

STEPHENSON, KRISTINA

Why are There so Many Books About Bears?

The title of the book is the question that is perplexing some of the most brilliant minds in the animal kingdom. Children and adults alike will delight in the hilarious puns as William Shakespeare and Albert Swinestein among others, try to find the answer. A must to read aloud and will be appreciated by a KS2 reader.



STRONG, JEREMY

Nellie Choc-Ice and the Plastic Island

Nellie Choc-Ice is the hero in this anti plastic pollution story. Nellie rescues an albatross and a dolphin from a huge plastic island that she encounters en route from the North to the South Pole. She and Captain Beardy Beard persuade the government to clean up the plastic and to release the ocean and its creatures. A highly topical story that is perfect for KS2.



WHITEHORN, HARRIET

The Great Raspberry Mix-Up

Bake Off fans are going to love this story as Freddie enters a baking competition. His attempts are thwarted by the wicked Bernard Macaroon who runs a rival bakery. However, all Freddie's friends pull together and help him. A great example of team work and being kind to one another.



WOODFINE, KATHERINE

Sophie Takes to the Sky

An interesting story of a young French girl who is afraid of everything. Sophie's fascination with balloon flight leads her to the local fair where she stows away in a balloon; she confronts her fears and overcomes them. This story is based on a real person who became the first female aeronaut in the 18th Century. A must read for all girls and boys!



YARLETT, EMMA

Beast Feast

A recipe book with a difference as Beast has captured 'dinner' but needs to comply with his invited guests' dietary requirements. Lots of slime, salt and gunge is required. A deceptively simple story with interactive letters but the whole book will bring a smile.



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.

For information about your nearest public library, go to:

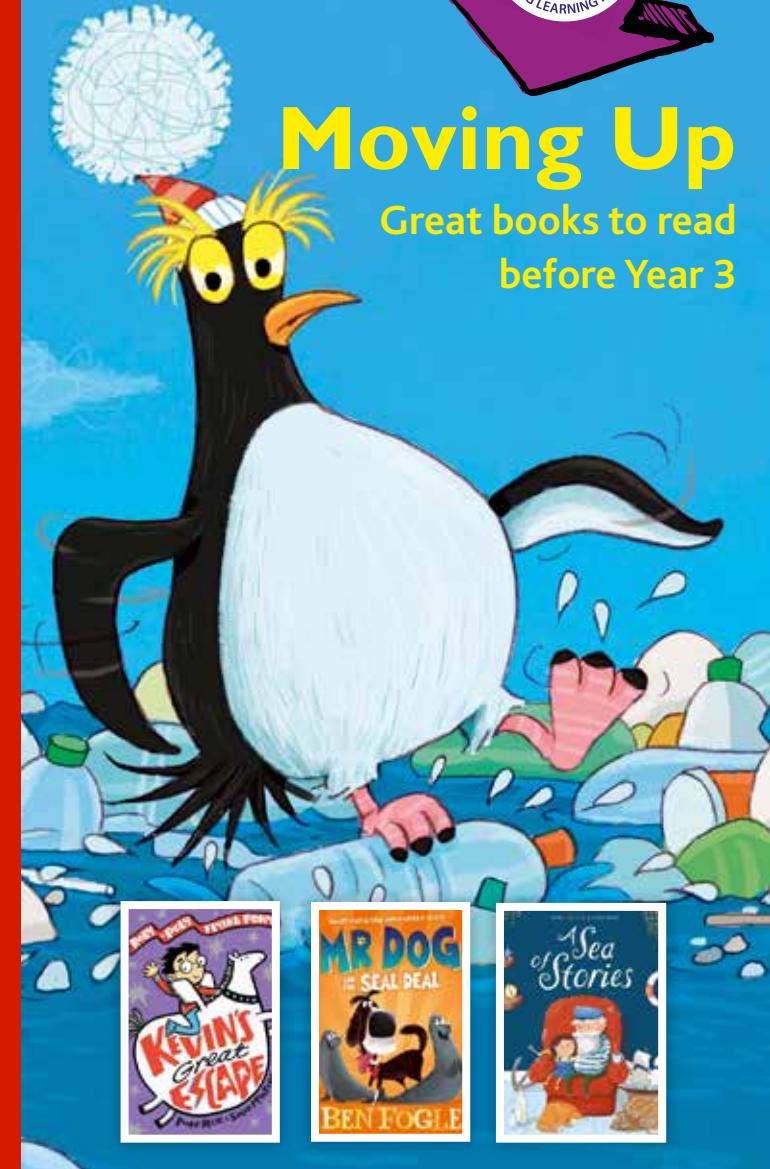
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or phone **0300 555 1387**



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ANDERSON, LAURA ELLEN

Amelia Fang and the Lost Yeti Treasures

Amelia and her friends are at a special birthday party in Yeti mountain when all the Yeti treasures begin to disappear. Will Amelia be able to solve the mystery and survive the perils of the crumbling Yeti Mountain and all the booby traps on the way? A perfect mix of funny, foul and fearful.



ARDAGH, PHILIP

The Wrong End of the Stick

A girl. A dog. A detective agency. In this hilarious adventure, Sally Stick and sidekick Fetch, use their detective skills to solve four cases and catch a real life criminal... and a beaver! Despite confusion and mishaps, the pair always get results and have lots of fun along the way.



BISHOP, SYLVIA

A Sea of Stories

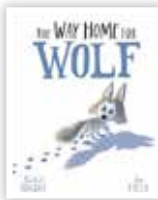
On a visit to her Grandpa by the sea, Roo hears of his incredible adventures inspired by treasures in his cottage. However, Roo soon realises that Grandpa is cut off from the sea which holds so many memories for him but what can she do to help? A beautiful book about the importance of sharing stories.



BRIGHT, RACHEL

The Way Home for Wolf

Wilf is lost in the wild and is helped by some kind animals to rejoin his pack. He learns the value of friendship and helping others. This is a delightful atmospheric story that takes the reader into the depth of the arctic winter with stunning illustrations and poetic rhyming language. Perfect to share and read aloud.



BUTCHART, PAMELA

Icarus was Ridiculous

Izzy loves the stories Ancient Greeks told and can't wait to share the drama with her friends at school. Who knew Icarus was a "total numpty" and Narcissus fell in love with his own face? A comical retelling of Greek Myths by this very funny author.



BUTLER, STEVEN

Mission Impawsible

Junior is itching with delight (or fleas) because he is going to Hollywood with the rest of his doggy pals. His dreams of streets paved with sausage meat and getting talent spotted are finally coming true. However, the holiday takes a dramatic turn and Junior needs to rescue his pals from a nightmare vegetable vacation.



COLTON, NICOLA

Hunt for the Golden Bone

Best friends Jasper and Scruff are delighted when they discover a rare book about Black Whiskers, the infamous pirate. Inside is a treasure map so the pair set off on the trail of the Golden Bone - but there is something fishy going on. A laugh out loud tale of friendship, perfect for new readers.



DOUGHERTY, JOHN

Mark and Shark: Detectiving and Stuff

This story couldn't be more crazy, whoever heard of a Shark detective, talking furniture, and a talking unicorn? A good fun detective story where our characters, including an enormous polar bear endeavour to discover who is stealing the ice cream business from the bear. This will be sure to make you laugh.



EMMETT, JONATHAN

How the Borks Became

How do we adapt and survive as a species? This picture book explains evolution in a fun and entertaining way in rhyming verse. Highly educational but also very entertaining. A good read for KS2.



FOGLE, BEN

Mr Dog and the Seal Deal

Mr Dog has a massive heart and an instinct to help others, so when on holiday, he makes it his mission to find Ditzzy, a missing seal. A delightful adventure highlighting the problem of plastic pollution and the necessity of humans and animals to live in harmony. Look out for more Mr Dog adventures.



HART, CARYL

The Piglet Pickle

This is such a funny story about Nell and her misguided friend, Freddie, who steals a piglet from a petting farm to give to her as a present. Little did they know that Kevin, the pig, would be instrumental in revealing a nasty thief. An engaging family story from a very well known author and lively illustrations make this a perfect lower KS2 read.



HENN, SOPHY

Older Not Wiser

The start of a new series about Jeanie whose grandmother is always getting into trouble. Nana goes on a school trip to a local History Museum (definitely not bringing history to life) and certainly livens up the experience for the children by causing mischief. Three mini tales of seriously BAD fun!



MCLACHLAN, JENNY

Pet Quest

Harvey really, REALLY wants a pet, but his parents say the flat is far too small. Harvey decides to take matters into his own hands, but his parents are not impressed with his choice of pets despite their size. Perfect for gaining confidence in reading.



MILWAY, ALEX

Holiday Heatwave

Anna and her team at Hotel Flamingo are getting ready to welcome their guests; King and Queen Penguin. The problem is the hot weather, and someone is trying to sabotage the hotel. A new series that is perfectly placed; the lively illustrations and engaging animal characters will be a treat for any KS2 reader.



REEVE, PHILIP

Kevin's Great Escape

Kevin is a roly-poly, biscuit eating, high flying pony with a best friend called Max. But when Kevin is kidnapped by a famous pop star it's up to Max, his sister Daisy and two adventure loving guinea pigs to come to the rescue.

