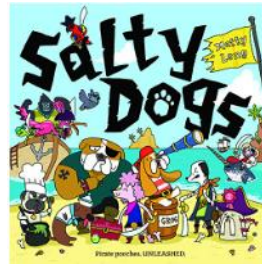


## Year 2 Recommended Reading List

Here is a list of some of our favourite stories for you to share with your child at home.  
Happy reading!

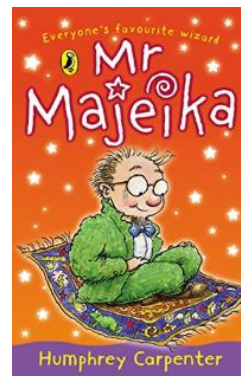
Salty Dogs by Matty Long

The Salty Dogs are down on their luck, but their tails are wagging at the thought of one last treasure hunt to turn their fortunes around. Can they outwit tougher pirates and become top dogs?



Mr Majeika by Humphrey Carpenter

Mr Majeika is no ordinary teacher. He arrives each day by magic carpet and turns the class clown into a frog. School is never the same again!



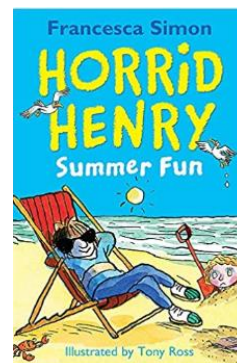
The Incredible Hotel by Kate Davies

If you ever go to the great city of Delaunay, take a left at the Duchess's palace and cross the Bridge of Spires, and here you will find The Incredible Hotel. Everything runs like clockwork, thanks to Stefan the kitchen porter, who brews the coffee every morning, and dreams of being a chef.



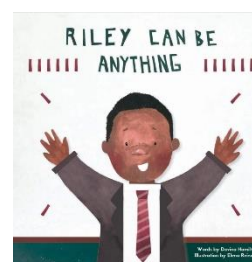
Horrid Henry Summer Fun by Francesca Simon

Join Henry for a scorching summer as he does what he does best - causes mischief! Featuring hilarious stories, plus totally awesome puzzles and summer jokes.



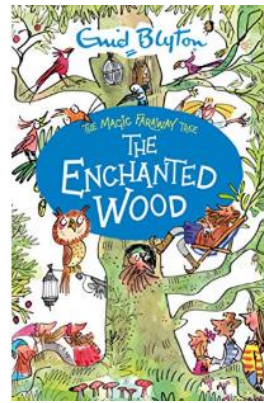
Riley can be Anything by Debbie Allen

The inspiring rhyming story follows Riley as he discovers some of the wonderful things he can do when he grows up. With the help of his big cousin Joe, Riley is taken on a series of imaginative journeys that allow him to realise he can be anything he wants to be.



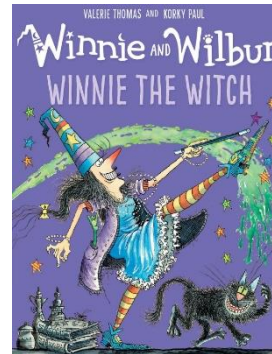
### The Enchanted Wood by Enid Blyton

Could you choose between the Land of Birthdays and the Land of Toys? This is a classic and captivating story set in a magical land.



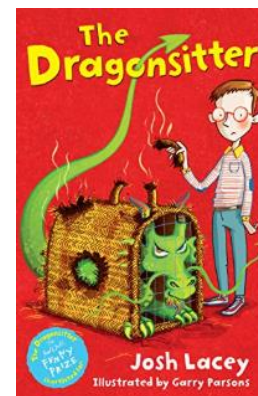
### Winnie the Witch by Valerie Thomas

Winnie the Witch lives in a black house. She has black chairs and black stairs, black floors and black doors. The trouble is that Winnie's cat, Wilbur, is also black. After sitting on him and tripping over him, Winnie decides to turn Wilbur into a green cat. But then he goes out into the long grass!



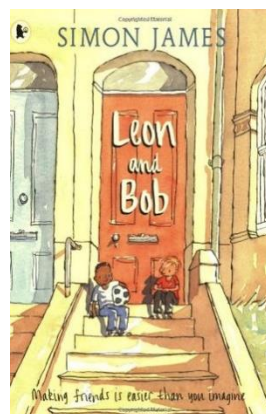
### The Dragon Sitter by Josh Lacey

Young Edward has been asked to look after his uncle's pet whilst he goes on holiday. But it's no ordinary pet, it's a pet dragon – who eat Jemima!



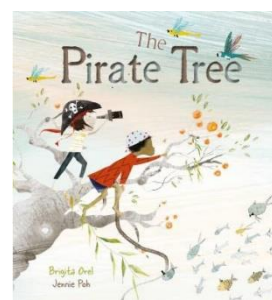
### Leon and Bob by Simon James

Leon is new in town and doesn't know anyone. That's when he makes friends with Bob. No one else can see Bob, but Leon knows he's there. One day a boy just Leon's age moves in next door. Leon would like to meet him -- as long as Bob comes with him. But suddenly Bob is gone and Leon feels very alone.



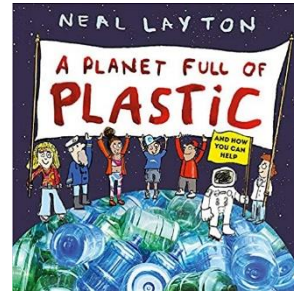
### The Pirate Tree by Brigita Orel

The gnarled tree on the hill sometimes turns into a pirate ship. A rope serves as an anchor, a sheet as a sail, and Sam is its fearless captain. But one day another sailor approaches, and he's not from Sam's street. Can they find something more precious than diamonds and gold? Can they find ... friendship?



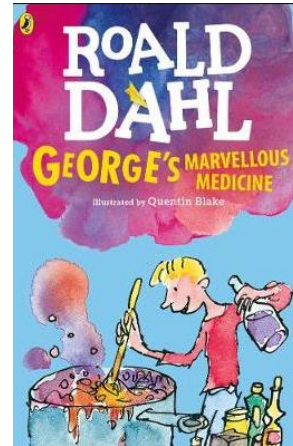
## A Planet Full of Plastic by Neal Layton

Everything is made of stuff. Some things are made of paper, like this book. And some things are made of PLASTIC. If you look around you, plastic is everywhere. Even in places where it's not meant to be. If it drops to the ground, it doesn't rot away - it sticks around for ever.



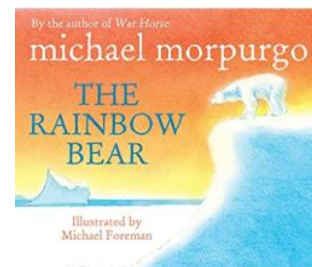
## George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl

In this popular Dahl story, George creates a very special medicine to cure his grandma of her nasty habits.



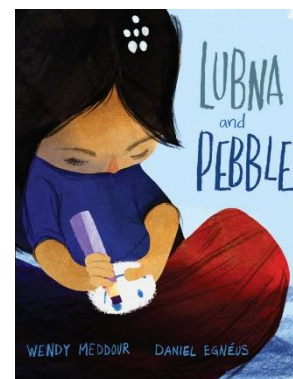
## The Rainbow Bear by Michael Morpurgo

The polar bear is bored of his white environment and his hard life. He dreams of soaking himself in all the luminous colours of the rainbow. But when his wish is granted, he realises to his cost that his arctic camouflage no longer works and he needs the advice of others to escape his prism...



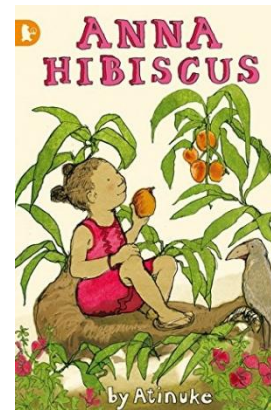
## Lubna and Pebble by Wendy Meddour

Lubna's best friend is a pebble. She found it on the beach when they arrived in the night, then she fell asleep in Daddy's salty arms. Lubna tells Pebble everything. About home. About the war. Pebble always listens to her stories and smiles when she feels afraid.



## Anna Hibiscus by Atinuke

Anna Hibiscus lives in amazing Africa with her mother, her father, her baby twin brothers, and lots and lots of her family. Join her as she splashes in the sea, prepares for a party, sells oranges, and hopes to see sweet, sweet snow!



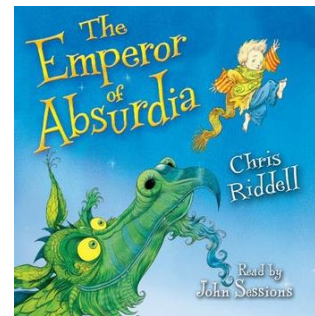
### Dogs in Space by Victoria Southgate

Meet Belka and Strelka, the two dogs who changed the face of space history and became international celebrities in the process! In 1960, two stray dogs were plucked from the streets of Moscow to become space pioneers.



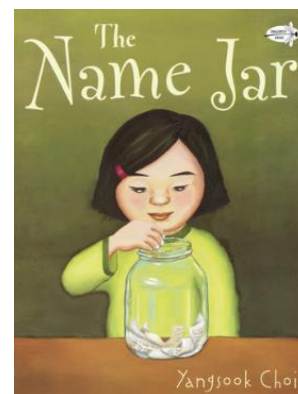
### The Emperor of Absurdia by Chris Riddell

Welcome to Absurdia: a strange and wonderful land where nothing is quite what it seems. Trees are birds, umbrellas are trees, and the sky is thick with snoring fish. Join one small boy as he tumbles out of bed into a crazy dreamland of wardrobe monsters, dragons - and amazing adventure.



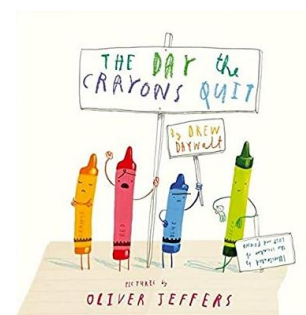
### The Name Jar by Yangsook Choi

Being the new kid in school is hard enough, but what about when nobody can pronounce your name? Having just moved from Korea, Unhei is anxious that her classmates will not like her.



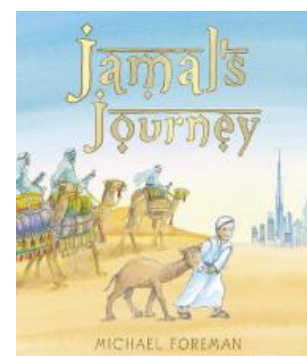
### The Day the Crayons Quit by Oliver Jeffers

Poor Duncan just wants to colour in. But when he opens his box of crayons, he only finds letters, all saying the same thing: We quit. Beige is tired of playing second fiddle to Brown, Blue needs a break from colouring in all that water, while Pink just wants to be used. Green has no complaints, but Orange and Yellow are no longer speaking to each other. The battle lines have been drawn. What is Duncan to do?



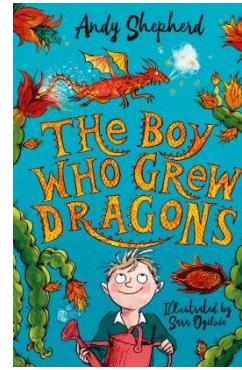
### Jamal's Journey by Michael Foreman

Jamal is a little camel so he must walk, walk, walk through the desert. One day he becomes separated from his friend, the boy, but a wise falcon helps to reunite them. They go on to explore the city and its exciting sights and sounds.



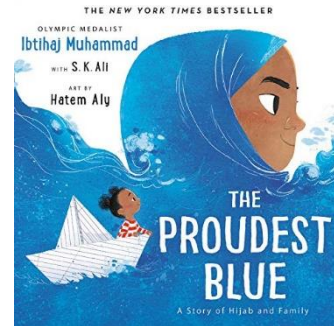
## The Boy who Grew Dragons by Andy Shepherd

When Tomas discovers a strange old tree at the bottom of his grandad's garden, he doesn't think much of it. But he takes the funny fruit from the tree back into the house - and gets the shock and delight of his life when a tiny dragon hatches!



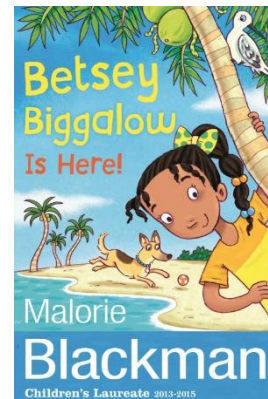
## The Proudest Blue by Ibtihaj Muhammad

With her new backpack and light-up shoes, Faizah knows the first day of school is going to be special. It's the start of a brand new year and, best of all, it's her older sister Asiya's first day of hijab - a hijab of beautiful blue fabric, like the ocean waving to the sky.



## Betsey Biggalow is Here! by Malorie Blackman

Betsey Biggalow is here! She may be small but she's full of bright and shiny ideas about new trainers, winning at marbles and even helping the world!



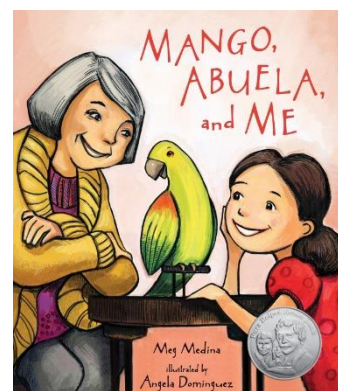
## Agent Zaiba Investigates: The Missing Diamonds by Annabelle Sami

At her cousin's Mehndi party, Zaiba gets her first challenge: to discover the identity of the VIP staying at the same hotel. With the help of her best friend Poppy and brother Ali, Zaiba puts her sleuthing skills to the test. And when the celebrity's precious dog disappears, along with its priceless diamond collar, it's up to the trio to save the day!



## Mango, Abuela and Me by Meg Medina

Mia's *abuela* has left her sunny house with parrots and palm trees to live with Mia and her parents in the city. The night she arrives, Mia tries to share her favorite book with Abuela before they go to sleep and discovers that Abuela can't read the words inside. So while they cook, Mia helps Abuela learn English, and Mia learns some Spanish too!



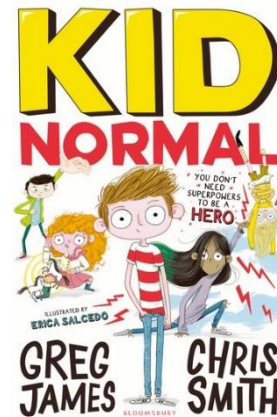
Captain Sparklebeard by Timothy Knapman

Join Captain Sparklebeard as she sets sail against the seas and dares to be different! Peg dreams of adventure and has big ambitions, but when she asks to join the pirates crew they won't let her because she's too small and she doesn't even have a beard!



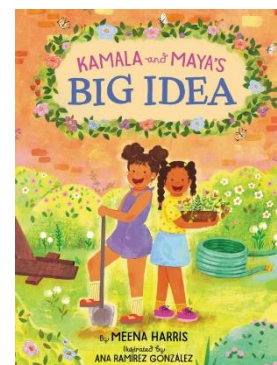
Kid Normal by Greg James

Murph Cooper has a problem. His new school is top secret, and super weird. His classmates can all fly or control the weather or conjure tiny horses from thin air. And what's Murph's extraordinary skill? Um, oh yeah - he hasn't got one. Just as well there are no revolting supervillains lurking nearby, their minds abuzz with evil plans. There are! Right. Ok, then...



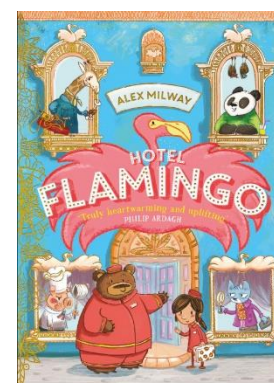
Kamala and Maya's Big Idea by Meena Harris

One day, Kamala and Maya had an idea. A *big* idea: they would turn their empty apartment courtyard into a playground! This is the uplifting tale of how the author's aunt and mother first learned to persevere in the face of disappointment and turned a dream into reality. This is a story of children's ability to make a difference and of a community coming together to transform their neighbourhood.



Hotel Flamingo by Philip Ardagh

When young Anna inherits a dilapidated once-grand hotel from her Great Aunt Mathilde, she's determined to restore it to its former glory. But this is no ordinary hotel - all of her staff and guests are *animals*!



If All the World Were... by Joseph Coelho

This beautifully illustrated, powerful and ultimately uplifting text is the ideal way to introduce children to the concept of death and dying, particularly children who have lost a grandparent.

