

Recommended Reads For Year 2

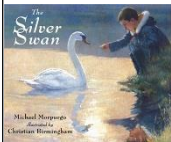


The Lion And The Unicorn

by Shirley Hughes

Lenny he has to be evacuated to a big house in the country. He finds a secret walled garden to escape to with a stone unicorn. Here he meets the wounded soldier Mick & learns again how

hard it is to be brave. It is the unicorn who finally rescues him from his sadness & loneliness & proves itself to be his guardian angel by bringing his mother to him.



The Silver Swan

by Michael Morpurgo

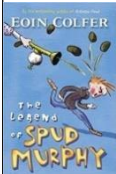
A boy living by a Scottish loch sees a beautiful silver swan land on the water. She remains at the loch, mates & there are soon

five cygnets too. The boy watches them in awe & pride. When snowy winter sets in, all the birds and animals around the loch must scavenge desperately for food. The fox also has cubs to feed...

Mr Majeika

by Humphrey Carpenter

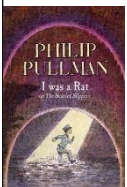
Mr Majeika can behave just like any ordinary teacher if he wants to, but something has to be done about Hamish Bigmore, the class nuisance, and so he uses a little magic to turn him into a frog. With Mr Majeika in charge, suddenly life at school becomes much more exciting!



The Legend of Spud Murphy

by Eoin Colfer

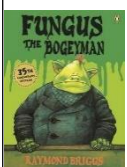
The library is the habitat of the legendary librarian Spud Murphy. If you put a foot wrong, it's rumoured she will use her dreaded gas-powered spud gun & you don't want that; just ask Ugly Frank how he got his nickname!



I was a Rat! Or The Scarlet Slippers

by Philip Pullman

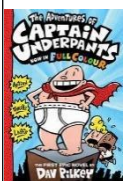
Cleverly weaving elements of the Cinderella story into a subtle parody of modern times, master storyteller Philip Pullman has created a gallery of fascinating characters from the virtuous to the villainous, in a book which will grip every reader who picks it up.



Fungus the Bogeyman

by Raymond Briggs

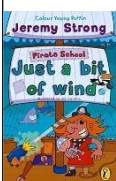
Life in Bogeydom is full of snot, smells, slime, scum & other unspeakable things, & Bogeymen live under the ground revelling in all the nastiness imaginable.



The Adventures of Captain Underpants

by Dave Pilkey

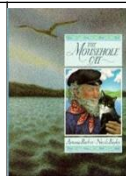
Meet Captain Underpants! His true identity is so secret, even he doesn't know who is! Fighting for truth, justice & all things pre-shrunk and cottony!



Pirate School: Just a Bit of Wind

by Jeremy Strong

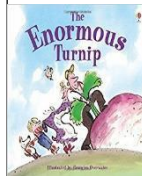
It's the first day at PIRATE SCHOOL for Ziggy, Smudge, Carkella and Flo & they have lots of new things to contend with.



The Mousehole Cat

by Antonia Barber

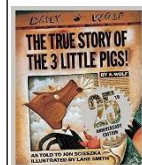
Soon, with Christmas coming, there is no food left in Mousehole. It is then that Mowzer & Tom set out to brave the fury of the waves together, & discover that it might just need a cat's perspective to understand - and tame - the ferocious ways of the Great Storm-Cat sea...



The Enormous Turnip

by Ian Beck

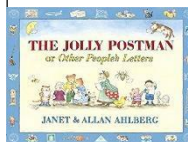
When the farmer can't pull a turnip out of the ground, he enlists his entire family to help him. In this book, the moral is that it takes everyone working together to unearth the enormous vegetable.



The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs

by Jon Scieszka

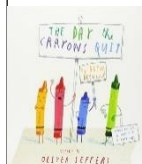
As for that huffing and puffing stuff? A big lie. A Wolf was just trying to borrow a cup of sugar to make his poor old granny a birthday cake. Who should you believe, the pigs or the wolf? You read. You decide.



The Jolly Postman

by Janet Ahlberg

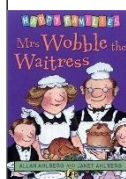
The Jolly Postman delivers cards & letters to various fairy-tale characters. He has a letter of apology for the three bears from Goldilocks, a postcard from Jack for the giant, a solicitor's letter on behalf of Little Red Riding-Hood for the wolf who ate grandma, & so on.



The Day The Crayons Quit

by Drew Daywalt

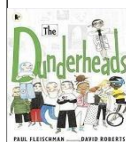
Poor Duncan just wants to colour in. But when he opens his box of crayons, he only finds letters, all saying the same thing: We quit! The battle lines have been drawn. What is Duncan to do?



Mrs Wobble the Waitress

by Alan Ahlberg

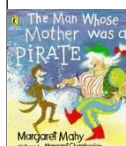
Mrs Wobble loves her job as a waitress in a cafe but there's one big problem - she wobbles! She wobbles so much that she drops a chicken on a lady's pretty hat, then she drops a jelly on her boss and gets the sack. She fears her wobble will stop her working ever again - but Mr Wobble has a plan.



The Dunderheads

by Paul Fleischman

Miss Breakbone hates kids. She shouts, she confiscates, she makes kids cry. But one day she goes too far. She confiscates the one-eyed cat that Junkyard is going to give his mum for her birthday. So the children pool their many weird & wonderful talents to break into Breakbone's house and get Junkyard's cat back for him.

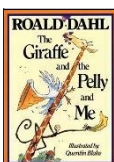


The Man whose Mother was a Pirate

by Margaret Mahy

Sam has an ordinary life - but his mother used to be a pirate! One day at breakfast, they decide to go to sea and an amazing adventure begins.

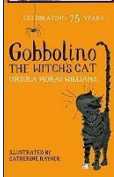
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The Giraffe The Pelly and Me

by Roald Dahl

A new edition of the story of the giraffe, pelican & monkey who set up the most fantastic window cleaning company that ever was.



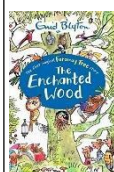
Gobbolino The Witch's Cat

by Ursula Williams

No one could mistake Gobbolino for a simple kitchen cat, with his sparky whiskers & magic tricks, but that's just what the witch's kitten wants to be.

Instead of learning how to turn mice into

toads for the witch's brew, Gobbolino sets out on an adventure to find a family & a home of his own.



The Enchanted Wood

by Enid Blyton

When Joe, Beth and Frannie move to a new home, an Enchanted Wood is on their doorstep. And when they discover the Faraway Tree, that is the beginning of many magical adventures! Join them & their friends Moonface, Saucepan Man & Silky

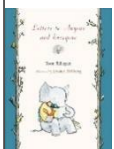
the fairy as they discover which new land is at the top of the Faraway Tree.



The Tear Thief

by Carol Anne Duffy

Each night, in the hours between supper & bedtime, the Tear Thief carries her waterproof, silvery sack as she steals the tears of every child who cries. But what does she do with all those tears?

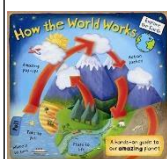


Letters to Anyone And Everyone

By Toon Tellegen

These fantastic, dreamlike, & even philosophical tales conjure up a world where the creatures of the earth can send mail to the sun (and get an answer); where you can actually write a letter to a letter; &

where just writing something down can make it come true.



How The World Works

by Christiane Dorion

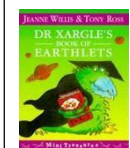
How do the ocean currents move? What is a carbon footprint? Why does it rain? Readers are invited on a novelty-packed journey of discovery to find out how the earth works.



Amazing Grace

by Mary Hoffman

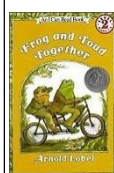
Grace loves to act out stories. Her school decides to do "Peter Pan". Grace longs to play Peter, but classmates say that Peter was a boy, and besides, he wasn't black. But her mum says she can do anything if she puts her mind to it.



Dr Xargle's Book of Earthlets

by Jeanne Willis & Tony Ross

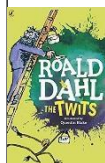
This utterly brilliant classic picture book from Jeanne Willis & Tony Ross shows just how odd we humans can be, especially when it comes to babies... You'll never look at children the same way again!



Frog And Toad Together

by Arnold Lobel

With Frog's good nature providing a counterpoint to Toad's nervous disposition, the two friends share adventures both funny and serious.



The Twits

by Roald Dahl

Mr Twit is a foul & smelly man with bits of cornflake & sardine in his beard. Mrs Twit is a horrible old hag with a glass eye. Together they make the nastiest couple you could ever hope **not** to meet.

Down in their garden, the Twits keep Muggle-Wump the monkey & his family locked in a cage. But not for much longer, because the monkeys are planning to trick the terrible Twits, once and for all . .

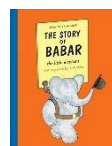


Clarice Bean, That's me

by Lauren Child

All Clarice Bean wants is a bit of peace & quiet. But that can be hard to find in a house where your little brother is being *utterly* annoying, your

big brother is in the dark tunnel of adolescence & your grandad's pouring soup on his cornflakes.



The Story of Babar

by Jean De Brunhoff

After his mother is killed by a hunter, Babar avoids capture by escaping to the city, where he is befriended by the kindly Old Lady. He becomes

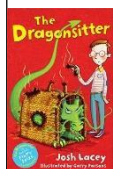
educated & cultured &, upon his return to the great forest, is crowned King of the Elephants.



Fluff The Farting Fish

by Michael Rosen

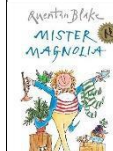
Determined to fulfil her dream of having a performing pet, Evie trains up Fluff the fish. Fluff can't sit, she won't bark on command, but she does have a very special fishy talent all of her own. .



The Dragonsitter

by Josh Lacey

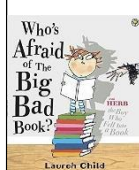
It had sounded so easy: Edward was going to look after Uncle Morton's unusual pet for a week while he went on holiday. But soon the fridge is empty, the curtains are blazing, & the postman is fleeing down the garden path.



Mr Magnolia

by Quentin Blake

In this wittily rhyming picture book, Mr Magnolia has a full & happy life except for one serious omission - a boot. But one day, he receives a mysterious parcel, & at last Mr Magnolia can splash in the puddles with everyone else!



Who's Afraid of The Big Bad Book

by Lauren Child

Now if you were going to fall into a book, a book of fairy tales would probably not be your first choice. Because in **every** story there is always a **wicked** this, an **evil** that or a **hungry** somebody.



Emily Brown And The Thing

by Cressida Cowell

Emily and Stanley find a 'Thing' crying outside their window. They embark on a series of adventures to find everything he needs for a good night's sleep . . . but nothing seems to work. What is troubling the Thing, and why can't he get to sleep?

