mercy dog, one of those trained to find the wounded and dying on battlefields and sent out with medical supplies. Her story is told in rhyme, building through repetition (like This is the house that Jack Built) from 'This is Flo, a hero of war/A mercy dog that saved lives' until the full story emerges, of pilots shot down and then saved by the Medical Corps, with the help of a messenger pigeon, a donkey and of course Flo.



Begu

By 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 . . .

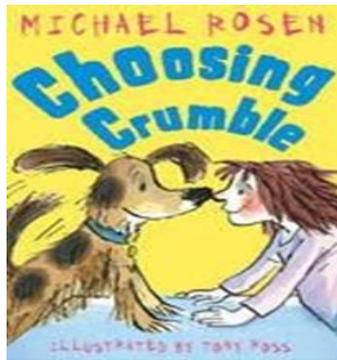


Gentle Giant

By Michael Morpurgo

A tale of compassion, love, and the healing powers of nature from an awardwinning team.

On a small island in the middle of a silver lake, there once lived a sad young man. He was sad because he had grown up into a giant of a man—very big, very strong, and very frightening. Because no one liked to go near him, his only friends were the wild creatures that lived around him. Then one day, he saves a girl from drowning. Little does he know that she will change his life forever.



Choosing Crumble

By 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.*

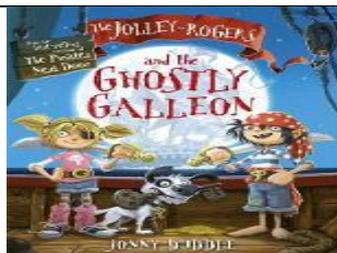
Will Terri-Lee's dance moves and answers be enough to convince Crumble that she could be his owner?



Little Mouse's Big Book of Fears,

By Emily Gravett

Young children will identify with the little mouse who uses the pages of this book to document his fears - from loud noises and the dark, to being sucked down the plughole. Packed with details and surprise treats including flaps, nibbled holes and even a hilarious fold-out map, *Little Mouse's Big Book of Fears* by Emily Gravett is an extraordinary, award-winning picture book.



The Jolley-Rogers and the Ghostly Galleon

By Jonny Duddle

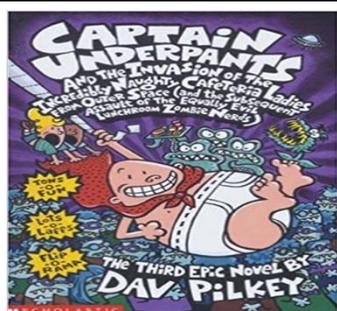
The award-winning pirates are back for a second great adventure! Help is needed in Dull-on-Sea after a ghostly pirate ship draws up on the beach and a rash of burglaries from homes, and even from the museum, follows. Matilda knows just who to call on! Soon Jim Lad and the Jolley-Rogers are at hand. Can they get all the valuables back and defeat the ghostly and ghostly crew? And exciting story brilliantly told in words and pictures.



What's the Time, Wilfred Wolf?

By Jessica Barrah

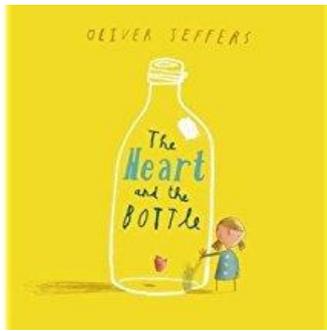
Wilfred Wolf can't tell the time, big hands and little hands are too confusing! Wilfred Wolf can't tell the time, he just eats and sleeps when he feels like it! When Wilfred gets invited to a party, he's faced with a problem - how will he know when it's time to go? This sweet story teaches the importance of time telling and the need for helpful and supportive friends.



Captain Underpants and the Invasion of the Incredibly Naughty Cafeteria Ladies From Outer Space

By Dav Pilkey

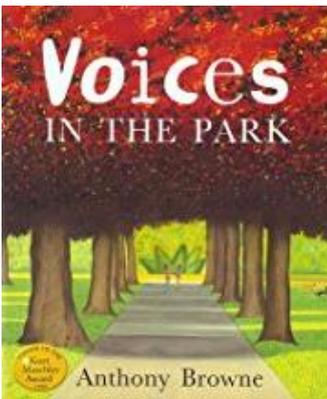
Harold and George's crazy creation is back! Captain Underpants defeated Dr Nappy and terminated the terrible talking toilets. But is he ready to take on three massive space aliens in disguise? And has he finally met his match in a battle with the Giant Man-Eating Dandelion of Doom?



The Heart and the Bottle

By Oliver Jeffers

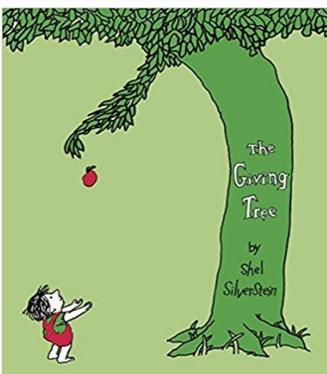
Award-winning picture book star Oliver Jeffers explores themes of love and loss in this life-affirming and uplifting tale. Once there was a girl whose life was filled with wonder at the world around her...Then one day something happened that made the girl take her heart and put it in a safe place. However, 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.



Voices in the Park

By Anthony Browne

Four different voices tell their own versions of the same walk in the park. The radically different perspectives give a fascinating depth to this simple story which explores many of the author's key themes, such as alienation, friendship and the bizarre amid the mundane.



The Giving Tree

Shel Silverstein.

Once there was a little tree ... and she loved a little boy.

So begins this beautifully written and illustrated story.

Every day the boy would come to the tree to eat her apples, swing from her branches, or slide down her trunk ... and the tree was happy. But as the boy grew older he began to want more from the tree, and the tree gave and gave and gave.

Shel Silverstein has created a moving parable that teaches readers about the gift of giving and a serene acceptance of another's capacity to love in return.