

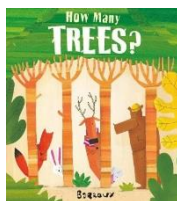
Recommended Reads for Year 2 2018



Ardagh, Philip – Barking up the Wrong Tree

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Sally Stick and her best friend Fetch (a dog) are an unlikely detective duo. They are very determined even if they don't quite get the right result. 3 short stories in each book with some challenging language which belies the initial impression.



Barroux – How Many Trees?

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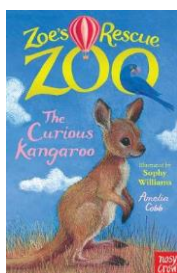
A deceptively simple story which can be used for discussion about the environment. The animals in the forest can't decide how many trees make a forest.



Beedie, Duncan – The Last Chip

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Percy the pigeon is very hungry but everytime he tries to get some food, bigger birds chase him off. Not until a kind person offers him their last chip, will Percy know satisfaction. A charming book looking at the big issues of homelessness, poverty and generosity in a very accessible manner.



Cobb, Amelia – The Curious Kangaroo

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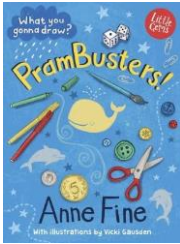
Zoe lives with her Mum and Great Uncle at a rescue zoo for all sorts of animals. Zoe also has the gift of being able to talk to the animals which is very handy. In this story, a baby kangaroo proves to be rather too curious. An undemanding series that is an ideal introduction to longer length stories.



Faber, Polly – Superstar Tapir

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Another set of short stories about the delightful Bambang and his human companion Mango. Not as twee as you first imagine and full of warmth and humour.

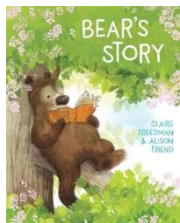


Fine, Anne – Prambusters

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A group of children are at a summer holiday club when the weather turns to rain. Confined in a barn with limited resources, they are tasked with designing a super pram – not as easy as you might think.

Told with humour and fun this story also demonstrates why team work is important and that the outcome is not always as important as the getting there.

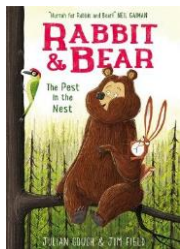


Freedman, Claire – Bear's Story

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Bear loves to read but when his favourite story book falls to pieces, he is at a loss as to what to do. So he decides to write his own story but needs to find a perfect spot for inspiration.

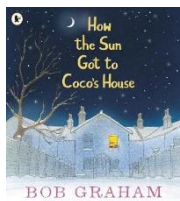
A book that could be used for writing topics and how you get your inspiration as Bear realises that ideas can come from anywhere.



Gough, Julian – The Pest in the Nest

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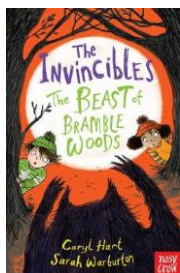
When rabbit feels as though everything is conspiring against him from snoring to woodpeckers pecking, it takes his friend bear to show him how tolerance can be a virtue. Very funny with charming illustrations.



Graham, Bob – How the Sun Got to Coco's House

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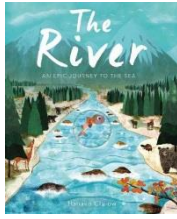
A picture book with lots of discussion points as it charts the journey of the sun around the world as it rises until we end up in Coco's house in Australia. The illustrations tell so much more than the simple text.



Hart, Caryl – The Beast of Bramble Woods

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Nell and Freddie are desperate to go camping but are told they are too young. The compromise is the back garden and in by 8.30. But that still leaves time for the beast to come and scare them. Lovely depictions of families and friendships and great for reading aloud.



Hegarty, Patricia – The river: an epic journey to the sea

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A virtually wordless book that tracks the journey of a small fish from the origins of the river all the way down to the coast. The rhyme is a very gentle meander similar to the track of the river and can be used for descriptive writing or to explore rivers and habitats.



Higgins, Chris – Trouble at School

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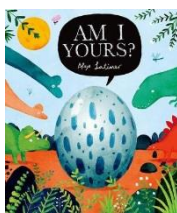
Bella has moved house and is about to start at her new school. But her next door neighbour and new friend Magda ensures things don't go according to plan. Full of humour but with a pair of very likeable girls and a common situation of moving schools.



Kessler, Liz – Jenny the pony's big day

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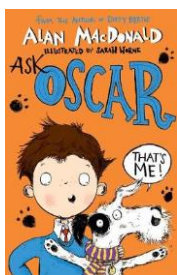
Jenny is a rather obstinate pony who is a bit reluctant to take part in the Spring Gala. But when she meets James who is in a wheelchair, they realise that being together is more fun. An easy reader that also has positive messages about disability and one's capabilities.



Latimer, Alex – Am I Yours?

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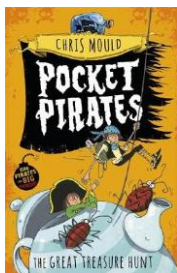
A lost dinosaur egg is desperate to know which dinosaur it belongs to. Lots of questioning by other dinosaurs follow until a happy resolution is found. Great illustrations and some dinosaur facts as well.



MacDonald, Alan – Ask Oscar

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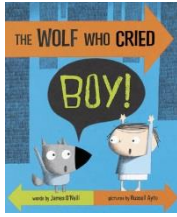
Sam has always wanted a dog but his parents have always said No. So when Oscar appears at the front door, Sam decides to take him in. But Oscar is no ordinary dog – he can talk and together he and Sam embark on a series of adventures. From the author of Dirty Bertie, another enjoyable series for those moving onto chapter books.



Mould, Chris – The Great Treasure Hunt

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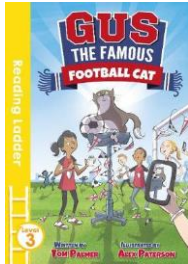
The Pocket Pirates live in a ship in a bottle in a junk shop. When the shop is closed, they can come out and go on exciting adventures. The skirting board mice and a fiendish spider try to stop their hunt for Gold.



O'Neill, James – The Wolf who Cried Boy!

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The villagers and the wolves are both afraid of each other and so rumours abound about the terrible things each community does. It takes a small boy and a small wolf to show everyone else that there really is nothing to be scared of. Ideal for looking at tolerance and acceptance as well as a variation on a traditional story.

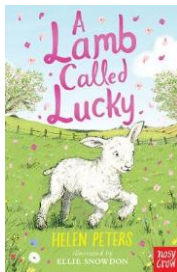


Palmer, Tom – Gus the Famous Football Cat

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Yusra is originally from Lebanon and has come to England with her father. They adopt a rescue cat and call him Gus. But Gus seems very good at predicting England's scores in the World Cup much to the consternation of her class, her school and the whole country!

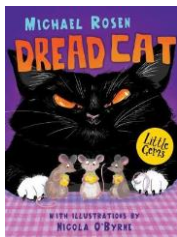
A really fun story with just a bit of wishful thinking



Peters, Helen – A Lamb called Lucky

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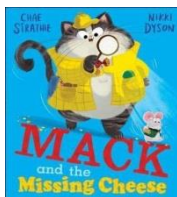
One of a series of gently animal stories that appeal to both boys and girls. Not quite as twee as the cover suggests, these are ideal for more confident readers while being age appropriate.



Rosen, Michael – Dread Cat

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A group of mice spend their time trying to avoid the mean cat who wants to eat them. But when Cat says he has turned over a new leaf, can the mice believe him? Good use of language as you would expect from Michael Rosen and great for introducing chapter books to younger readers.



Strathie, Chae – Mack and the Missing Cheese

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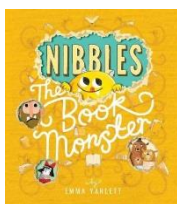
Mack the detective and Squeak, his trusty assistant, are on the case of some missing cheese. They have to interview all the suspects and look at all the clues but will they solve the mystery? Lots to look at in the illustrations so that the readers can see if they solve it before Mack and Squeak.



Woollvin, Bethan – Rapunzel

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A very different Rapunzel story with a very feisty and inventive main character who manages to outwit the witch all by herself. Who needs princes after all? Great for demonstrating female empowerment as well as being a variation on a traditional story.

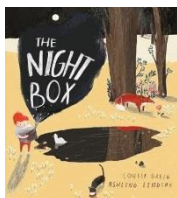


Yarlett, Emma – Nibbles: The Book Monster

Nibbles is a book monster who has escaped into this book. can you catch him and send him home? A delightful romp through many fairy tales with a layout to appeal to a slightly older audience. Very endearing and a great read aloud.

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Group Set



Greig, Louise – The Night Box

A lyrical poetry book about a boy and his magic box that contains the night. When Max unlocks his box, he discovers all that exists when night replaces day. Shortlisted for the Waterstones Prize, this is a magical poem that uses very descriptive language.

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