



HCAT Reading Spine

A SUPPORTING DOCUMENT FOR THE TEACHING OF READING



The books on this list have been carefully selected to provide a rich and wholesome reading experience for pupils across HCAT.

These texts have been selected to ensure that learners are exposed to high quality literature at every stage of their education and that through the experience of reading a range of books they develop a love of reading. These texts have been selected to ensure that they are age appropriate for the relevant year group, Lexile scoring has been used as a tool to support the choice of texts alongside careful consideration for the content of each book.

The reading texts identified on this HCAT Reading Spine were collaboratively compiled by reading leaders drawing upon research and incorporating literature from others such as: the Pie Corbett Reading Spine, Literacy Tree and the Award-Winning Children's Author list.

Lexile Scoring			
Standard Lexile Scoring		Split year groups	
EYFS - Y1	N/A	Y1	N/A
Y2 - Y3	450 - 790	Y2	420 - 620
Y4 - Y5	770 - 980	Y3	620 - 820
Y6-Y7	955 - 1100	Y4	740 - 875
		Y5	875 - 1010
		Y6	925 - 1150

* CCSS Lexile provide the standard Lexile scoring above however these are for mixed year groups - therefore an approximate measure has been generated for each individual year group.

How are texts selected?

Throughout year groups and across key stages children will be exposed to a broad range of age-appropriate texts, these are a sample of fiction, non-fiction and poetry.

It is essential that children have the opportunity to explore texts with key themes and values, these have been selected and listed under the 'wider reading' section, this section may include texts with links to the wider curriculum or books addressing key themes such as diversity, significant people or understanding feelings and emotions. Texts are also selected to ensure children encounter a wide range of Tier 2 vocabulary.

How do we develop fluency?

When reading texts, whether for the teaching of comprehension or reading for pleasure, fluency is essential. Fluency is made up of three main components:

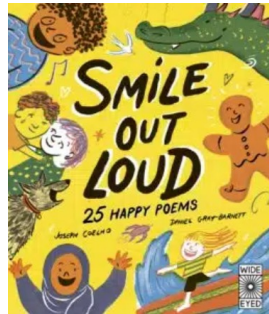
Accuracy - when words are read accurately with correct pronunciation with a high success rate.

Automaticity - rapid word recognition without conscious decoding.

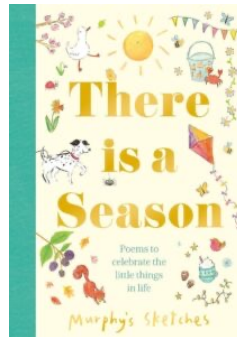
Prosody - when pupils demonstrate appropriate intonation, rhythm and emphasis of words.

YEAR 1 SELECTED TEXTS

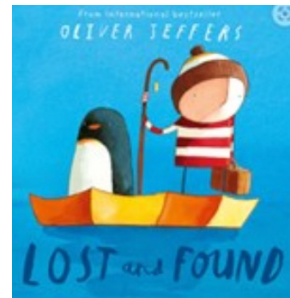
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These include fiction, poetry and non fiction.



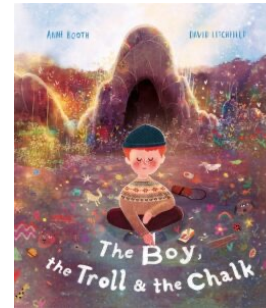
Smile Out Loud



There is a Season



Lost and Found



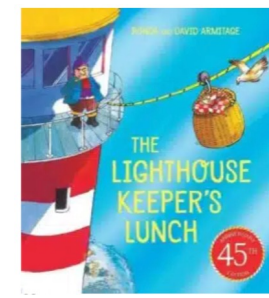
The Boy the Troll and the Chalk



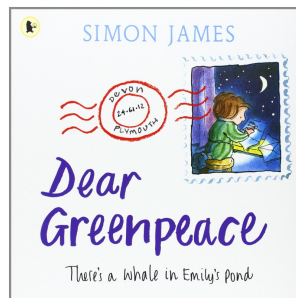
Meesha Makes Friends



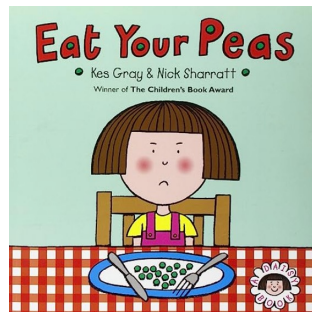
Man on the Moon



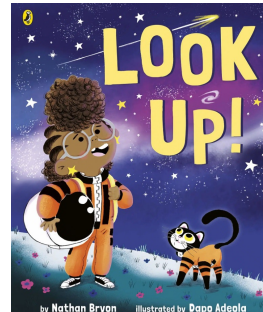
The Light house Keeper's Lunch



Dear Greenpeace



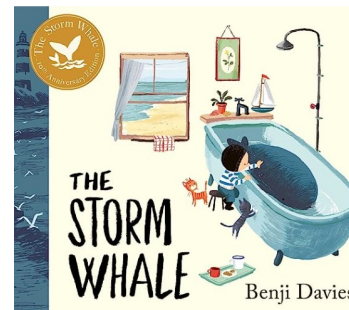
Eat Your Peas



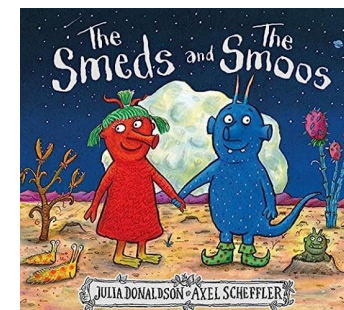
Look Up



Funny Bones



The Storm Whale



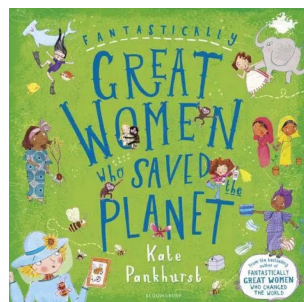
The Smeds and the Smoos



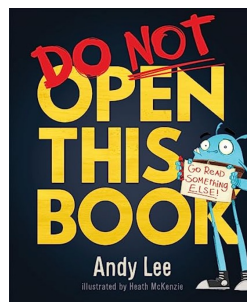
Supertato



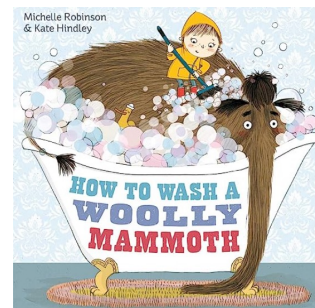
The Magic Paintbrush



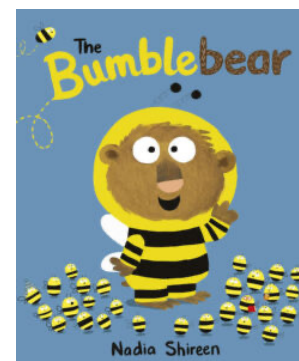
Great Women who saved the Planet



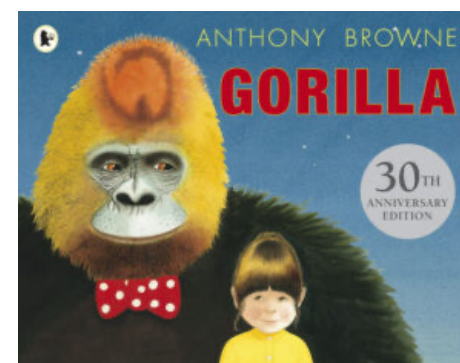
Do Not Open this Book



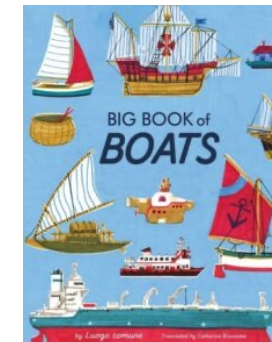
How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth



Bumble Bear



Gorilla



Big Book of Boats

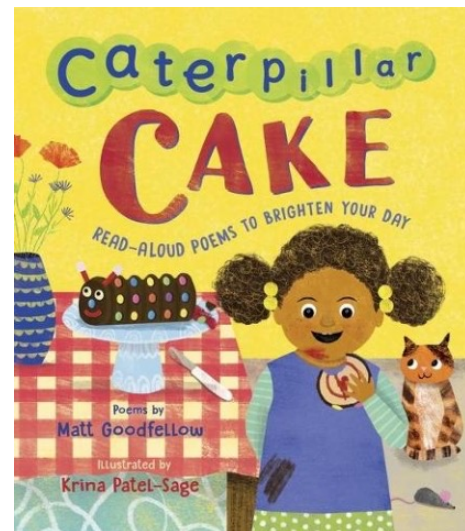


Deep - Sea Voyage

YEAR 1 SELECTED POETRY

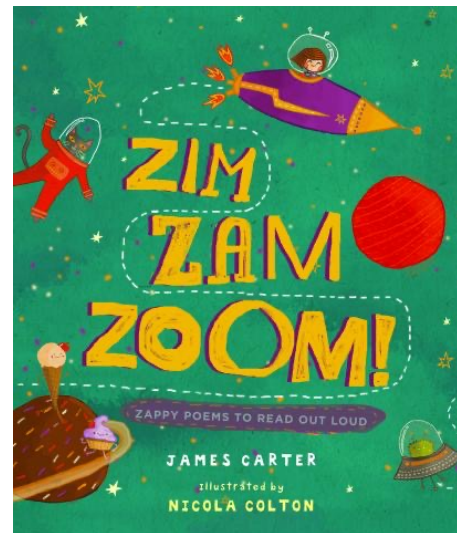
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Hide and Seek



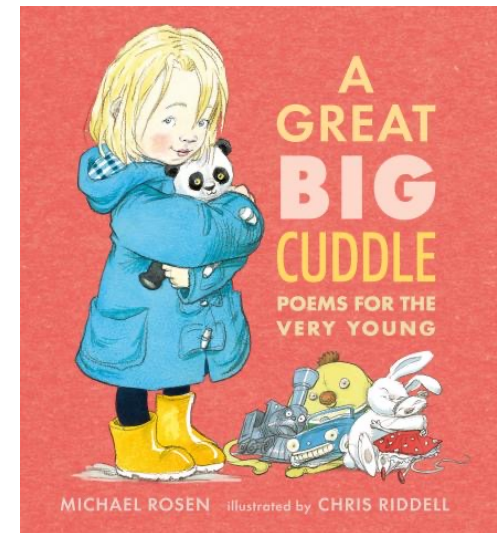
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Pirate Pete



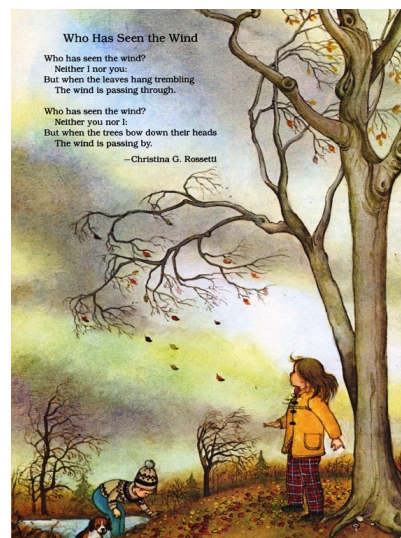
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Let Me Do it



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Who has seen the wind?



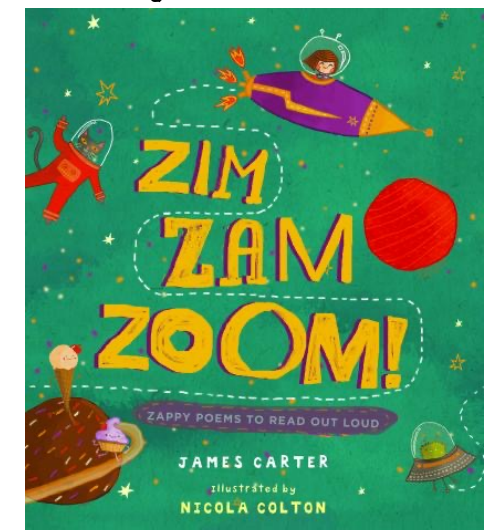
<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/43197/who-has-seen-the-wind>

Monster March



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Hey Let's Go!



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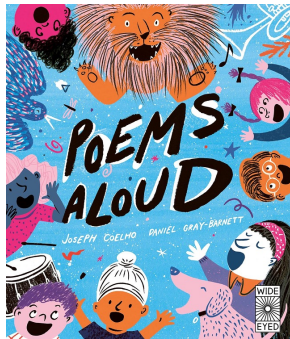


YEAR 2 SELECTED TEXTS (420-620)

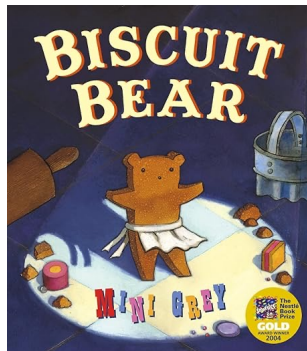


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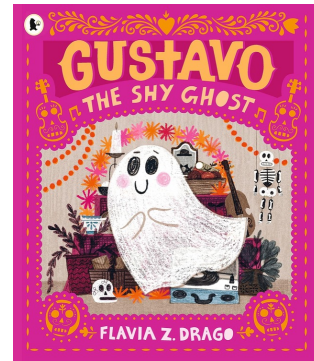
FICTION



Poems
Aloud



Biscuit
Bear



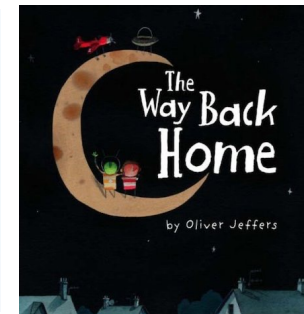
Gustavo
The Shy
Ghost



Superworm



Rabbit &
Bear
Series



The Way
Back Home



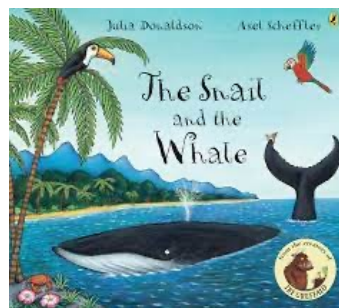
Franklin and
the Bookshop



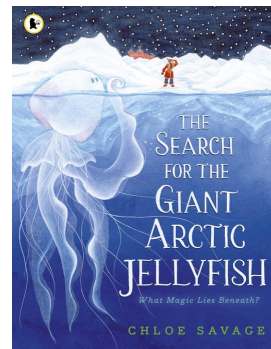
The Bear and
the Piano



Katie in London



The Snail and
the Whale



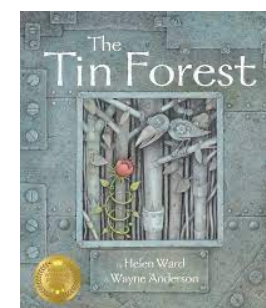
The Search for
the Giant Arctic
Jellyfish



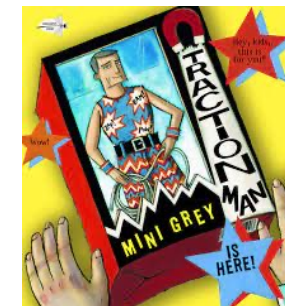
The
Dinosaur
Next Door



The Journey
Home



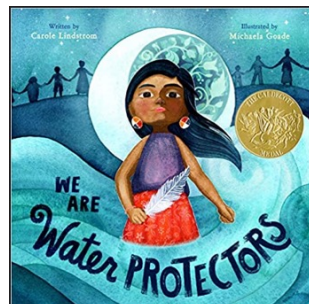
The Tin Forest



Traction Man
Series



Toys in
Space



We Are Water
Protectors



Ocean Meets Sky



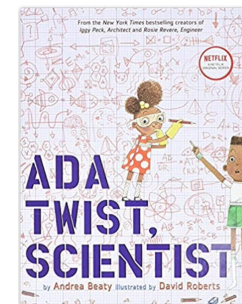
The Polar Express



After the
Fall



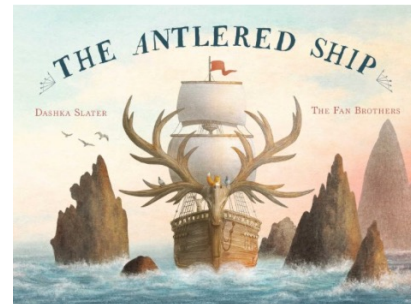
True Story
of the 3
Little Pigs



Ada Twist,
Scientist



STUCK

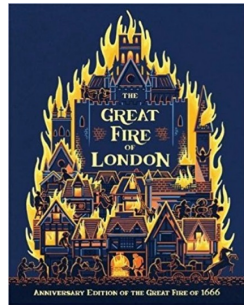


The Antlered Ship

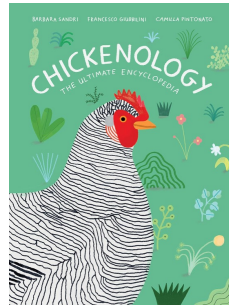
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NON-FICTION



The Great Fire of London



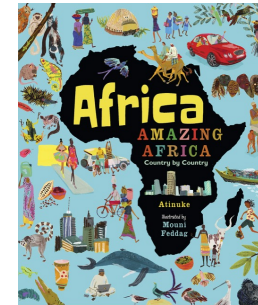
Chickenology



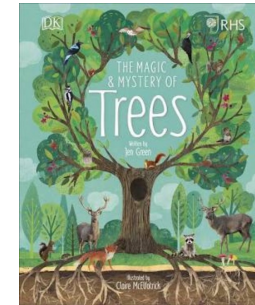
How to Help a Hedgehog and Protect a Polar Bear



The Big Book of the UK



Africa Amazing Africa



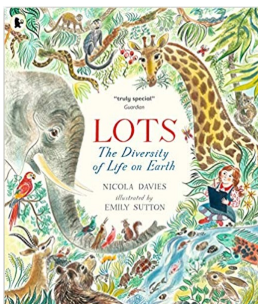
The Magic Mystery of Trees



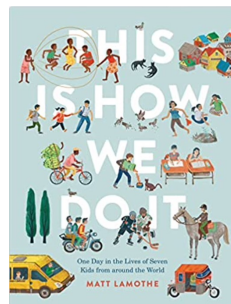
Lost Species



Everything Under the Sun



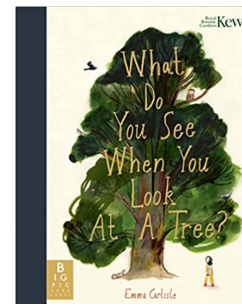
LOTS The Diversity of Life on Earth



This is how we do it



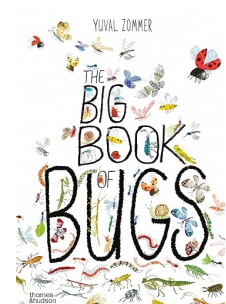
Welcome to our World



What Do You See When You Look At A Tree?



Marvellous Machines



The Big Book of Bugs



Growing Green: A first book of Gardening



Do You Love Bugs?



Fluffy, Flying Seed

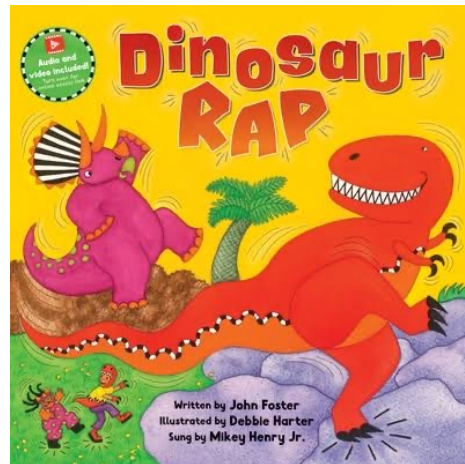


Welcome to our Table

YEAR 2 SELECTED POETRY

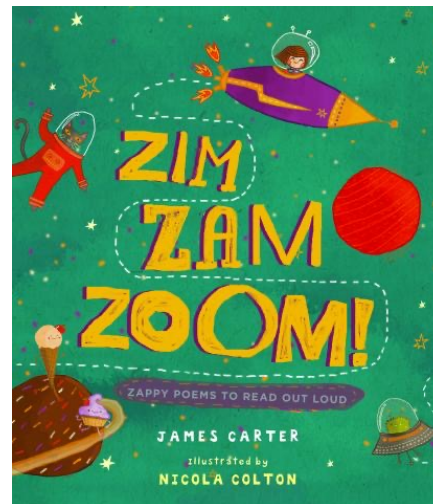
Below are a range of poems to perform for year 2 to be shared and enjoyed with children.

Dinosaur Rap



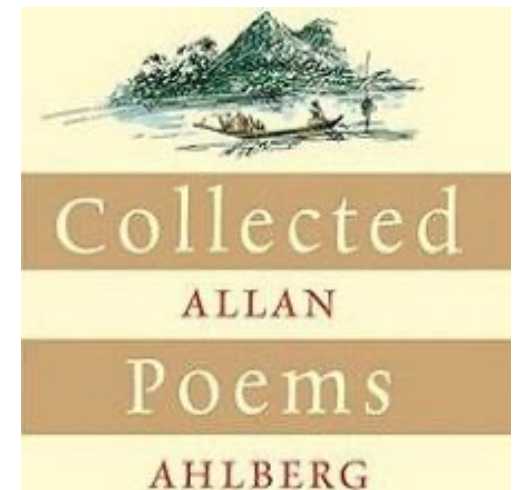
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Let's Invent a Monster



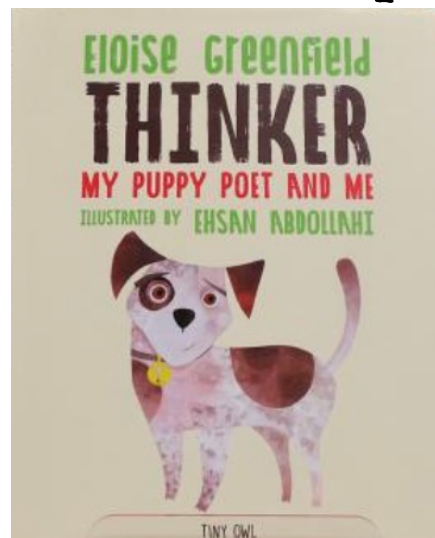
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Please Mrs Butler



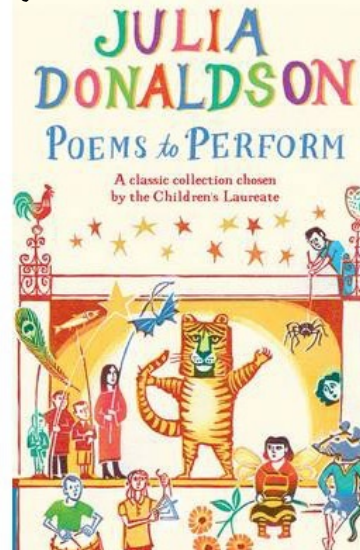
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Thinker's Rap



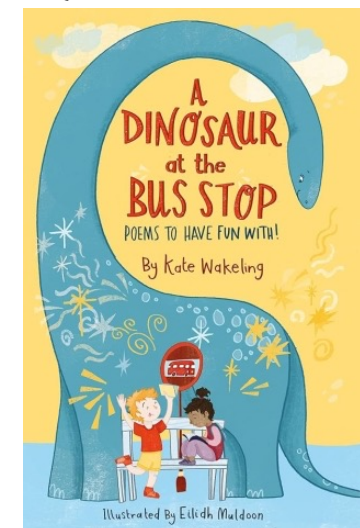
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Question Time



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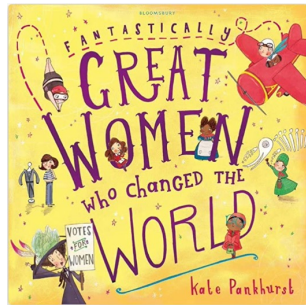
In the Quiet of the Trees



<https://clpe.org.uk/poetry/poems/quiet-trees>

Below are a range of age-appropriate texts for KS1 with a focus on a range of themes such as poetry, significant people, topical issues or personal development.

WIDER READING



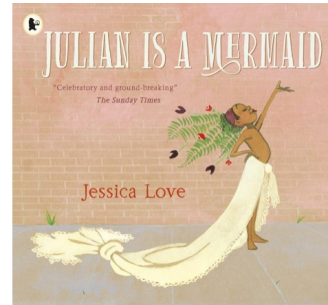
Fantastically Great Women Who Changed The World
(People)



Grandad's Island
(Loss)



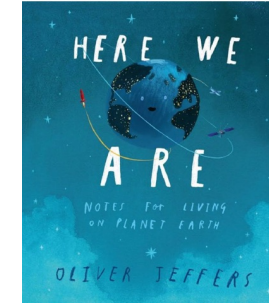
George's Marvellous Medicine.



Julian is a Mermaid
(Individuality)



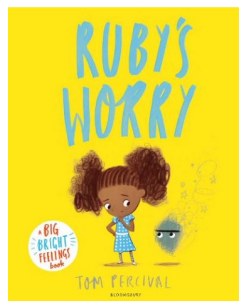
Truth Pixie
(Fears)



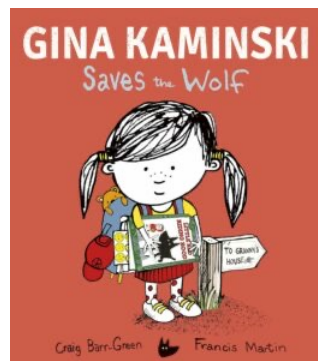
Here we are
(Exploration/
Kindness)



Greta & the Giants
(Climate
Change/People)



Ruby's Worry
(Worries)



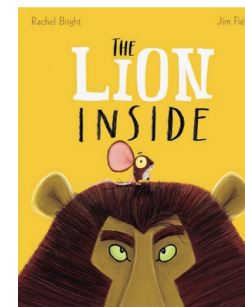
Gina Kaminski saves the wolf



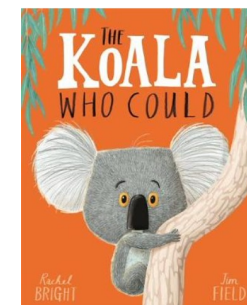
Somebody Swallowed Stanley
(Pollution)



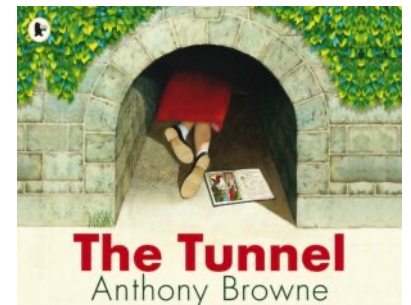
The Colour Monster
(Feelings)



The Lion Inside
(Fear/ Bravery)



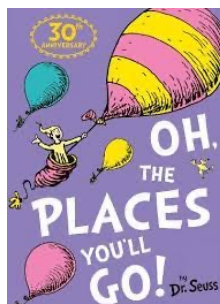
The Koala Who Could
(Change)



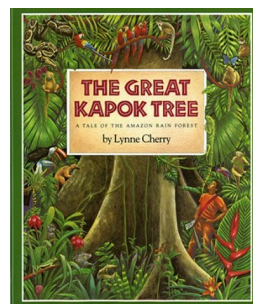
The Tunnel



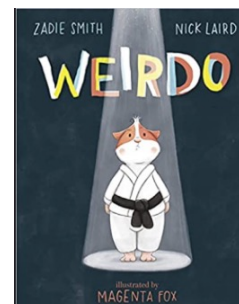
Tear Thief
(Emotions)



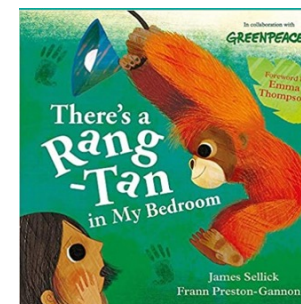
Oh the places you'll go (Poetry)



The Great Kapok Tree
(Deforestation)



Weirdo
(Differences)



There's a Rang-Tan in my Bedroom
(Deforestation)



All The Ways to be Smart
(Differences)

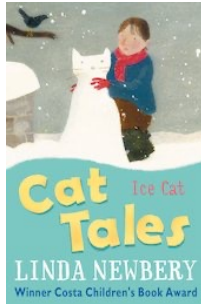


Building a Home (Jobs/
Roles)

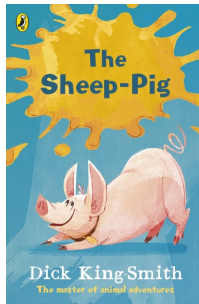


YEAR 3 SELECTED TEXTS (620-820)

FICTION



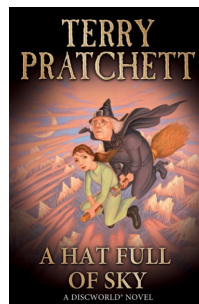
Cat Tales



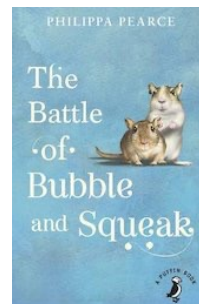
The Sheep Pig



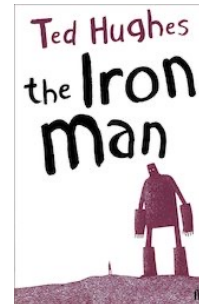
The Witches



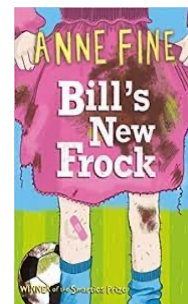
A Hat Full of Sky



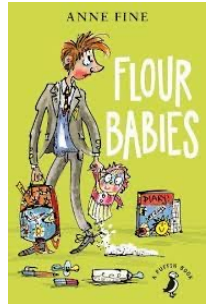
The Battle of Bubble & Squeak



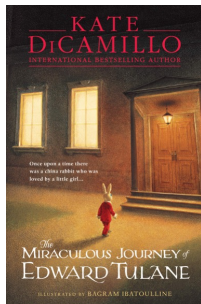
The Battle of Bubble & Squeak



Bill's New Frock



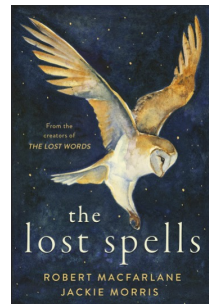
Flour Babies



The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane



The Nothing to See Here Hotel



The Lost Spells



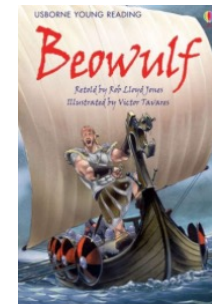
Hotel Flamingo Series



The Last Kids On Earth Series



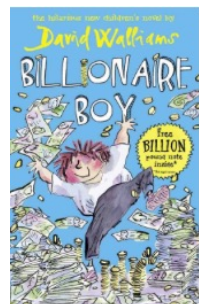
Beetle Boy



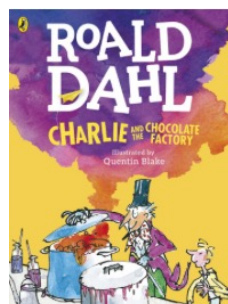
Beowulf



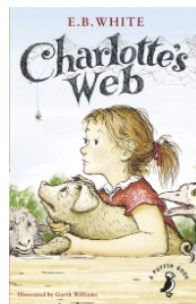
Brightstorm



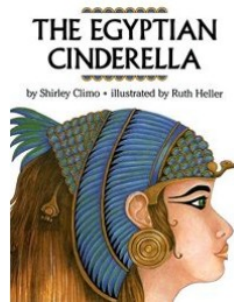
Billionaire Boy



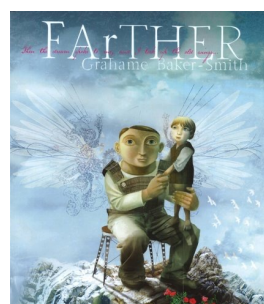
Charlie & Chocolate Factory



Charlotte's Web



The Egyptian Cinderella



Farther



The Wild Robot



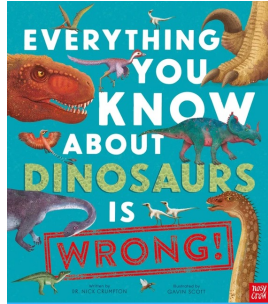
The Jolly-Rogers and The Pirate Piper



The Boy who Grew Dragons

YEAR 3 SELECTED TEXTS (620-820)

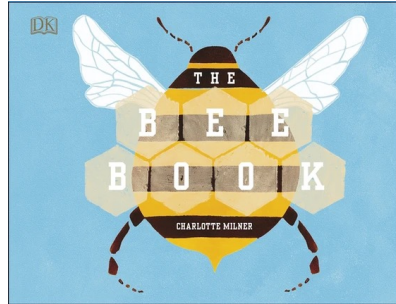
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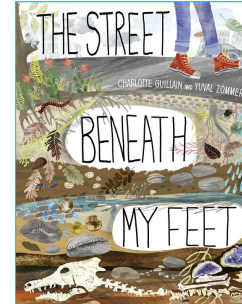
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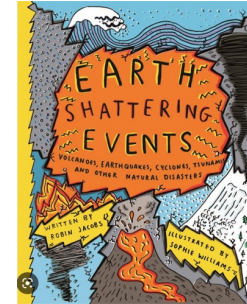
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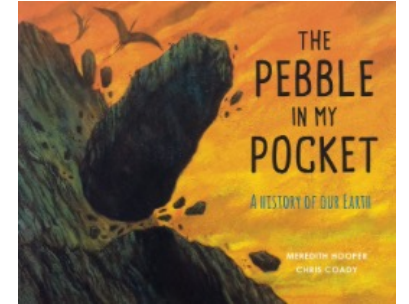
The Bee Book



The Street Beneath My Feet



Earth Shattering Events



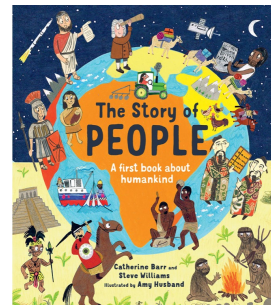
The Pebble In My Pocket



The Big Book of Blue



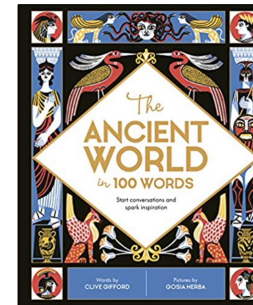
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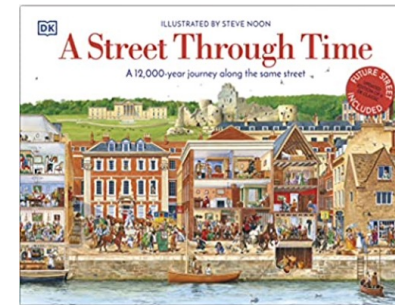
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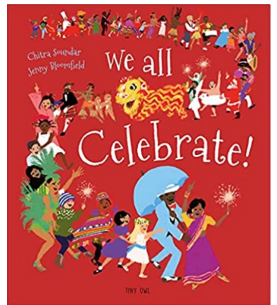
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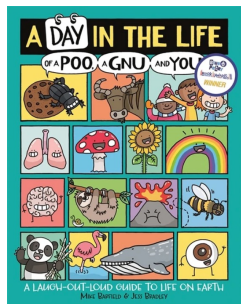
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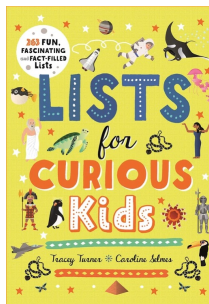
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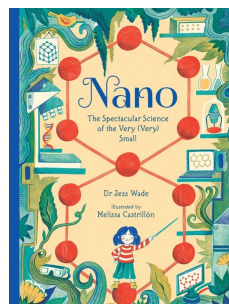
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A Day In The Life



Lists for Curious Kids

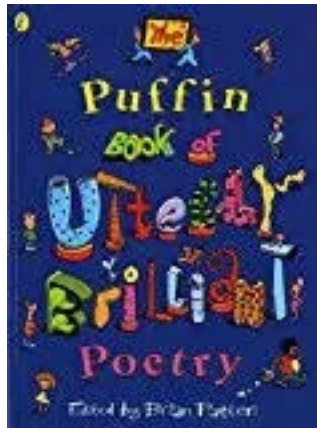


Nano - Science of very small

YEAR 3 SELECTED POETRY

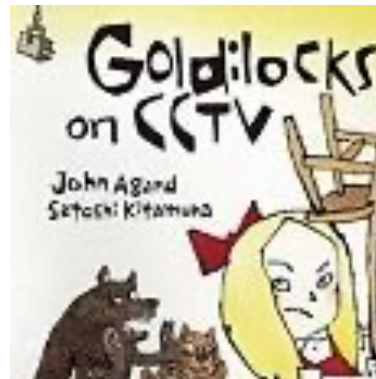
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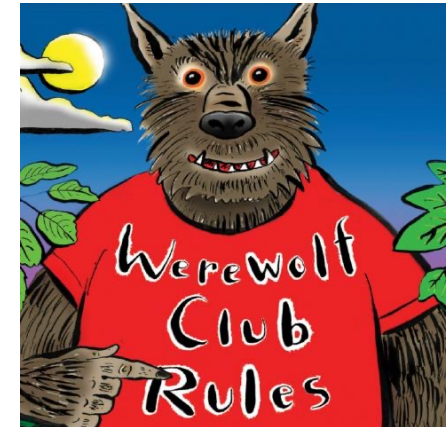
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Goldilocks on CCTV



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School tomorrow - excuses for mum



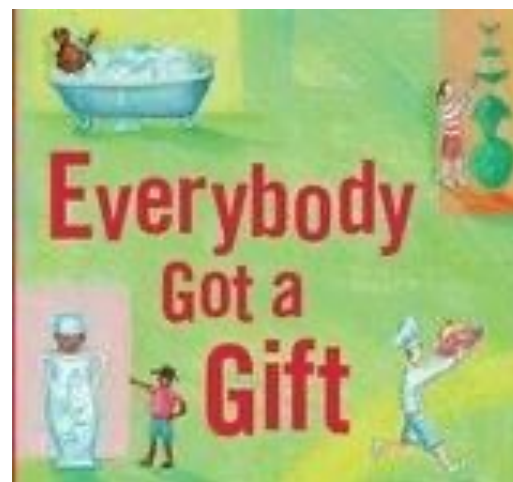
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Journey



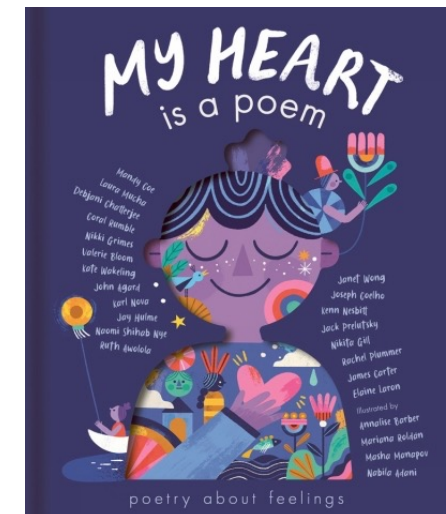
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Cat Rap



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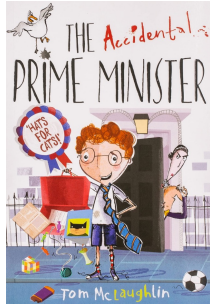
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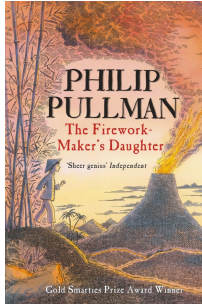
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YEAR 4 SELECTED TEXTS (740-875)

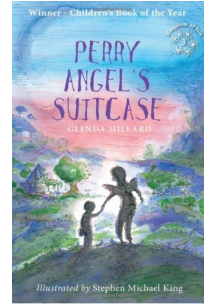
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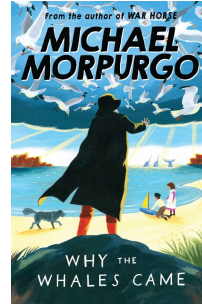
The Accidental
Prime Minister



The Firework
Maker's Daughter



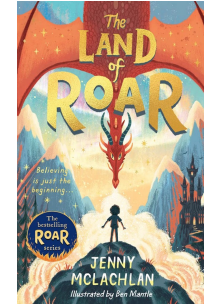
Perry Angel's
Suitcase



Why The
Whales Came



The
Christmasaurus



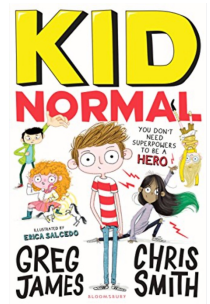
The Land of
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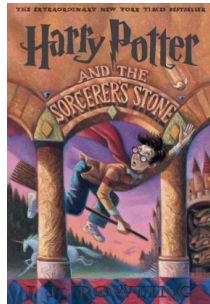
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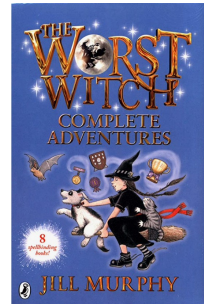
Nevermoor



Kid Normal



Harry Potter
Series



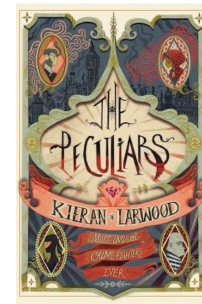
The Worst
Witch Series



Tom's Midnight
Garden



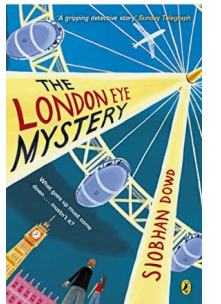
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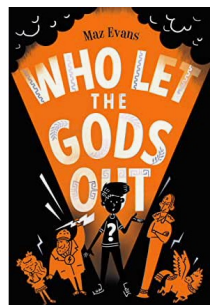
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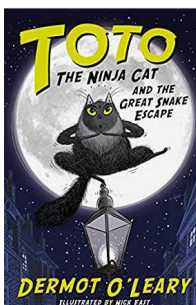
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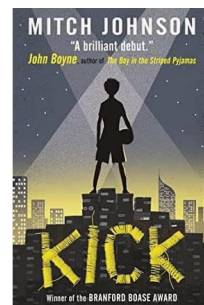
The London Eye
Mystery



Who Let The
Gods Out



Toto The Ninja
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The Island
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The Ghost of
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Friend or Foe



The Creakers

YEAR 4 SELECTED TEXTS (740-875)

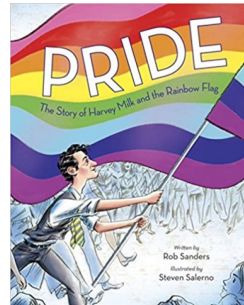
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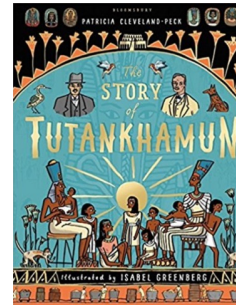
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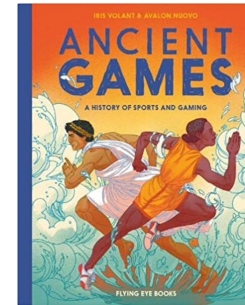
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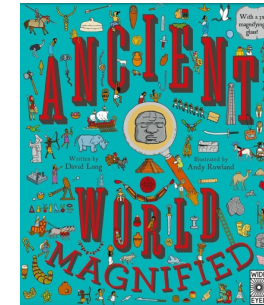
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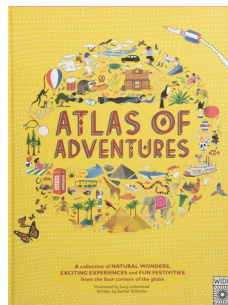
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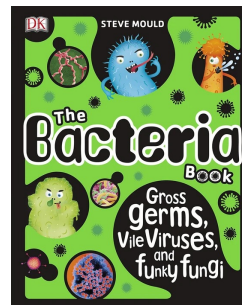
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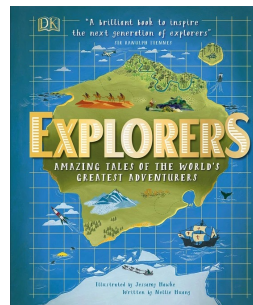
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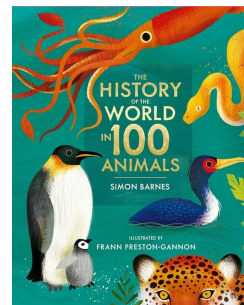
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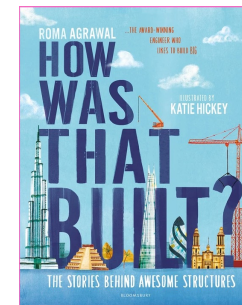
The Bacteria Book



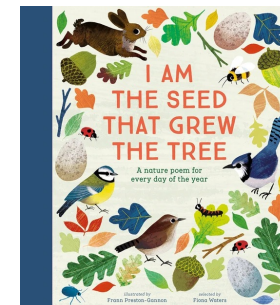
Explorers
Amazing Tales



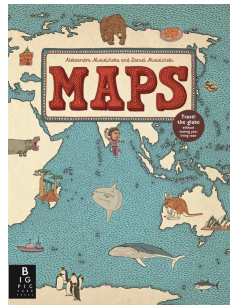
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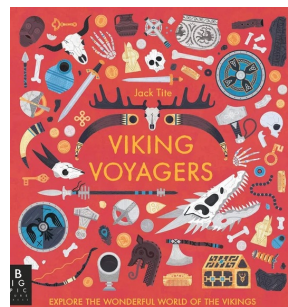
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built?



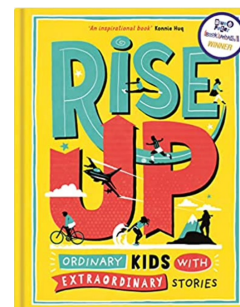
I am the seed
that grew the
tree



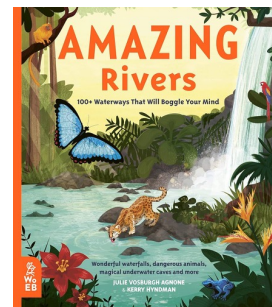
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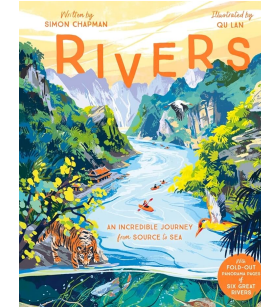
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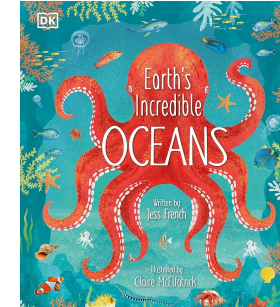
RISE UP



Amazing Rivers



Rivers

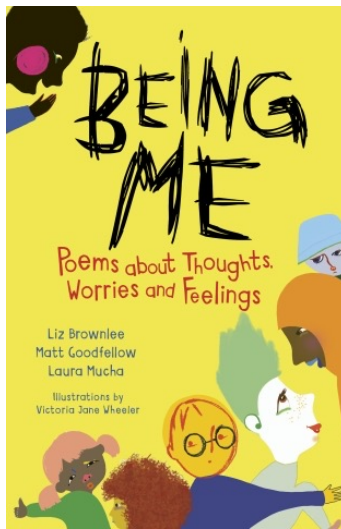


Earth's
Incredible
Oceans

YEAR 4 SELECTED POETRY

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Thought Machine



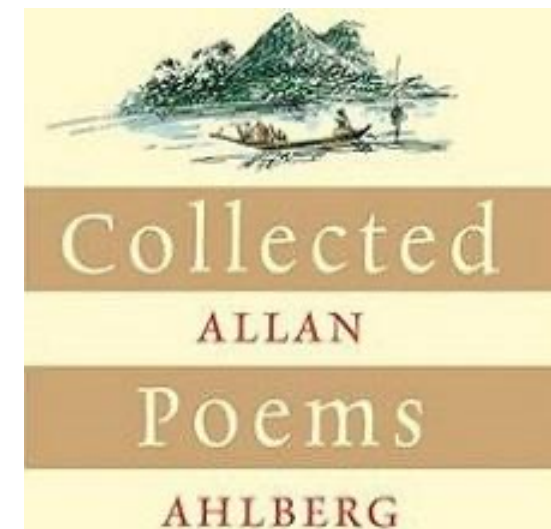
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Words Are Ours



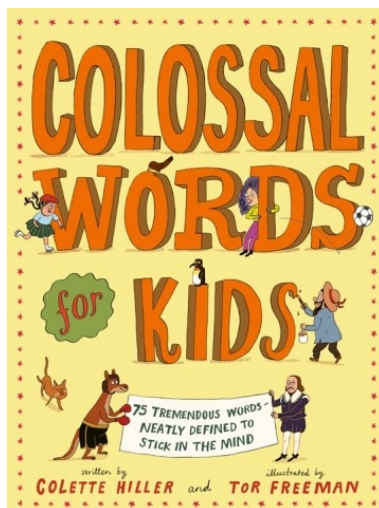
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Talk Us Through It



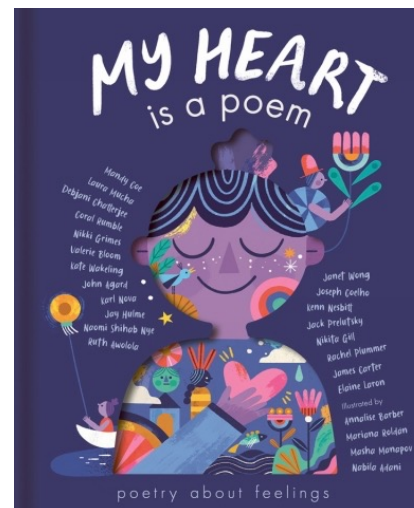
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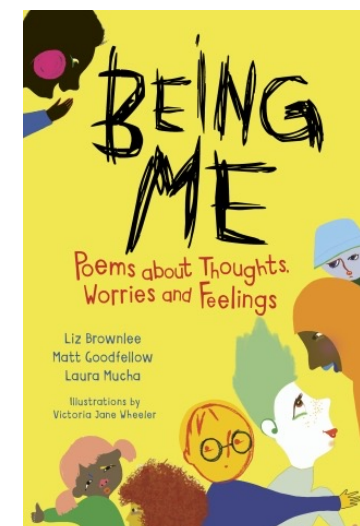
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Lost For Words



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The Land of Blue

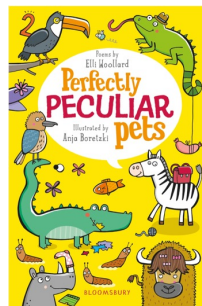


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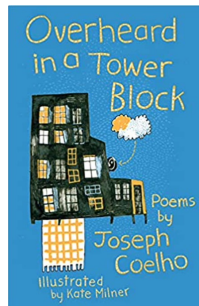
LKS2 SELECTED TEXTS

Below are a range of age appropriate texts for LKS2 with a focus on a range of themes such as poetry, significant people, topical issues or personal development.

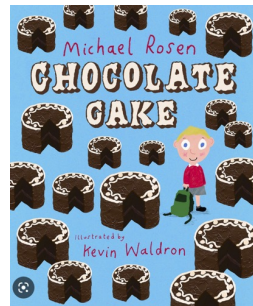
WIDER READING



Perfectly Peculiar Pets
(Poetry)



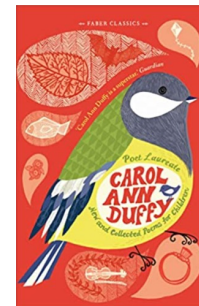
Overheard in a Tower Block
(Poetry)



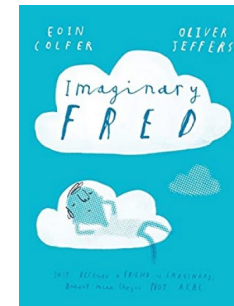
Chocolate Cake
(Poetry)



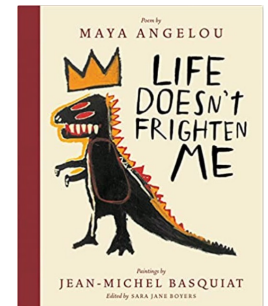
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Isabel
(Poetry)



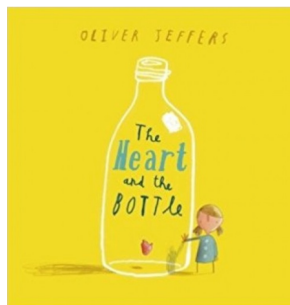
New and
Collected
Poems
(Poetry)



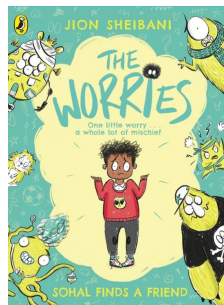
Imaginary Fred
(Theme: Friendship)



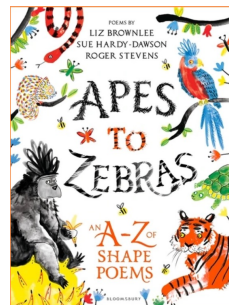
Life Doesn't
Frighten Me
(Poetry)



The Heart and
the Bottle
(Emotions/
Feelings)



The Worries
(Worries)



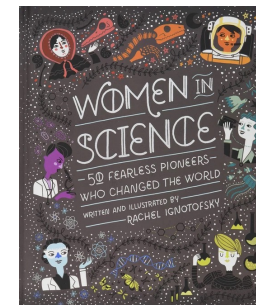
Apes to Zebras
An A-Z of Shape
Poems (Poetry)



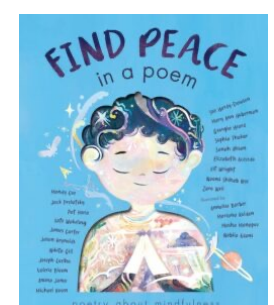
Danger is
Everywhere
(Comedy/Safety)



What A Waste
(Pollution)



Women In
Science
(People)



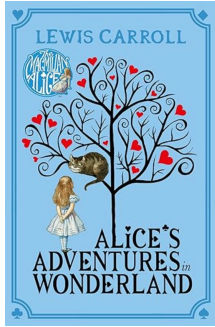
Find Peace
in a Poem
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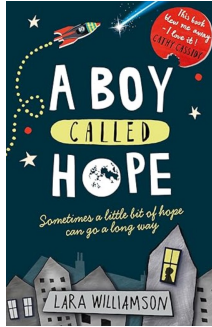
YEAR 5 SELECTED TEXTS (875-1010)



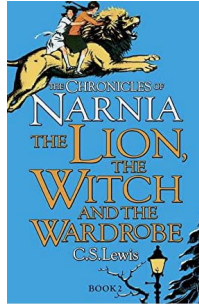
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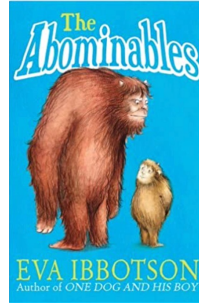
Alice's adventures in wonderland



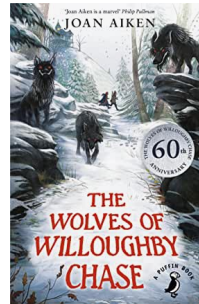
A boy called Hope



The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe



The Abominables



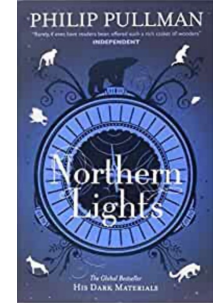
The Wolves of Willoughby Chase



The Midnight Fox



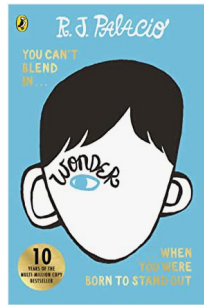
Cogheart



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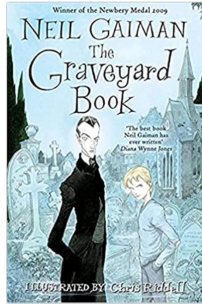
The Midnighters



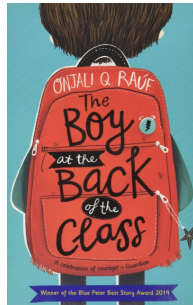
Wonder



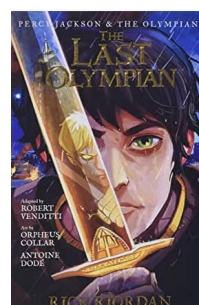
The Explorer



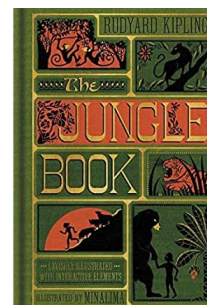
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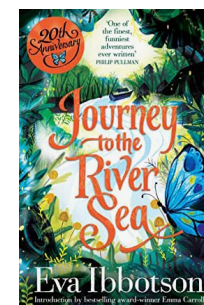
The Boy at the Back of the Class



Percy Jackson Series



The Jungle Book



Journey to the River Sea



Peter Pan



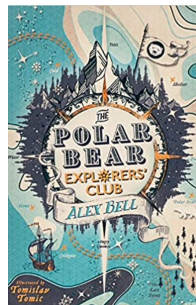
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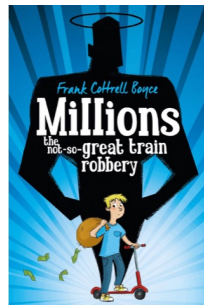
The Secret Garden



The Worst Witch



The Polar Bear Explorers Club



Millions the not-so-great train robbery



Amari and the Night Brothers



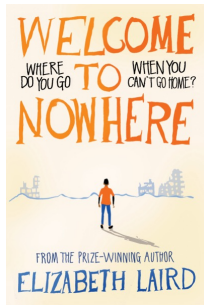
Viking Boy



Wildspark



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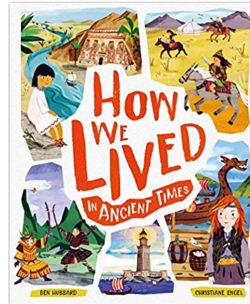
Welcome to Nowhere

YEAR 5 SELECTED TEXTS (875-1010)

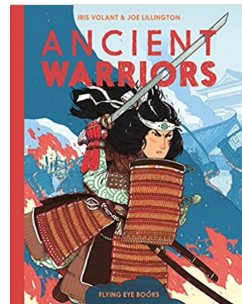
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The Humans: Ancient Civilisations and astonishing things they taught us



How we Lived in Ancient Times



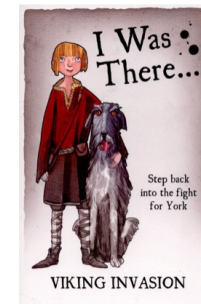
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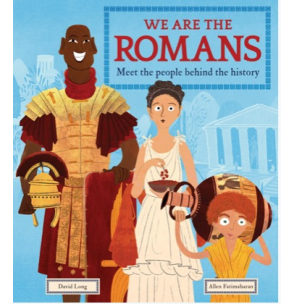
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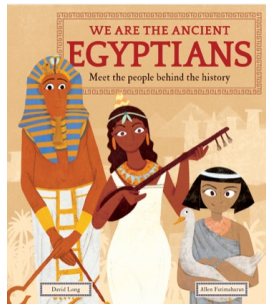
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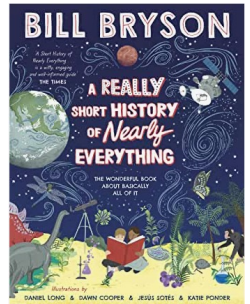
I Was There: Viking Invasion



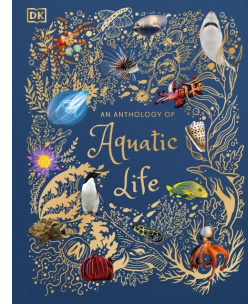
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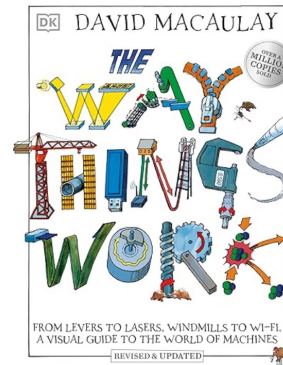
We Are the Ancient Egyptians



A Really Short History of Almost Everything



Anthology of Aquatic Life



The way things work



Volcanoes and Earthquakes

YEAR 5 SELECTED POETRY

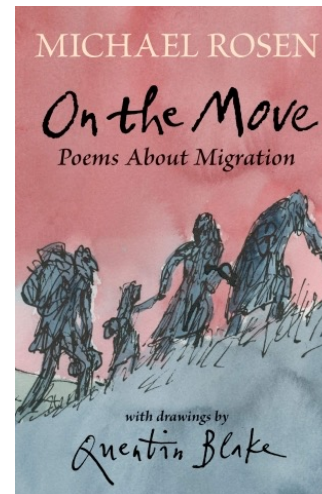
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Nothing to Do



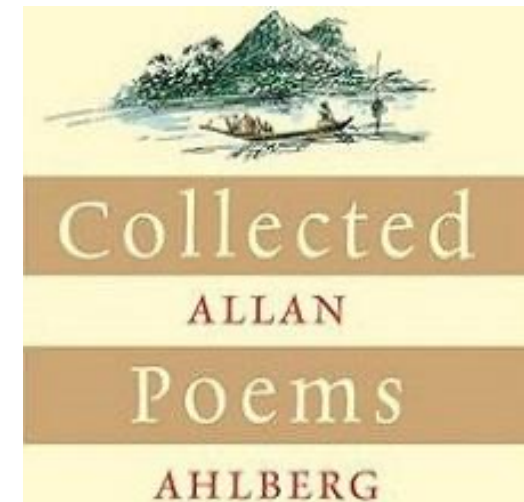
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Everyone Comes from Somewhere



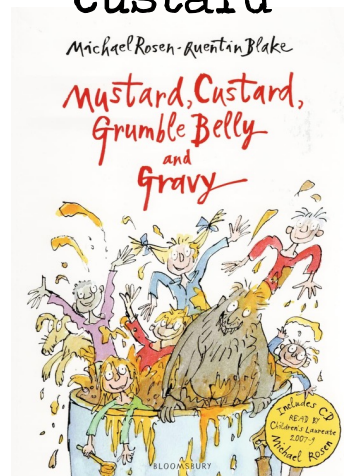
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The Mrs Butler Blues



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Don't put mustard in the custard



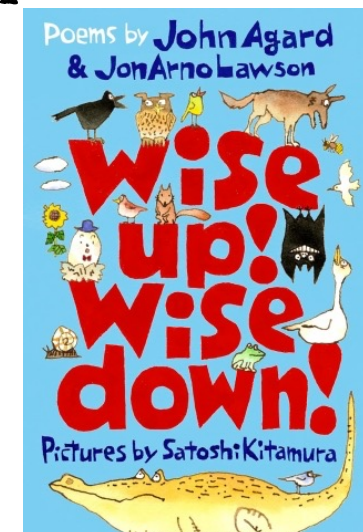
https://www.poetryireland.ie/content/files/SchoolPoster_DontPutMustard.pdf

Free



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The Octopus and the Seahorse

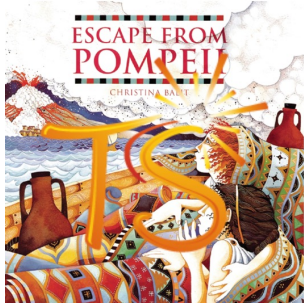


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YEAR 6 SELECTED TEXTS (925-1150)

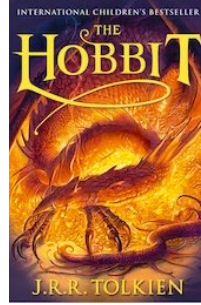
FICTION



Escape From
Pompeii



Arthur and the
Golden Rope



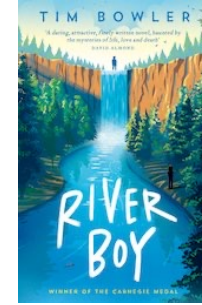
The Hobbit



Alex Rider



The Arrival



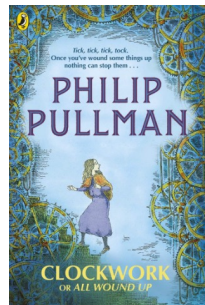
The River Boy



Operation
Blackout



PAX



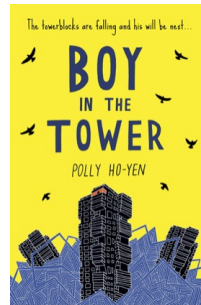
Clockwork or
all wound up



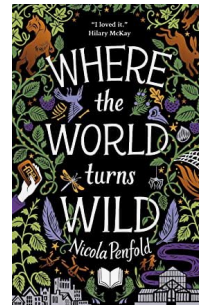
The Hunger
Games



The Girl with
Space in her
Heart



The Boy in the
Tower



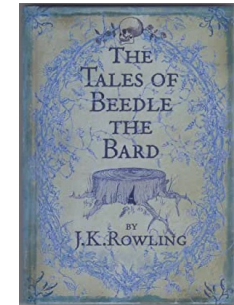
Where the
World Turns
Wild



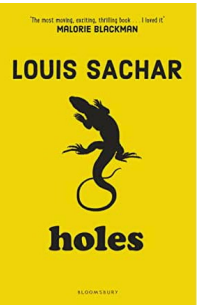
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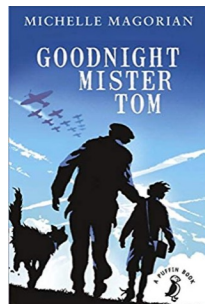
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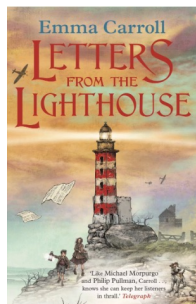
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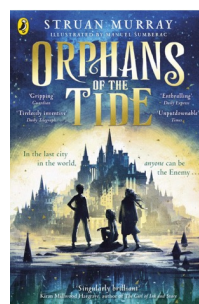
Holes



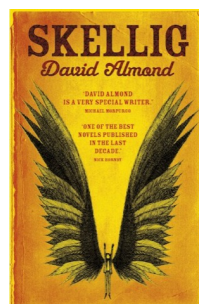
Goodnight
Mister Tom



Letters from
the Lighthouse



Orphans of the
Tide



SKELLIG



The House With
Chicken Legs



When We Were
Warriors



The Star-Spun
Web



Windrush Child



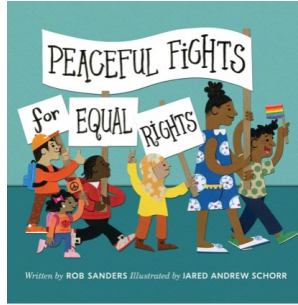
Crater Lake

YEAR 6 SELECTED TEXTS (925-1150)

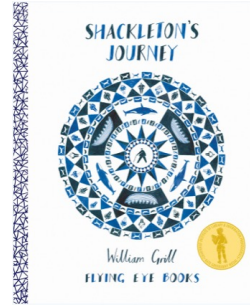
NON-FICTION



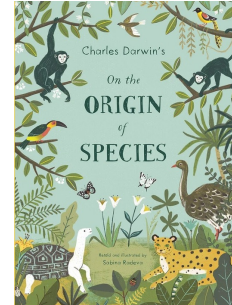
Fanatical
About Frogs



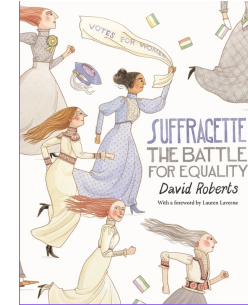
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for Equal Rights



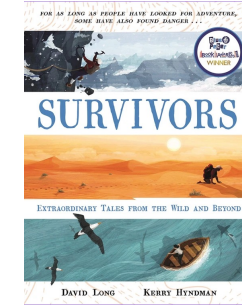
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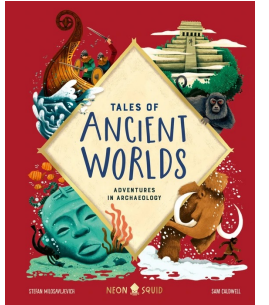
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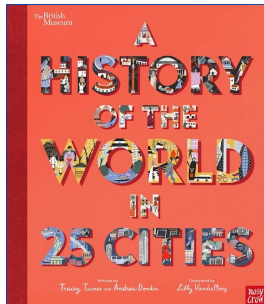
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Battle for Equality



SURVIVORS



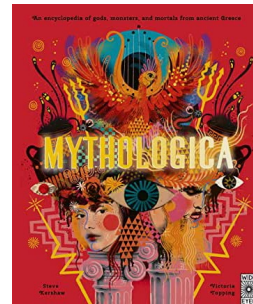
Tales of
Ancient Worlds



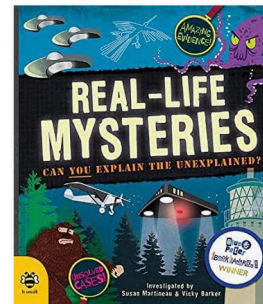
A History of the
World in 25 Cities



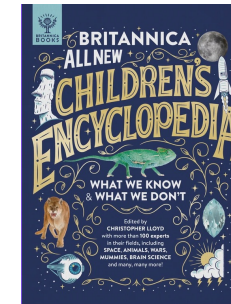
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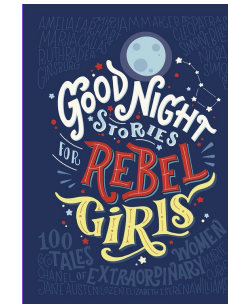
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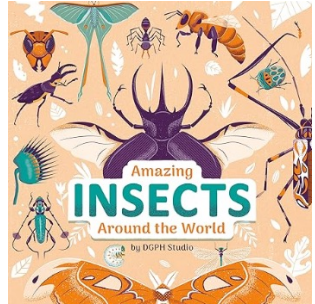
Real Life
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Children's
Encyclopedia



Goodnight Stories
for Rebel Girls



Amazing Insects
Around the World

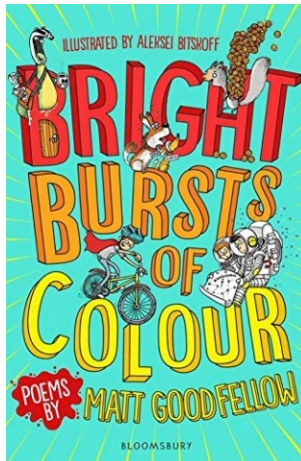


Fantastic Beasts
and Where to Find
Them

YEAR 6 SELECTED POETRY

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Strest



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Concrete Cracks and Crumbles



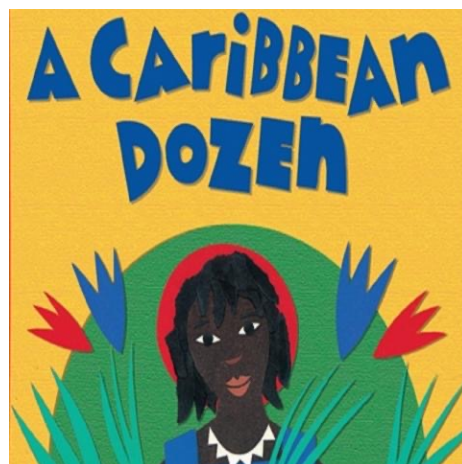
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These are the Words



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What the Teacher Said



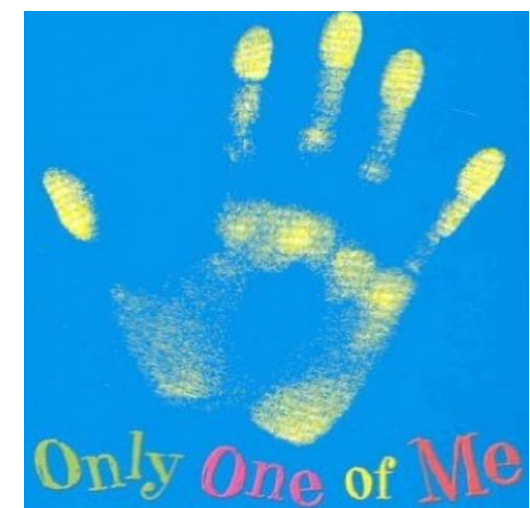
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Skeletons



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What do we do with a Variation



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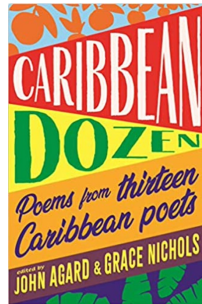


UKS2 SELECTED TEXTS



Below are a range of age appropriate texts for UKS2 with a focus on a range of themes such as poetry, significant people, topical issues or personal development.

WIDER READING



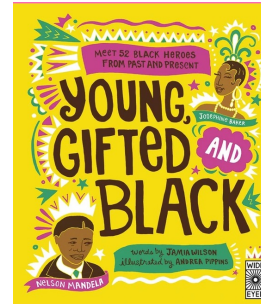
Caribbean
Dozen
(Poetry)



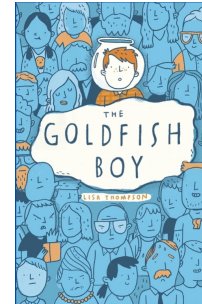
Happy
Poems
(Poetry)



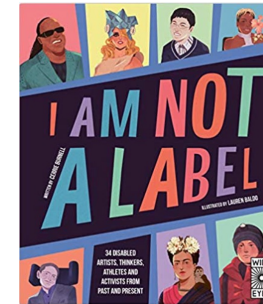
A Poem For
Every Day of
the Year
(Poetry)



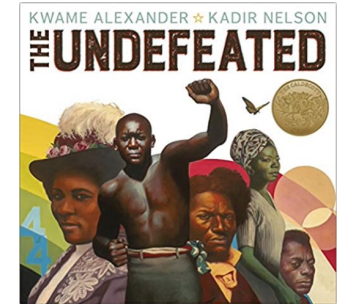
Young Black
and Gifted
(Society)



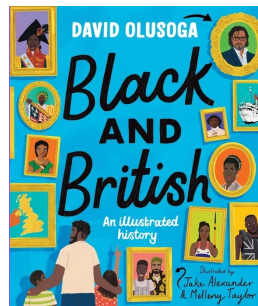
The Goldfish
Boy
(Disability/
Equality)



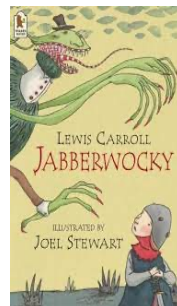
I AM NOT A
LABEL
(Disability/
Equality)



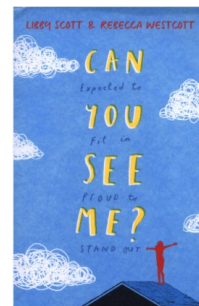
The Undefeated
(Black History)



Black &
British
(Race)



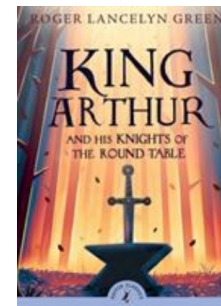
Jabberwocky
(Poetry)



Can you see me?
(Disability/
Equality)



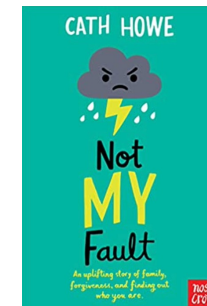
Ozymandias
(Poetry)



King Arthur
(Legends)



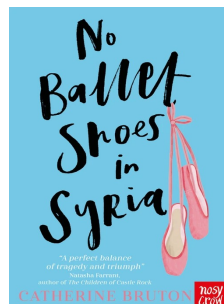
A Different
Sort Of Normal
(Change)



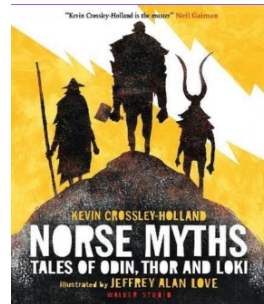
Not My Fault
(Relationships)



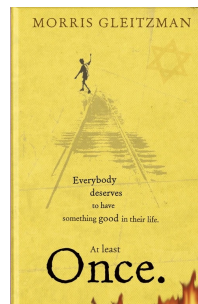
The Girl of Ink
& Stars
(Friendship)



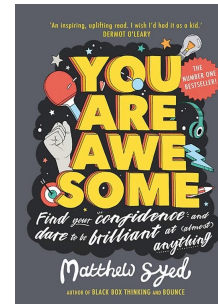
No Ballet
Shoes in
Syria
(Adversity)



Norse Myths
(Myths)



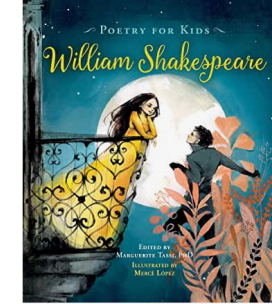
Once
(WW2)



You Are
Awesome
(Unique)



Smile
(Overcoming)



William
Shakespeare:
Poetry for Kids



The Final Year