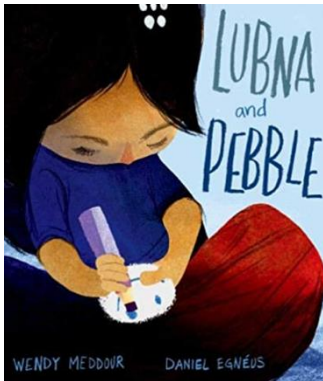


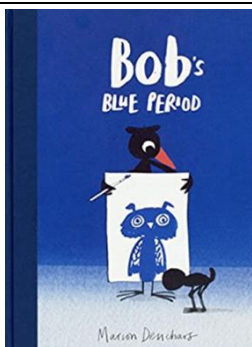
Year 2 Core Reading List



Lubna and Pebble

By Wendy Meddour and Daniel Engesus (2020)

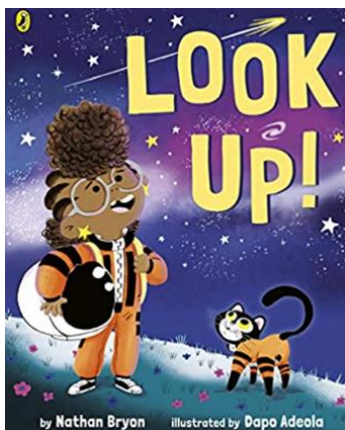
Lubna's best friend is a pebble. She found it on the beach when they arrived in the night, then she fell asleep in Daddy's salty arms. Lubna tells Pebble everything. About home. About her brothers. About the war. Pebble always listens to her stories and smiles when she feels afraid. But when a lost little boy arrives in the World of Tents, Lubna understands that he needs Pebble even more than she does . . . Shortlisted for the UKLA Book Awards.



Bob's Blue Period

By Marion Deuchars (2018)

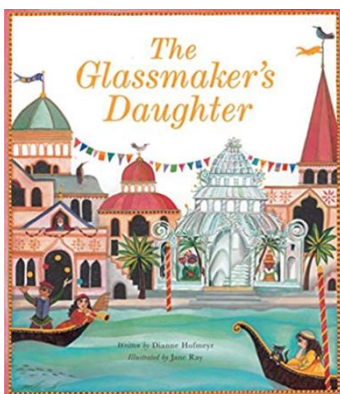
Bob the bird loves to paint pictures with his best friend Bat. But one day Bat goes away and Bob is sad. He tries to paint, but everything he paints is blue! Can his friends help him to find his bright colours again? A story about feeling sad, expressing your emotions and ways to feel better. Shortlisted for the UKLA Book Awards.



Look Up!

By Nathan Bryon and Dapo Adeola (2019)

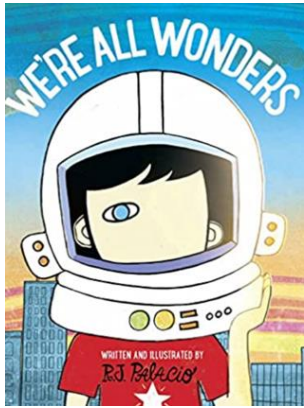
Meet hilarious, science-mad chatterbox, Rocket - she's going to be the greatest astronaut, star-catcher, space-traveller that has ever lived! But... can she convince her big brother to stop looking down at his phone and start LOOKING UP at the stars? Bursting with energy and passion about science and space, this heart-warming, inspirational picture book will have readers turning off their screens and switching on to the outside world. UKLA Book Award winner 2021



The Glassmaker's Daughter

By Dianne Hofmeyr and Jane Ray (2017)

Daniela the glassmaker's daughter is grumpy and never smiles. Her father promises a beautiful glass palace to anyone who can make her laugh. People come from far and wide to try their luck in amusing Daniela. But mask makers, lion tamers and magicians cannot raise a smile from the princess. It is only when a young apprentice makes the first looking glass that Daniela learns to smile - at her own grumpy reflection! A beautiful fable set in sixteenth-century Venice.

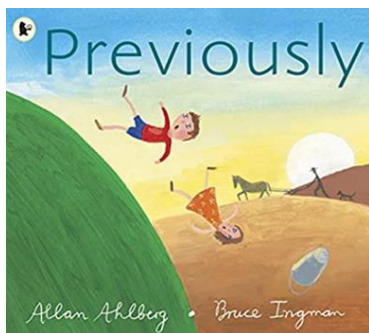


We're All Wonders

By R J Palacio (2017)

I know I can't change the way I look. But maybe, just maybe, people can change the way they see...

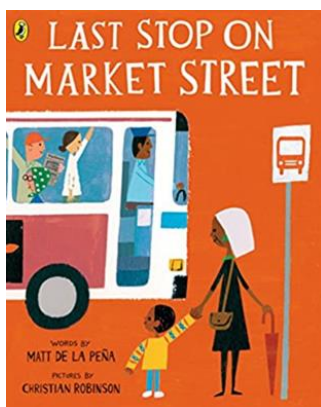
With spare, powerful text and richly-imagined illustrations, *We're All Wonders* shows readers what it's like to live in Auggie's world - a world in which he feels like any other kid, but he's not always seen that way. This book is a perfect way for families and teachers to talk about empathy, difference and kindness with young children.



Previously

By Allen Ahlberg and Bruce Ingman (2008)

Do you know what Jack was doing before he climbed the beanstalk? Or what Jack and Jill were arguing about before they went up the hill? And what happened before that? And even before that? Find out what all your favourite storybook characters were up to *previously* - because every story, every person and everything started somewhere! Excellent inspiration for storytelling and writing.



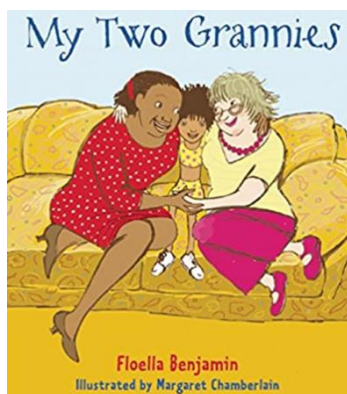
Last Stop on Market Street

By Matt de la Pena and Christian Robinson (2017)

CJ begins his weekly bus journey around the city with disappointment and dissatisfaction, wondering why he and his family can't drive a car like his friends. Through energy and encouragement, CJ's nana helps him see the beauty and fun in their routine.

This beautifully illustrated, emotive picture book explores urban life with honesty, interest and gratitude.

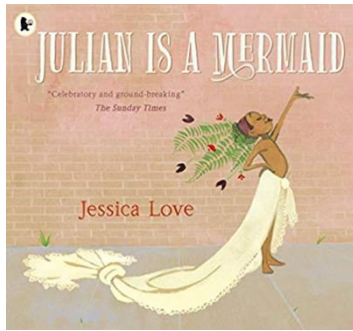
Newbery Medal award winner



My Two Grannies

By Floella Benjamin and Margaret Chamberlain (2009)

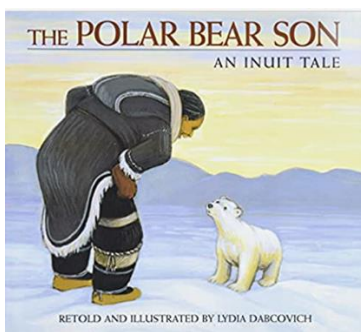
Grannie Vero is from Trinidad. Grannie Rose is from **Yorkshire**. When Alvina's parents go away on holiday, both the grannies move in to Alvina's house to look after her. But the two grannies want to do different things, eat different food, play different games and tell different stories. The grannies get crosser and crosser with each other, but Alvina thinks of a way they can do all the things their own way so the grannies can become the best of friends.



Julian is a Mermaid

By Jessica Love (2019)

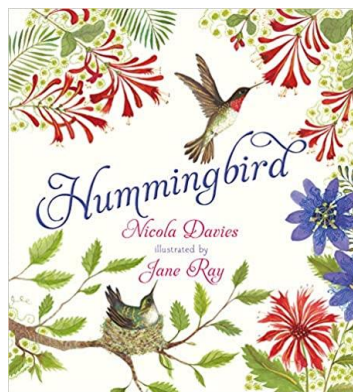
While riding the subway home with his Nana one day, Julian notices three women spectacularly dressed up. Their hair billows in brilliant hues, their dresses end in fishtails, and their joy fills the train carriage. When Julian gets home, daydreaming of the magic he's seen, all he can think about is dressing up just like the ladies and making his own fabulous mermaid costume. But what will Nana think about the mess he makes - and even more importantly - what will she think about how Julian sees himself? Winner of the Klaus Flugge Prize.



The Polar Bear Son

By Lydia Dabcovich (1999)

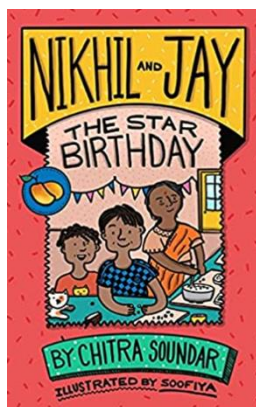
A lonely old woman adopts, cares for, and raises a polar bear as if he were her own son, until jealous villagers threaten the bear's life, forcing him to leave his home and his "mother," in a retelling of a traditional Inuit folktale.



Hummingbird

By Nicola Davies (2019)

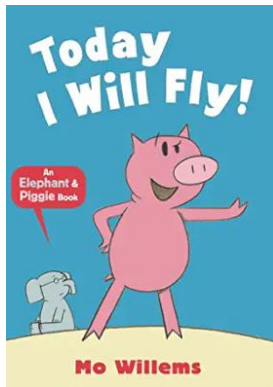
In an engaging text sprinkled with facts, zoologist Nicola Davies introduces readers to the valiant hummingbird, lighter than a nickel, while Jane Ray's lush, intricate illustrations, accented in gold Pantone, highlight its jewel-like beauty. More details about hummingbirds, along with a bibliography and an index, are available at the end to budding ornithologists.



Nikhil and Jay: The Star Birthday

By Chitra Soundar and Soofiya (2021)

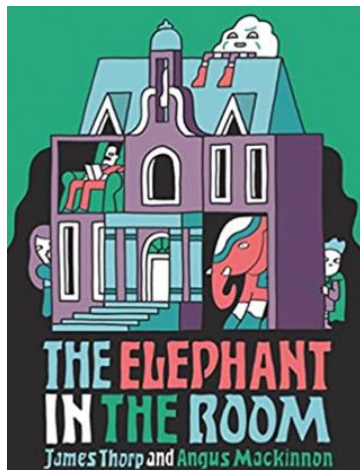
In these four interlinked stories about Nikhil and Jay and their family: Grandad and Granny come to visit from India; there's a Star Birthday with a special Indian feast; the family go for a banana picnic in the park; and the time comes for Grandad and Granny to go home. The Nikhil and Jay stories are perfect for children moving on from picture books to longer stories, helped by Soofiya's lively and characterful illustrations



Today I Will Fly! (Elephant and Piggie)

By Mo Willems (2012)

Gerald and Piggie are best friends. Gerald is careful. Piggie is not. Piggie cannot help smiling. Gerald can. Gerald worries so that Piggie does not have to. In *Today I will Fly!* Piggie wants to fly. But Gerald knows that she cannot - or can she? Told entirely in speech bubbles. Guaranteed to have your child making their own Elephant and Piggie books - get the paper and pens ready!

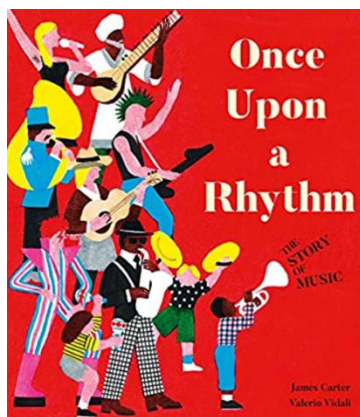


The Elephant in the Room

By James Thorp and Angus Mackinnon (2019)

It starts with an 'oops'
a 'look out'
and a 'crash'
then in walks Father Giant
with his quivering moustache....

When Father Giant's favourite china elephant is smashed, he wants to know who the culprit is. It's not Olive and her brother, Grub, so who did it? A funny, clever rhyming poem with spectacular artwork.

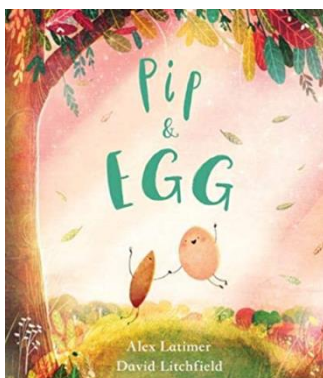


Once Upon a Rhythm

By James Carter and Valerio Vidali

*It hums and it thrums
through day and night
the magical, mystical
rhythm of life!*

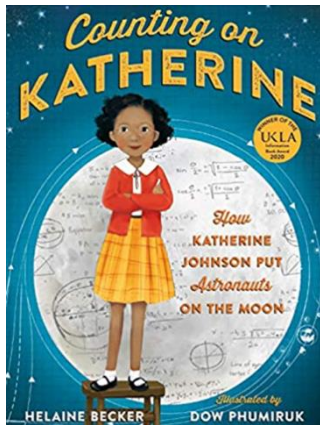
Follow the story of music back to the very beginning. Did it start with a stomp or a clap? This playful poem is an ode to the colourful world of music and rhythm.



Pip and Egg

By Alex Latimer and David Litchfield (2021)

Children will learn about life cycles whilst reading this beautiful story about best friends, Pip and Egg. A super book to complement the Y2 science curriculum as well as to demonstrate the value of friendship. Longlisted for the UKLA Book Award 2022.



Counting on Katherine: How Katherine Johnson Put Astronauts on The Moon

By Helaine Becker and Dow Phumiruk

Winner of the information book category of the UKLA Book Awards 2020. This is the true story of Katherine Johnson, the African-American mathematical genius who helped make the historic Apollo 11 moon landings possible and made sure that Apollo 13 returned home safely when the mission was in critical danger.



Planet Awesome

By Stacy McAnulty and David Litchfield

'Hi, I'm Earth! But you can call me Planet *Awesome*.'

A humorous, fabulously entertaining and lavishly illustrated introduction to astronomy, geology, natural history and ecology from the point of view of planet Earth herself.