

## 2022-23 RECOMMENDED READS YEAR 2



**Adamson,  
Ged**

**The Elephant  
Detectives**

Alan has lost his elephant – yes, a life-size elephant. As he sets off to find him, he is joined by Edie an elephant detective. As an expert on elephants, she has lots of ideas about where to look but the elephant is nowhere to be seen. Good for friendship and locality.

**Y**



**Applebaum,  
Kirsty**

**The Unicorn  
Mix-up**

Colourful illustrations accompany this chapter book. This tale mixes up lots of fairy tales and nursery rhymes as a Princess tries to find out why all is not well in the kingdom. Watch out for the alliteration. If you enjoy this book there are more titles in the series.

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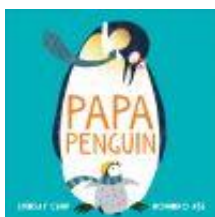


**Butchart,  
Pamela**

**Penelope  
Snoop, Ace  
Detective**

A fun adventure for children that love a mystery. Penelope Snoop's favourite toy, Sidney the smelly sock snake, has gone missing so she must play detective to find him. The story follows her all around the house and garden. A great example of imaginative play as Penelope searches for her lost toy.

**Y**



**Camp,  
Lindsay**

**Papa Penguin**

Sam's dad is the best at bedtime stories full of action and superheroes. But tonight, his dad chooses a different story, about how the father Emperor Penguin sits on the ice with an egg on his feet for months waiting for it to hatch as the father gets colder and hungrier. The story shows the strength of love and safety as the parents both play their part in looking after their offspring. The incubation period is detailed at the back of the book.

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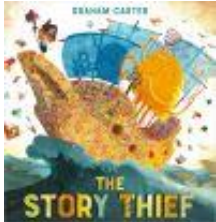


**Carr,  
Matt**

**Ginny's Big  
Adventure**

Ginny the guinea pig feels like she doesn't belong with all the other guinea pigs in the pet shop. She is scruffy and wants to be outdoors but they do not, so she sets off on an adventure to find the countryside. The story follows her journey, until she finds a place where she belongs and can be herself.

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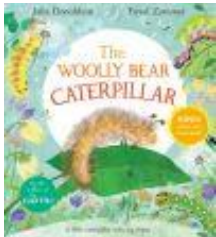


**Carter,  
Graham**

**The Story Thief**

Olive loves stories and reading and her favourite part of the day is story time with Dad. Just as they are getting to the best part, her book is snatched away by the Story Thief. The Story Thief can see the joy that stories bring to their readers but he can't work out how to unlock that key for himself. When Olive discovers who the Story Thief is she explains why books are so precious and are best shared with everyone. Suddenly the Story Thief discovers the joy of reading.

**Y**



**Donaldson,  
Julia**

**The Woolly  
Bear  
Caterpillar**

The Ugly Duckling rewritten as caterpillars. Beautiful illustrations by Yuval Zommer. The Woolly Bear Caterpillar wishes she could be as colourful and unusual as the other caterpillars she encounters in the garden. The surprise is what a beautiful moth she becomes. A lovely story looking at habitats, lifecycles, insects and believing in yourself no matter what others think.

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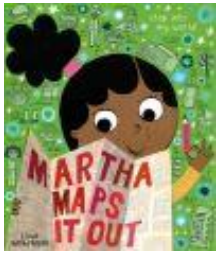


**Dunbar,  
Joyce**

**Mister Boo!**

This picture book has wonderful language describing how a cat moves and plays in the back garden. It shows the passage of time through the changing of the seasons and the reader sees the cat growing older. Then a visitor appears, a new kitten, and Mister Boo's bounce is returned.

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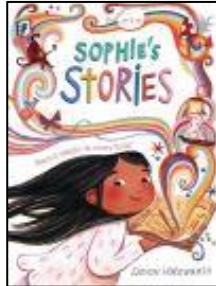


**Hodgkinson, Leigh**

**Martha Maps it Out**

Martha is a child who likes to make maps. She draws her world around her and brings you into her imagination too. Each page details Martha's environment, in her city, her block of flats, right down to her bedroom. There is so much to look at on each page, it will keep readers engaged throughout.

Y



**Holzwarth, Devon**

**Sophie's Stories**

Perfect for bedtimes! Sophie loves stories and here we see snatches of Aladdin, Alice in Wonderland and the Jungle Book. It also shows her mum wanting to go to bed so she can read her adventure book too - if she is not interrupted for another story!

Y



**Jones, Gareth P**

**Snowy White**

A Snow White fairy tale twist with cats. Top cat Kingsley loses his title when newcomer Snowy White comes into town. This book teaches you that actions count more than appearances.

Y



**Lawston, Rachel**

**Mia Makes a Meadow**

A rewinding picture book. Erik looks after the community garden and keeps everything neat and tidy. When he goes away to visit his family the garden reverts to being a wilderness. The habitat attracts a variety of insects and flowers in the middle of the city.

Y



**Lloyd, Susannah**

**This Book Can Read Your Mind**

A book that promises to read your mind but only if you are not silly and don't think of pink elephants! Oh no, did you just think of pink elephants? Now we are in trouble. This is great fun and will have the reader laughing out loud.

Y



**Martin, Marc**

**Max**

Bob owns a chip shop at the seaside and everyday Max the seagull visits and keeps him company. Business is not good and Bob is forced to move. At first Max is confused about where Bob has gone but eventually, using his bird's eye view, he finds him in his new shop and their friendship continues. Good for friendship, trade and seaside.

Y



**Nadin,  
Joanna**

**The Pancake  
Champ**

Manjit, new to the school, has made friends with Leon. But when Leon invites him over to his house for dinner, he is worried about whether he will like the food. This story looks at overcoming worries and fears about new situations.

**N**



**Newson,  
Karl**

**The Hat Full of  
Secrets**

Henry has a secret, and he doesn't know where to put it. Luckily, Grandad comes to the rescue with his special hat. Unfortunately, all Grandad's secrets are still in the hat! Henry and Grandad set off to discover all the stories behind the secrets. This is part of a series which is perfect for helping develop reading stamina.

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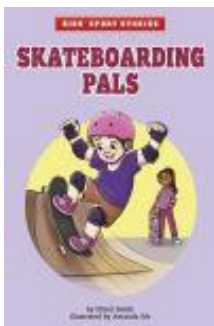


**Shurety,  
Wenda**

**The Last  
Seaweed Pie**

A picture book with a strong recycling theme. The Treeple are inventors and live in the trees constantly making new things and throwing away the old. Soon there is no room in the tree for them all and the ground and sea around them is full too. The Seaple love nature but they are being forced from their home due to the waste thrown out by the Treeple. This modern fable shows how working with nature and recycling will help look after the planet so there is room for everyone.

**Y**



**Smith,  
Elliott**

**Skateboarding  
Pals**

Part of the 'Kids' Sports Stories' This story is about Greta, who after a fall skateboarding loses her confidence. With the help of a new friend, she overcomes this and falls back in love with skateboarding. These stories are perfect for active kids who want to read about sports.

**N**

**Y** = Picture Book  
**N** = Developing Readers  
**CF** = Children's Fiction



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