

## 2021-22 RECOMMENDED READS YEAR 3



**Bell,  
Jennifer**

**Operation  
Icebeak**

Attie & Agnes are members of Spears – the Society for the Protection of Endangered and Awesomely Rare Species – and on their second mission – Operation Icebeak! Will they save the outpost? Why are the Adelie Penguins acting strangely and why is Cynthia Steelsharp, TV presenter, acting suspiciously? Readers will learn interesting facts about Antarctica and its habitat, as well as raising questions about the environment and saving our planet.

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**Davidson,  
Zanna**

**Monsters  
Go  
Camping**

Billy can't help worrying about the forthcoming school camping trip. His worries grow and grow but the mini monsters are on hand to help! Billy soon finds his confidence and even volunteers to lead a team of school chums into the woods! A great read at lower Key Stage 2 to help anxious children talk about their worries.

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**Davies,  
Nicola**

**The New  
Girl**

Have you ever felt alone or confused at school? New Girl is a beautifully illustrated picture book all about hope and resilience and overcoming bullies. It shows how children must never judge and need to be open to new things and new people even if they do not understand them. This book is thought provoking and great for looking at 'Belonging' and 'Being me' themes in the lower Key Stage 2 curriculum.

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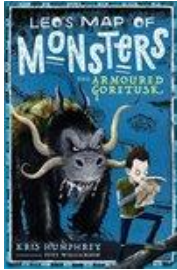
**French,  
Vivian**

**The  
Giants'  
Tea Party**

Prince Max is on a mission. The royal family are almost penniless. Can Max and his talking, and very grumpy, donkey save the day? His parents, The King and Queen of Little Slippington, send him off to the Valley of the Giants because according to legends the giants are rich beyond measure, and they want Max to persuade them to part with their treasures! A humorous adventure with a dash of fairytale madness thrown in, including some baddies!

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**Humphrey, Kris**

**The Armoured Goretusk**

On his ninth birthday, Leo is assigned as Apprentice to the Guardian. Armed only with a slingshot and a strange map, his role is to protect the village from the monsters that lurk in the surrounding forest. Leo's first mission is to do battle with an angry armoured goretusk heading straight for the village. An epic fantasy world for emerging readers with clear text and illustrations and a what next? for Beast Quest fans. First in this fantasy series.

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**James, Laura**

**News Hounds: The Puppy Problem**

Stop Press! Gizmo has a nose for a story and when Jilly's puppies are about to be given to new owners far away, he starts a newspaper with the help of his canine friends to help keep the puppies in the village. A delightful, illustrated story just right for new readers and reluctant readers because one dog is embarrassed he is unable to read. Start of a new series.

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**Jones, Cath**

**Guinea Pigs on the Loose**

Becks has the responsibility of looking after her school's two school guinea pigs for the weekend. Despite looking after them well, the cheeky guinea pigs are far too interested escaping into next door's garden! A great book for early independent readers. Great language supported by bright, colourful illustrations.

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**Jones, Pip**

**Madam Squeaker**

Minetta the Mouse is fed up with the rats bullying everyone at Hollyhock house; they eat up more than their fair share of food and leave a mess everywhere they go. Her voice is small, and she wonders how she can get them to listen and understand the error of their ways! This super story helps children realise about standing up for what is right. It is a gentle introduction to the idea of government, equality and social justice. Great for citizenship at lower Key Stage 2.

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**Lenton, Steven**

**Genie and Teeny Make a Wish**

Grant the genie has been cast out of Genie world because he muddles his words when granting wishes. Living in a cracked teapot on earth, he meets Teeny, a lost puppy. Together they embark on an adventure to find home but not before being kidnapped by the evil purple-loving Lavinia Lavender. An explosion of illustrations and funny moments make this book ideal for newly confident readers or those finding full text overwhelming. Some super opportunities for interaction between the reader and the storyline.

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**Lewis, Gill**  
**Willow Wildthing and the Shooting Star**

The wilderness is a place where magic and nature collide and Willow and her friends, the Wildthings, watch in dismay as their wilderness camp is washed away in a flood. When three shooting stars fall from the sky, Willow discovers a family of swans and endeavours to help the poorly cygnet. Lyrical storytelling with two tone illustrations this book is a celebration of the power of nature and the imagination.

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**McLaughlin, Tom**  
**The Day I Got Zapped with Super Powers**

Harry is 9 and loves comic books but one day he is accidently zapped with a mega dose of superhuman power. Followed by a pair of secret agents, Harry and Grandad go on a crime busting spree and need to find a way to reverse the laser before Harry gets stuck with superpowers for ever, A great, fun adventure but watch out for Grandad's word of the day - a dichotomy to the rest of the text!

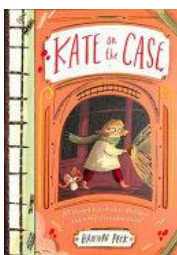
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**Milway, Alex**  
**Big Sky Mountain**

Not used to life in the wilderness, Rosa has come to stay with Nan in the wilds of Big Sky Mountain. It's not long before they are both off on an exciting adventure meeting bears, hares and parachuting beavers along the way. A lovely transition to chapter books, this story highlights the need for us all to work together to look after the natural world. The descriptive language, illustrations and extra details all help to make this a wild and wonderful reading experience.

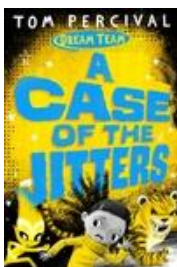
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**Peck, Hannah**  
**Kate on the Case**

Kate is on a train bound for the Arctic when a series of thefts start to cause alarm. With the help of Rupert, her pet mouse, Kate is determined to solve the mystery and oust the culprit but is all what it seems to be? Lovely two tone illustrations and rich language make this the perfect adventure for younger readers.

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**Percival, Tom**  
**A Case of the Jitters**

The Jitters are on the prowl again in Chanda's dreams and causing havoc! Can Erika and the Dream Team battle the irritating Jitter who just won't leave her dreams? Is there a connection between Erika's hilarious friend Kris and Chanda that can help stop the pesky Jitter and help Chanda find her confidence again? Great adventure filled with positive messages to boost self confidence.

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**Powers, Mark**

**Space Detectives**

Connor and Ethan are selling ice-cream on Starville, a human and alien inhabited city orbiting Earth but they dream of solving inter-galactic crime as space detectives. When they witness a slimy, green Tufted Grotsnobler stealing a human girl's bag, they stumble onto a case far more difficult and dangerous than it first seems. A hugely funny story with engaging characters and wonderful illustrations. The descriptive language would stretch young readers but would easily lend itself to being read aloud.

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**Rix, Megan**

**The Mystery of the Missing Puppies**

Animal lover Lizzie is desperate for a dog but one day witnesses a puppy being bundled suspiciously into the back of a van. When no one takes her seriously Lizzie turns detective, determined to find the missing puppy and catch the dog thieves. Large, well-spaced text and detailed illustrations are perfect for improving reading stamina. Lizzie and her parents are deaf, and the book gives an interesting insight into life with hearing loss and use of sign language.

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**Sheibani, Jion**

**Sohal Finds a Friend**

Sohal worries about lots of things then one day his teacher asks him to draw a picture of them. Soon his worries spring to life and become very real. However, once he meets Jaz, his new friend, a whole lot of different things begin to happen. This book is a great book to share with worriers young and old. It really helps readers understand how their worries work, that everyone has worries and by facing them they have the ability to shrink them.

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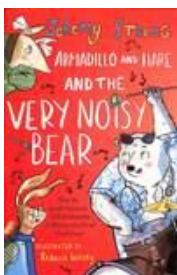


**Simon, Francesca**

**Two Terrible Vikings**

Terrible twins, Hack and Whack are proud to be the best worst Vikings wreaking havoc in their village much to the pride of their parents. In three short stories the twin's bad behaviour goes disastrously wrong. The bold and well-spaced text and cartoon illustrations are perfect for new readers.

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**Strong, Jeremy**

**Armadillo and Hare and the Very Noisy Bear**

A gentle collection of eight short stories about best friends Armadillo and Hare who live together in the big forest. Amongst the antics, Armadillo decides to host an exhibition of his paintings, variations on the theme of cheese sandwiches, and peace is disturbed when a polar bear moves to the forest with his drumkit. Ideal for building reading stamina and would read well aloud.

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**Wood,  
Laura**

**The  
Animals  
of  
Madame  
Malone's  
Music Hall**

Callie uncovers the secrets of the theatre when on holiday visiting her Gran. Will Callie change her mind about helping Gran save her precious theatre? Who is Madame Malone and how can she teach Callie the importance of fighting for what you believe in? This is a story of perseverance and working together for a common cause.

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P = KS2 Picture Book  
N = Developing Readers  
CF = Children's Fiction



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