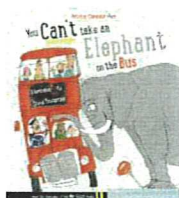


Recommended Reads for Year 2 2017



Cleveland-Peck, Patricia – You can't take an Elephant on the Bus

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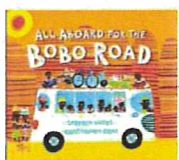
Lots of different animals and various modes of transport are assessed for their suitability together in rhyming text alongside wacky illustrations by David Tazzyman, illustrator of the Mr Gum books.



Corderoy, Tracey – Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam The Diamond Chase

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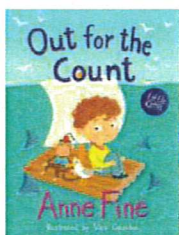
Reformed burglars-turned-bakers Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam are on hand to assist when a precious item goes missing at a fancy party.



Davies, Stephen – All Aboard for the Bobo Road

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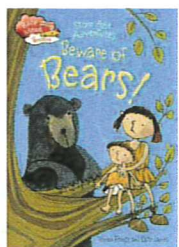
A beautifully, vividly illustrated counting story based on a road trip through Burkina Faso. Local landmarks are appreciated as the bus stops to pick up passengers and a variety of items for business in Bobo.



Fine, Anne – Out for the Count

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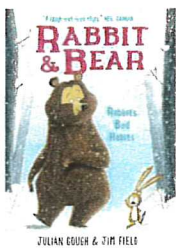
Hugo would like a pet gerbil so his father challenges him to stay in a room all day on his own to understand what it would be like for the gerbil in a cage. An absorbing and humorous narrative that explores how Hugo passes the time.



French, Vivian – Beware of Bears

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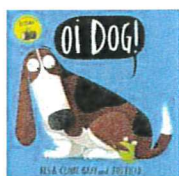
One in a series of simple stories about a family set in the Stone Age.



Gough, Julian – Rabbit & Bear

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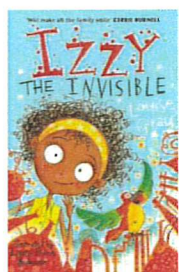
Plenty of expressive illustrations break up the text in this amusing story about an unlikely friendship between a mild mannered bear who wakes up too early from hibernation, and a rather grumpy rabbit who learns a lot about the meaning of friendship.



Gray, Kes & Claire – Oi Dog!

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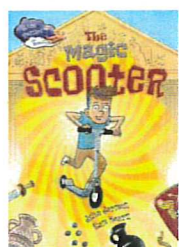
Frog and Dog discuss which animal sits where using an array of marvellous and imaginative rhymes. Very, very funny, great to read together and follows on from the equally amusing and original *Oi Cat!* by the same authors.



Gray, Louise – Izzy the Invisible

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Likeable and eccentric characters in a family setting. Izzy is accidentally made invisible by her scientist Nana. While she waits for her Nan to come up with a cure Izzy explores the advantages and disadvantages of her predicament.



Jarman, Julia – Magic Scooter

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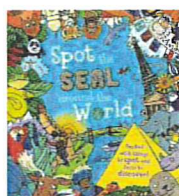
Caspar travels back in time to Ancient Rome on his time travelling scooter and has a real life history lesson. A short chapter book that packs in historical information alongside adventure.



Jay, Alison – Bee and Me

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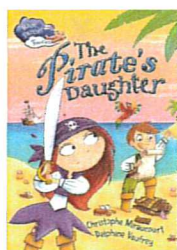
A little girl learns how to revive an exhausted bee. In return she is taken on a fantastical flight and discovers the importance of sowing seeds and growing flowers. The story is wordless but there is a page of text at the end explaining how to 'Bee Aware' and help the bees.



Khan, Sarah – Spot the Seal around the World

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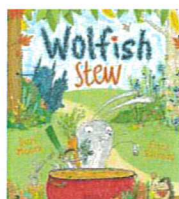
The continents of the world are represented by vivid and colourful maps brimming with landmarks, people and animals pertinent to each area. Individual countries on each continent are labelled. There is a section at the back about flags of the world too.



Miracourt, Christophe – Pirate's Daughter

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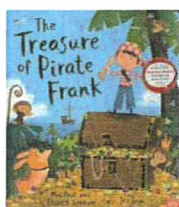
Melinda sets out to find a suitable birthday present for her Pirate Captain Dad and to demonstrate to him and to her brother that girls as well as boys can be pirates. Lots of suitably 'pirate' elements including a map for buried treasure and crocodiles, in this pacy short chapter book.



Moore, Suzi – Wolfish Stew

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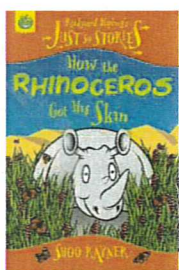
Grey rabbit meanders through the wood with the apparently endlessly inventive wolf hot on his tail trying to catch him. Events appear to take an unexpected turn until you have a closer look at the illustrations and realise that things may not be as they first appear. Story is told in entirely in rhyme and is a good one to read aloud.



Peet, Mal and Graham, E – Treasure of Pirate Frank

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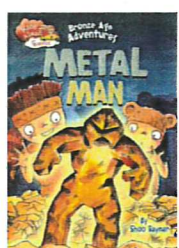
A pirate treasure hunt across a variety of terrain and written in a 'house that Jack built' style format, with eloquent rhymes and repetitive text.



Rayner, Shoo – How the Rhinoceros got his skin

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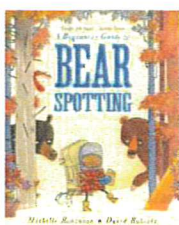
Well written retelling of the Rudyard Kipling's Just So Stories, retaining much of Kipling's original language. Various devices including illustrations used to emphasise and explain the text.



Rayner, Shoo – Metal Man

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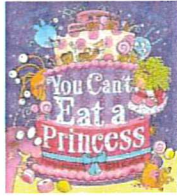
Two children in a Bronze Age family learn about collecting honey and making metal. Informative but fun short chapter read, illustrated in colour and with a modest 'fact sheet' at the back.



Robinson, Michelle – Beginner's Guide to Bear Spotting

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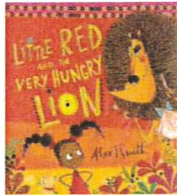
The writer/author voice engages directly with and offers advice to, the main character in the book as he sets off on a walk in 'bear country'. A very entertaining and amusing read, watch out for the ambiguous ending that is perhaps not for the faint hearted. It is fabulously illustrated in David Roberts' distinctive style.



Rogerson, Gillian – You Can't Eat a Princess

Y

A crazy story that includes princesses, parties, kidnapping, aliens and space adventures. Quite a flight of fancy but great fun.



Smith, Alex T – Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion

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This lively retelling of the traditional Red Riding hood story is set in Africa and given a contemporary twist when the positive and resourceful Little Red meets a very Hungry Lion.

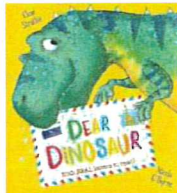


Smith, Lane – There is a Tribe of Kids

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A little boy wanders through the natural world in search of his own tribe. A celebration of collective nouns is woven into a story like form and beautifully-illustrated.

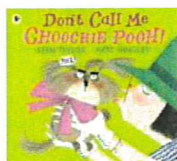
Winner of the 2017 Kate Greenaway Medal.



Strathie, Chae – Dear Dinosaur

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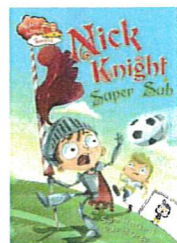
Max visits the Museum but doesn't have time get all his questions about the dinosaurs answered. So he writes a letter and a delightful correspondence between Max and the T-Rex ensues. An interactive story has real letters and cards to open as well as examples of other formats; postcards, email, headed paper, etc.



Taylor, Sean – Don't Call Me Choochie Pooh!

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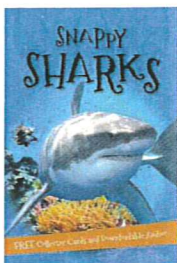
A pampered little dog is embarrassed by his owner's attention. He explains his predicament with the aid of expressive illustrations and examples before making a surprise discovery about his fellow dogs once he gets to know them.



Watkins, Sam – Nick Knight Super Sub

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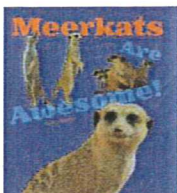
Nick likes being a Knight and his friends like football. When Nick gets a chance to play in a football tournament his armour and jousting skills prove surprisingly useful.



Snappy Sharks

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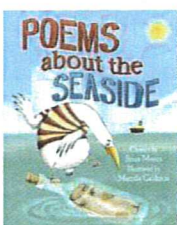
Lots of information and full colour photographs.



Amstutz, Lisa – Meerkats are Awesome

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Lots of full page photographs accompanied by clear panels of text make this an interesting non-fiction leisure read or browser.



Chosen by Brian Moses – Poems About the Seaside

821 MOS

A selection of poems by different authors about popular seaside themes, some light some more serious. Action rhymes and riddles too. Colourfully illustrated.

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