

BRADMAN Tony

The magnificent mummies

An hilarious story featuring the Mummy family of Ancient Egypt from the popular Blue Bananas series. This would also be useful as a high interest / low ability text for older readers.

YEAR 2 Extended stories

BROWN Ruth

The big sneeze

BAND 11

The first double page contains all the ingredients of the story. How well can children predict the chain of consequences?

YEAR 2 Different stories by the same author

Language play and funny stories

BROWN Ruth

Imagine

The rich and lyrical text perfectly complements the beautiful luminous illustrations in this simple tale of opposites. The patterned text can be used to stimulate children's language development or form a structure for their own writing. The text is perfect to use at Foundation level looking at the language of opposites.

FOUNDATION Opposites

YEAR 1 Repetitive and patterned language

BROWN Ruth

Toad

BAND 10

Deliciously disgusting toad, lumps, bumps, warts and all, hunts his prey through the murky swamp, little realising his own danger. Rich illustrations match the exuberant language.

YEAR 2 Different stories by the same author

SEAL YEAR 1 & 2 Good to be me

BROWNE Eileen

Handa's surprise

BAND 9

An ironic fact-filled story with glorious pictures in glowing colours. Good for counting and one-to-one matching.

YEAR 1 Stories with familiar, predictable and patterned language from a range of cultures

BUTTERWORTH Nick

Jasper's beanstalk

BAND 4

Jasper finds a bean, plants it and looks after it carefully. He then waits for it to grow, sure that it will lead him to an encounter with a giant. Bright and cheerful illustrations and a cute main character!

FOUNDATION Knowledge and understanding of the World

Stories with predictable structures and patterned language

CARLE Eric

Do you want to be my friend?

BAND 1

This is an almost wordless book about mouse's search for a friend. Beautiful, typical Eric Carle illustrations tell the simple story.

SEAL FOUNDATION Getting on and falling out

CARLE Eric

The very hungry caterpillar

BAND 6

A long-time favourite, excellent for learning to read and good for many other things to know about : days of the week, colours, food, and so on.

FOUNDATION Knowledge and understanding of the World

Stories and rhymes with predictable structures and patterned language

HARVEY Damian

Robin and the silver arrow

The Sheriff of Nottingham is holding an archery competition but can Robin win the prize without being caught? This is part of the popular Hopscotch series for children developing their reading skills.

YEAR 2 Traditional tales

HAWKINS Colin

This old car

BAND 6

Mr Bear decides to go for a ride in his car and picks up lots of friends on the way. The horse in the background is helping you to keep count. A lively counting book with the text all in speech bubbles.

YEAR 1 Stories with predictable and repetitive patterns

HAYES Sarah

The Grumpalump

BAND 8

Delightful verse which encourages phonological development. Good fun to be had spotting the hidden faces on each page.

YEAR 1 Stories with predictable structures and patterned language

HAYES Sarah

Nine ducks nine

BAND 6

Nine ducks nine lure Mr Fox down to the rickety bridge where a big surprise awaits him. Beautiful illustrations and repetitive text tell this entertaining story.

FOUNDATION Mathematical development

Stories with predictable and patterned language

HOFFMAN Mary

Amazing Grace

BAND 10

Caroline Binch's beautiful illustrations capture Grace's positive outlook on life – a good lesson for us all.

SEAL YEAR 1 & 2 good to be me

Stories from other cultures

HUMPHREY Paul

How to make a card

Non Fiction

This is a clearly laid out and simple book of instructions using a variety of language features. It explains how to make a dragon card. The book has a contents page and headings on each page as well as a list of instructions at the back. It also has labels and diagrams on some pages.

Instructions

HUTCHINS Pat

Titch

BAND 5

The classic story of the youngest in the family outshone by his older siblings until it was Titch's seed that "grew and grew and grew".

FOUNDATION Knowledge and understanding of the World

SEAL FOUNDATION Changes

Stories with predictable and patterned language

INKPEN Mick

Kipper's A – Z

BAND 8

Everybody's favourite dog, Kipper takes us through the alphabet, accompanied by his faithful sidekick Arnold and other friends. Look out for the excitable Zebra who can't wait for his turn!

FOUNDATION Communication, language and literacy

Alphabet book

JAMES Simon

Sally and the limpet

BAND 10

A funny environmental tale, featuring a bold little girl with a bizarre problem.

YEAR 1 Stories with familiar settings

An Orange Poetry Paintbox

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You'll find roller-coaster rides, tractors, slides, winter walks and summer holidays as this colourful anthology takes you through the year.

POSTGATE Daniel (illust.)

The hairy toe

BAND 10

Great fun and a bit scary, this is a simple and lively version of the classic story!

YEAR 2 Traditional stories

POWELL Jillian

Recycled

Bold simple text is used in this environmental tale involving a class of children starting a recycling bank.

YEAR 1 Stories with familiar settings

PRATER John

On Friday something funny happened BAND 4

The story unfolds a week of mayhem as two young children get into mischief...except Friday when something funny happened! Told by simple comic style illustrations, this book has a limited amount of large, clear text.

YEAR 1 Stories with familiar settings

RAYNER Shoo

Hey, diddle, diddle

BAND 10

The cow really does jump over the moon and Humpty Dumpty actually falls off the wall in this fun-filled book of nursery rhymes, complete with flaps and moving parts!

YEAR 1 Traditional stories and rhymes

ROSS Tony

I'm coming to get you!

BAND 6

Little Tommy Brown is rather afraid of monsters and one is after him. A book about confronting fears with a surprise at the end!

YEAR 1 Stories about fantasy worlds

SEAL YEAR 1 & 2 Good to be me

ROSS Tony

Stone soup

BAND 7

A classic folk tale given the Tony Ross treatment, where the underdog comes out triumphant.

YEAR 1 Traditional stories and rhymes; fairy stories

ROYSTON Angela

Why do we need to eat?

Non fiction

This is a simple non chronological report on a popular NC topic with quality photos complementing the clear text. There is a contents page and index as well as a glossary and clear labels. There is also a page of instructions on how to make some healthy coleslaw.

Information books, non-chronological reports, instructions

RYAN Margaret

Puffling in a pickle

BAND 11

Puffling has a wonderful time on his first day out of the burrow. But can he remember how to get home? From the popular 'Ready, Steady Read!' series, this book has clear print, lively text and delightful pictures.

YEAR 2 Extended stories

RYAN Margaret

Robbie and the pirate

BAND 8

Robbie is scared of lots of things as he walks to school, but when he gets there, sitting in his seat is Blackbeard the pirate! Blackbeard proves not to be scary though and shows him how to stand up to all his other fears. This lively book from the 'Bright Stars' series is great fun!

YEAR 2 Extended stories

WADE Barrie

Icarus, the boy who flew

From the popular Hopscotch series, this is an early read version of the popular Greek myth. It is simply told with clear, bold text and full colour illustrations. It could also be used at Year 3 with less able readers.

Myths and legends

WALSH Jill Paton

Connie came to play

BAND 6

Robert refuses to share his toys, but Connie doesn't mind, she imagines bigger and better ones for herself, but she lets him share a story. The beautiful, hazy illustrations help tell the story.

YEAR 1 Stories with familiar settings

SEAL YEAR 1 & 2 Getting on and falling out

WEBB Steve

Tanka, tanka, skunk! sounds like drums

A fun book with huge read aloud potential which explores sound and rhythm. Young children will enjoy joining in and keeping the pulse as various animals are brought into the story. Introduces the concept of syllables and can be used with Foundation stage 'Playing with sounds' materials.

FOUNDATION Communication, Language and Literacy

WEST Colin

'Pardon?' said the giraffe

BAND 7

A good book for beginner readers in which a very, very small frog tries to talk to a very, very tall giraffe. Great fun.

YEAR 1 Stories and rhymes with predictable and repetitive patterns

WILLIS Jeanne

Tadpole's promise

A tadpole and caterpillar vow to love each other forever and never change but nature overtakes them! This story has a nasty shock in store but Tony Ross's wonderful illustrations ensure the message is carried across with much humour. Will also be appreciated by older children and adults!

YEAR 2 significant authors and familiar settings