

ROBINSON, MICHELLE

Do Not Disturb the Dragons

Princess Grace and her sister live in Wondermere, a kingdom full of silly rules. The girls have a dream to become knights but are forbidden by silly rule number two. Disturbing the dragons is the least of their problems if they want to enter the troll-o tournament without being caught! A fast-paced, fun adventure book for daring girls and boys.



SMITH, ALEX T

Claude at the Palace

Claude and his best friend Mr Bobblysock should be tucked up at home on a dreary wet day. Instead, they get into a right royal mess whilst looking after the Royal children on the Queen's birthday! Will Claude be in trouble or save the day?! Young readers will love all the illustrations and madcap moments.



STRONG, JEREMY

Captain Whiskers

Animal loving readers will love this funny tale about a boy who desperately wants a pet! Wishes don't always go to plan; Jack, who finds it hard making friends, gets not just one pet cat to keep him company but a hundred pet cats! A fun read with bright illustrations and accessible text.



MANUSHKIN, FRAN

Fly High, Katie

Katie is going on holiday to visit her Grandma, and will be flying in a plane for the very first time! Her friends tell her it is fun, but Katie is not so sure - there's lots of queues and waiting around, and then she loses her teddy bear on the plane. Despite the mishaps there is still lots to learn. A fun and friendly chapter book for those just beginning to read independently.



PYE, ALI

The Littlest Bandit

Grandma Bandit is stuck up a tree! None of the other raccoon family can help her, despite Littlest Bandit reading about a rescue plan in one of her books. It's only when everyone has run out of ideas that they turn to Littlest to save the day! A delightful picture book about being brave, speaking up, and the power of reading books.



Here are just a few ideas of the great books you might like to read before moving up to year 3, or that you and your family might like to share together.

Many of these books will be available in your school library or you can borrow them, free of charge, from your local public library.

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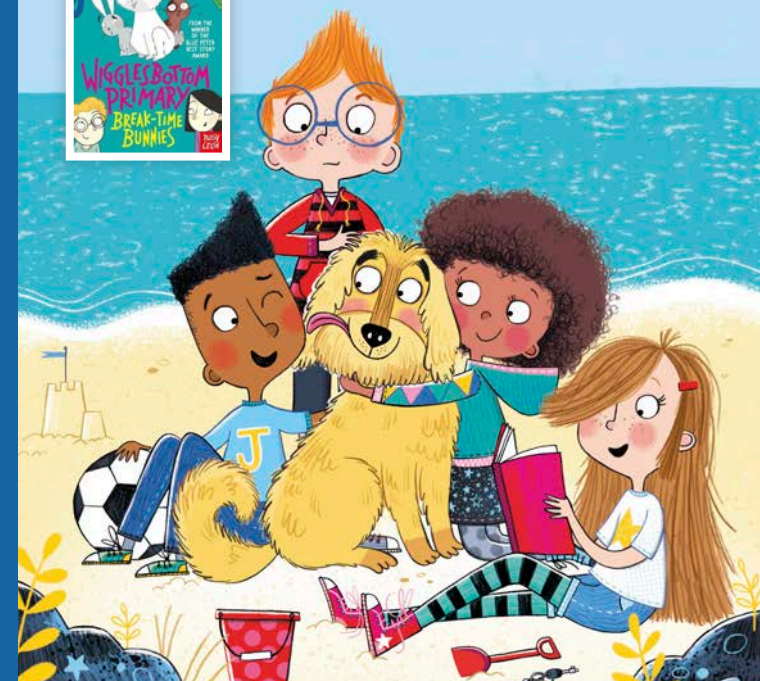
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ARDAGH, PHILIP

The Railway Cat

Furry Purry Beancat has nine lives. She is awoken from her catnap by a train whistle and immediately finds herself as a railway cat in the middle of a whole new mystery. Can Beancat and her friends uncover the secrets and spies along the track in time to save the railway? All Aboard!



BUTCHART, PAMELA

Break-Time Bunnies

Why does Mr Harris cancel break-time? Is Miss Stein as spooky as the children think? Readers will love getting to know the pupils from Wigglesbottom Primary and may recognise themselves in the characters as they overimagine what is happening at their school!



BUTLER, STEVEN

Camping Chaos!

Junior the dog is going on a camping holiday – and he's super excited! He can't wait to go doggy-paddling in the lake, bark at raccoons, and find the best stick. That is, until Iona the dog trainer arrives at camp and threatens to spoil Junior's fun. However, the news that a canine criminal pooch is on the loose might just make this the most exciting camping trip after all.



CARTER, JAMES

The Big Beyond : The Story of Space Travel

Soar through space in this beautifully crafted poetry book. The rhymes take children on a journey through space. A great introduction to the wonders of space and how man's intrigue with the great beyond never ceases. Notes at the back provide a backdrop to the poetry – see if you can see what word is spelt out by the author!



DALY, NIKI

You're a Star, Lolo

Join Lolo in her South African home for four new adventures; strange sounds in the night, a school gardening project, looking after snails and a trip to the seaside. These stories are full of fun, friendship and kindness, bringing an understanding of a way of life very like our own but with some interesting differences.



FOGLE, BEN

Mr Dog and the Faraway Fox

Mr Dog somehow always gets himself into an adventure that involves helping others – he has a good nose for mischief and recognises when something is not quite right! Mr Dog has to help a young fox find a new home – will he succeed in keeping Mr Fox safe and convince the humans that they mustn't harm him?



GARDNER, SALLY

The Tindims of Rubbish Island

The Tindims live on Rubbish Island built entirely from things humans have thrown away. During preparations for the Brightsea festival, the Tindims must race to save Ethel B Dina before she is blown out to sea. A funny and quirky tale which highlights the problem of plastic pollution and offers young ecologists an insight to help save the future of the planet.



HARRISON, MICHELLE

Midnight Magic

Midnight, a magical black kitten, is looking for a place to call home and Trixie is looking for an adventure, but is Trixie's family ready for all the magic and mischief? Told in rhyme, this lovely story has plenty of sparkle and is perfect for newly independent readers.



HARRISON, PAULA

Kitty and the Sky Garden Adventure

Kitty is a girl by day, and a cat by night – and she's ready for another adventure! This time she discovers a rooftop garden. Soon more cats hear about the magical place and sadly ruin its beauty. It's up to Kitty and her feline crew to rescue it. Beautifully illustrated, this story will appeal to young readers who love adventure, cats and helping in the garden!



JENNINGS, KATIE

Rocket Boy

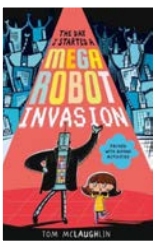
Stuck for something to do space mad Callum builds a rocket from a cardboard box and soon finds himself on an exciting mission to Mars. Martian sunsets and vegetable jungles combined with cool space facts make this a super story about the power of imagination.



MCLAUGHLIN, TOM

The Day I Started a Mega-Robot Invasion

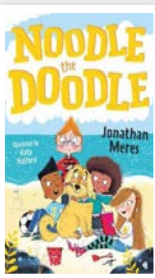
Molly thinks she is very clever when she builds Bob, a robot to do her homework. However, Bob has the same idea and before long a whole army of too clever for their own boots robots are causing chaos around the town. Molly finds herself in a race against time to stop a robot invasion – and she still has to hand in her homework!



MERES, JONATHAN

Noodle the Doodle

Noodle the Doodle is the lovable and excitable new member at Wigley Primary School. What could possibly go wrong when the class take a trip to the seaside? Beaches are an excitable place for a dog and Noodle's behaviour threatens to get out of control, but presented with a chance to shine will Noodle save the day?



MILWAY, ALEX

Fabulous Feast

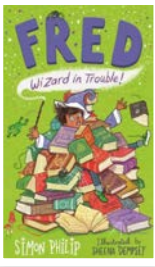
Will Hotel Flamingo's super chef Madame Le Pig win the Battle of the Chefs or will she be runner up to one of the other Animal Boulevard chefs, Peston Crumbletart or Laurence Toot-Toot? A fun filled cooking caper with a cast of guests to delight and amuse readers all the way to their own kitchen!



PHILIP, SIMON

Wizard in Trouble!

Fred is a wizard who has been learning magic from the famous wizard Merlin; but the trouble is, Fred is not very good. However, after an ancient book of spells goes missing, Fred and his best friend Marvin set out to solve the mystery; learning along the way that magic isn't always what they need! The second book in the series.



REEVE, PHILIP

Kevin and the Biscuit Bandit

All eyes are on Kevin, the Roly Poly Flying Pony and Max's best friend, when Bumbleford's biscuits disappear! Can Max and Kevin find the real biscuit thief or will Kevin have to go to pony prison? Lots of fantastic illustrations and rollicking good humour!

