

BINGHAM Jane

Animals and us-do animals have rights? Non-Fiction

This title in the "Get Wise" series looks at the emotive and important issue of animal welfare. Case studies, quotes and tips encourage readers to make their own decisions on this important subject. A useful text for sharing ideas, viewpoints and promoting lively discussion.

YEAR 5 persuasive writing

BLACKMAN Malorie

Forbidden game

During a school trip, a dangerous game goes horribly wrong and soon, Shaun is fighting for his life. This is an exciting adventure from the popular *Surfers* series.

YEAR 6 adventure novel

Suitable for high interest/ low ability

BLACKMAN Malorie

Cloud busting

Poetic forms are used to tell this unusual, realistic story of bullying.

YEAR 6 poetry

SEAL Say no to bullying

BLACKMAN Malorie

Pig heart boy

Cameron is offered the chance to have a highly experimental and controversial operation which might save his life. Replacing his heart with one from a specially bred pig brings not only medical risks but places Cameron at the eye of a storm of media controversy.

YEAR 6 argument

BOOTH Martin

Music on the bamboo radio

Nicholas is separated from his parents when the Japanese take over Hong Kong. Based on fact, this is a splendid adventure story with a fast plot, good characterisation and the right messages about the horrors of war.

YEAR 6 war novel

BRANFORD Henrietta

Fire, bed and bone

The 1381 Peasants' revolt told through the eyes of two dogs, a bitch and a puppy. Vivid descriptive writing gives a powerful sense of place and time. Shortlisted for the Smarties and Carnegie awards.

YEAR 6 historical novel

BRESLIN Theresa

The dream master

There are good dreams and bad dreams but once they're over, they're over. Or are they? One morning, as Cy is about to wake up from a terrific dream about ancient Egypt, he discovers that he can get back into his dream world.

YEAR 5 novels and stories by significant children's authors

BRUMPTON Keith

Tanya, the moo-vie

Moove over Superman, Tanya the hoofed crusader is on the case! Full of fun and easily read, this is suitable for the older reader who will appreciate the humour.

Suitable for high interest/ low ability

BURNETT Frances Hodgson **The secret garden**

This is a classic children's novel which has retained its appeal through the generations.

YEAR 5 classic novel

BYARS Betsy**The midnight fox**

A conventional novel with unexpected challenges in a narrative which repeatedly uses memory and speculation. One of the most successful and enduringly popular stories published for children in recent years.

YEAR 6 non-fiction. Additional text-based unit as highlighted in Primary Framework

**Classic poems to read aloud
(edited J Berry)**

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Classic poems from around the world, spanning centuries and continents.

Crack another yolk (edited J Foster)

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Different types of poems with an emphasis on word play, riddling and form. An important anthology of contemporary writers.

CROSSLEY-HOLLAND Kevin Short! : a book of very short stories

44 separate stories, all slightly odd, Grimm and Aesopish.

DAHL Roald

Danny: the champion of the world

Danny's father has looked after him ever since his mother died when he was four months old. Danny and his father love one another dearly and that is why Danny is so surprised to discover that his father has a secret, one that leads them both into a wild scheme.

YEAR 6 adventure/fantasy novel

DAHL Roald

James and the giant peach

Poor James has lived miserably with his two beastly aunts ever since his parents were eaten by an angry rhinoceros. Then something very peculiar happens, something so magical that it completely changes James's wretched existence and takes him on an amazing and unbelievable journey.

YEAR 6 humorous novel

DICKENS Charles

A Christmas carol (Eyewitness classics)

This classic tale is told in the author's own words and the background to the story is explored in photographs, prints, diagrams and maps.

YEAR 5 classic novel

SEAL YEAR 6 new beginnings

DOHERTY Berlie

The sailing-ship tree

Twins, Dorothy and Walter have a passion for writing stories, climbing trees and getting into trouble. When the twins befriend Master George they introduce him to the sailing-ship tree but everything changes when he falls in love with Tweeny and the two plan to stowaway to Australia.

YEAR 5 novels and stories by significant children's authors

***DOHERTY Berlie**

The snake-stone

An excellently written story about adoption and growing up. The two strands of the story, James' and his mother's, are woven together so that the reader follows both sides of the story in parallel. A sensitive, challenging book for competent readers.

SEAL YEAR 6 relationships

DOYLE Sir Arthur Conan

**The hound of the Baskervilles
(adapted by Chris Mould)**

A picture book version of this classic tale in which Sherlock Holmes and his faithful sidekick investigate rumours of a terrifying dog running around the moors. The slavering hound on the front cover will have instant appeal to even the most reluctant of readers!

YEAR 5 classic mystery novel

(Illust. LYNCH P.J.)

East O' the sun, west O' the moon

This is a classic Norwegian fairy tale in which a great white bear offers to make a poor man rich but first he must give him the most beautiful of his daughters.

Shortlisted for the Kate Greenaway Medal for the illustrations.

YEAR 5 stories from other cultures

Eating candyfloss upside down: a carousel of stories and poems

This is an entertaining and eclectic collection of short stories and poems on the theme of the fair. \these quality stories have been written especially for the collection and are complemented by contributions from famous illustrators.

Short stories

Fantastic space stories (edited T. Bradman)

An interesting collection of the genre.

FILIPOVIC Zlata

Zlata's diary

In her diary, 12 year old Zlata records a vivid account of her life amid the horrors of war in Bosnia.

YEAR 6 war novel and diary

FINE Anne

The chicken gave it me

Anne Fine discusses the challenging subject of factory farming in her own inimitable manner.

This title is also in script format in the Playsets collection.

Year 6 authors and texts. Social issues

FINE Anne

How to write really badly

This very funny and accessible book raises important questions about how we learn to read and write and carries a message about self-esteem.

YEAR 6 authors and texts. Disabilities/dyslexia

SEAL YEAR 5/6 going for goals

FINE Anne

Step by wicked step

Linked short stories dealing with variations on the complications of step-families.

YEAR 6 authors and texts

SEAL YEAR 6 relationships

FISK Nicholas

Grinny

Tim and Beth have never heard of their Great Aunt Emma before, so they are shocked when she suddenly appears, grinning, on their doorstep. Soon they make a horrifying discovery; this old woman is as dangerous as a time bomb and she has a fearful task to perform which involves them!

YEAR 6 science fiction novel

FOX Geoff

Dear Mr Morpingo: Inside the world of Michael Morpurgo

This book combines a biography of Michael Morpurgo with extracts from talks for children by the author himself. It also includes chapters on how he writes and his likes and dislikes.

The whole adds up to an entertaining introduction to the stories and the man.

Year 6 biography/autobiography

FRENCH Vivian

Aesop's funky fables

This is a collection of ten of Aesop's best known fables in a handsome picture book format. It has strident cartoonish illustrations and lively, modern text.

YEAR 5 traditional stories, fables, myths and legends

GAIMAN Neil

The wolves in the walls

Illus. by Dave McKean

This is a delightfully scary picture book for older readers, given greater depth by truly original illustrations. Collage, and expressive use of different fonts and typefaces, scratchy pen drawings and sculptural faces all add to the tension of the fast moving plot.

Picture books for older readers

GARFIELD Leon

Smith

Smith is a very accomplished pickpocket but one day his thieving ways lead him into a sinister and dangerous web of murder, intrigue and betrayal.

YEAR 6 historical novel

GAVIN Jamila

Someone's watching, someone's waiting

A chilling ghost story with a powerful sense of menace. A short novel for confident readers who can cope without happy endings.

YEAR 5 novels and stories by significant children's authors

***GIBBONS Alan**

Ganging up

John and Gerry share a passion for football. Their friendship is threatened when one of them gets mixed up in gang rivalry. Set on a tough inner city estate in Liverpool, this is a hardhitting and very gripping story dealing with rivalry and bullying.

SEAL Year 6 say no to bullying

GOODHART Pippa

Flow

Dealing with literacy and self-esteem, this book links well with *How to write really badly*. Appealing cover.

Disabilities/dyslexia

SEAL YEAR 5/6 going for goals

GRIMM Brothers

Hansel and Gretel (illust. A. Browne)

Traditional fairy tale made more sinister by A. Browne's surreal illustrations. Themes of rejection and abuse.

YEAR 5 traditional stories ,fables,myths and legends

HATHORN Libby

Way home

Award-winning, powerful picture book concerned with the plight of the homeless.

Dark and compelling illustrations by Greg Rogers.

Social issues/ homelessness.

SEAL YEAR 5/6 going for goals

HILL David

See ya, Simon

Funny, moving and devastatingly honest novel, about the last year of Simon's life.

YEAR 6 disabilities

HOLM Anne

I am David

David has half a minute to escape, he knows it's a trap but he would rather die than stay in the concentration camp. All David knows is that he must travel south and then north to freedom. Travelling by night, he lives by his wits, not daring to hope, not thinking where he may end up.

YEAR 6 historical novel

SEAL YEAR 5/6 going for goals

HUGHES Ted

How the whale became

A classic text comprising eleven creation fables, every one with a moral. Each tale looks at the development of a specific animal and its particular characteristics. The rich, evocative and lyrical language is enhanced with lavish illustrations by Jackie Morris.

YEAR 5 traditional stories, fables myths and legends

***JOHNSON Paul**

The headless ghost

This is an atmospheric ghost story from the popular Graffix series, told in black and white drawings with a limited amount of text.

Suitable for high interest/ low ability

***KING-SMITH Dick**

The crowstarver

When Tom the shepherd comes across a wailing little bundle in the lambing pens, it changes his life. He and his wife are childless and are delighted to adopt the baby, but soon realise that 'Spider' is no ordinary child. He has a special gift, for he can communicate with animals.

YEAR 6 historical novel

KIPLING Rudyard

The jungle book

The classic text containing some of the most thrilling short stories written for children.

YEAR 5 classic novel

LAIRD Elizabeth

Secret friends

A poignant and emotionally charged book about a friendship brought to an untimely end.

SEAL Year5/6 say no to bullying

LAYTON George

The fib and other stories

Humorous bittersweet stories about growing up in the fifties, which still strikes a chord with young people today.

YEAR 6 humorous novel

LEESON Robert

Red, white and blue

Three different versions of one story distinguished not only by their literary styles but by the use of three different colours, which makes the book visually exciting and unique.

YEAR 6 extending narrative

LEESON Robert

Smart girls

Tales from around the world, with strong female protagonists. Simple, direct writing.
YEAR 5 traditional stories, fables myths and legends

LEWIS C.S.

The lion , the witch and the wardrobe

Peter, Edmund and Lucy are evacuated during the war to live with a vague professor. Left much to their own devices, they find their way into a fantastic land that lies behind an ordinary wardrobe door.

YEAR 6 fantasy novel

LIVELY Penelope

The ghost of Thomas Kempe

When the Harrisons move to an old cottage in Oxfordshire and are beset by small domestic disasters, they assume that James is up to his tricks again. How can he explain that he is plagued by the ghost of a 17th century sorcerer? A funny story of the supernatural world which won the 1973 Carnegie Medal.

YEAR 6 adventure/ mystery novel

***McEWAN Ian**

The daydreamer

A beautifully written collection of episodes centring round the fertile imaginative life of ten year old Peter. Sometimes uncomfortably vivid, sometimes scary, sometimes very funny, these stories are made for reading aloud.

YEAR 6 fantasy novel

McGOUGH Roger

Slapstick

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An enticing array of humorous and thought provoking poems by this prestigious poet. This appealing collection stirs all the emotions and is complemented by lively, black and white illustrations.

MATTHEWS Andrew

Macbeth

A simplified reworking of Shakespeare's tale, with plenty of Tony ross illustrations to complement the text.

MITCHELL Adrian

The thirteen secrets of poetry

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Witty and deceptively simple advice about writing poetry, alongside some excellent examples. Colourful illustrations complement the poems.

MITTON Tony

Tale of tales

The tradition of oral story telling is brought to life by Elephant, Monkey and friends as they embark on an entertaining journey. Along the way they each tell their own special tale. A good example of different authorial voices. Imaginative language choices and dialogue is cleverly used to move the story along and the wonderful silhouettes perfectly complement the text.

YEAR 5 traditional stories, fables, myths and legends

MORPURGO Michael

Kensuke's kingdom

Based on the true story of a Japanese soldier who survived on his own on an island for forty years after the end of World War 2. The details of life at sea and on the island should appeal to those with even a mildly adventurous streak!

YEAR 6 authors and texts

MORPURGO Michael **Who's a big bully then?**

A simple tale of how Darren faces up to the school bully. There is a nice blend of humour and courage plus an idyllic rural setting! An added bonus is a letter from the author describing life on his farm and the city children who visit throughout the year.
Suitable for high interest/ low ability.
SEAL5/6 say no to bullying

MORPURGO Michael **The wreck of the Zanzibar**

The story is told in the form of a diary given to the author after the death of his great aunt Laura. Superb setting, true characterisation, excellent line illustrations....a special book.
YEAR 5 novels and stories by significant children's authors

MORRIS Jackie **The snow leopard**

The magical story of a girl and a powerful being that takes the shape of a snow leopard. Set in the Himalayan landscape this tale sends a deeper message about the need for the protection of Earth's wild places. Poetic and lyrical, the text weaves amidst stunning illustrations that capture the true spirit of nature.
YEAR 5 traditional stories, fables myths and legends

NIMMO Jenny **The Rinaldi ring**

Elliot, grieving for his dead mother, is sent to stay with his cousins. There, he is haunted by Mary-Ellen, who was once kept prisoner in his room. The loss of her fiance, Orlando Rinaldi, killed in World War I, threatened her sanity – or so everyone thought.
YEAR 6 ghost story

NORRIS Andrew **Matt's millions**

Amusing, thoughtful story about a boy who unwittingly becomes a millionaire by designing a successful computer game. An enjoyable book with well-drawn characters and an underlying moral message about the value of money.
SEAL YEAR 5/6 changes

ORME David **Boffin boy and the monsters from the deep**

Follow science lover Rick Shaw alias Boffin boy as he sets out with his friend Wu Pee to overcome giant mutant jellyfish that are stealing all the sweets and chocolates they can find. This simple, boy friendly title has wacky humour and an appealing, colourful, cartoon/comic style format .
Suitable for High Interest/ Low ability

***PAULSEN Gary** **Hatchet**

An exciting, heart-stopping story about survival in a hostile environment, this is more than the average adventure story. *Hatchet: the return* and *Hatchet: winter* develop the story.
YEAR 6 adventure novel
SEAL YEAR 6 going for goals

PAVER Michelle **Wolf brother**

Torak, a young warrior teams up with an orphaned wolf cub to defeat a demon which has taken the form of a great bear.
This tense adventure successfully mixes historical and fantasy elements, resulting in an exciting and satisfying read.
YEAR 6 fantasy novel

POWELL Jillian

Spies and gadgets

The subject matter, layout and photographs make this book a winner. This title in the Download series is designed to appeal to reluctant readers and uses short sentences, bite-sized chunks of text, tables, charts and diagrams to convey the information. The book incorporates a short story in 3 chapters interspersed throughout the text.

Explanation

***PRATCHETT Terry**

Johnny and the bomb

This time-slip story of Johnny Maxwell and his pals as they try to change the course of World War 2 is so fast-paced you might meet yourself coming back!

YEAR 6 war/fantasy novel

PRINCE Maggie

Memoirs of a dangerous alien

A gripping award-winning science fiction story.

YEAR 6 science fiction novel

PULLMAN Philip

Clockwork

A story within a story with lots of twists and turns to wind the reader up. Complex literary structure which includes windows of factual knowledge inserted to support the plot.

YEAR 5 novels and stories by significant children's authors

PULLMAN Philip

Springheeled Jack

An hilarious tale of bravery and evil set in Victorian London and told partly in strip-cartoon form. Three orphaned children are being pursued by Mack the Knife but Spring-heeled Jack is hot on his trail. Quotes from children's literature head each new chapter and provide an opportunity to discuss the reason for their inclusion.

YEAR 5 novels and stories by significant children's authors

RIDLEY Philip

Krindlekrax

This award winning book is a weird and wonderful story full of life and humour.

SEAL Year 6 say no to bullying

ROSEN Michael

Hairy tales and nursery crimes

Wonderful off-the-wall wordplay when this favourite writer has great fun with traditional nursery rhymes and fairy tales.

YEAR 5 traditional stories, fables, myths and legends

ROWLING Joanne K.

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's stone

A frenetic mix of classic school story and fantasy, in which ordinary Harry discovers he has witchcraft in his veins and his life becomes full of fun, excitement and danger. There are some wonderfully weird characters in this award-winning first novel.

YEAR 6 fantasy novel

RUSHTON Rosie

Life line

Skid finds it easier to make up stories about his life every time he starts at a new school but this gets him into trouble until the mysterious Cassie comes to his aid. This easily read story is published by Barrington Stoke.

Suitable for high interest/ low ability

SEAL YEAR 5/6 good to be me

SCHAEFER Lola

What's on your plate? Snacks

An excellent title to explore the issues around healthy eating. The information is presented using a variety of styles including text boxes, graphs, charts and tables. The book includes instructions for making 3 different healthy snacks.

Explanation and instructions

SHANNON Kate

Reggie the stuntman

When Reggie and his stunt cat, Tululah, join the cast of the latest big-screen action-adventure blockbuster, it's all in a day's work. However, filming grinds to a halt when the producer mysteriously vanishes. This lively book in the 'Colour Jets' series has accessible text and exuberant, colour illustrations.

Suitable for high interest/ low ability

Stories from Dickens (ed Blishen)

Dickens for beginners! An accessible introduction to the life and works of the author. It contains extracts from eight of his novels plus useful background information.

YEAR 5 classic novel

Stories from Shakespeare

(ed. Geraldine McCaughrean)

These retellings capture the atmosphere, drama and humour of the originals while at the same time making them accessible and highly readable.

South and North, East and West (ed M Rosen)

A wide-ranging collection of authentic and original stories, from around the world, with authors and illustrators from 22 different countries.

YEAR 5 traditional stories ,fables,myths and legends

The sun is laughing (ed. Sue Ellis) P

The title of this collection takes its name from a poem by Grace Nichols but within only 18 poems provides a rich diversity to challenge all the emotions. Each poem is illustrated by a major picture book artist which makes it a visual delight.

SWINDELLS Robert

Hurricane summer

An exciting novel set in the 1930s, giving an accurate picture of village life in the run-up to war. For fluent readers, the text is broken up by detailed line drawings.

YEAR 5 novels and stories by significant children's authors

TEMPERLEY Alan

Ragboy, rats and the surging sea

Silas is a ragboy who rescues a wounded mermaid. When ruthless villains try to capture the mermaid to exploit her, Silas and his Grandad help her escape. A refreshingly simple, old-fashioned adventure story with goodies and baddies, fast-paced and exciting.

YEAR 6 Adventure/fantasy novel

THOMPSON Colin

How to live forever

The starting point of the book is a library which contains a copy of every book published, but one book is missing – 'How to live forever'. Peter and his cat go on a journey through spectacular landscapes growing from the library books, until they meet the Ancient Child who sadly guards his tragic secret. The text is limited and contrasts with the complex and beautiful illustrations. This fascinating book will stimulate imaginative written and illustrative work, as well as discussion about how

WILSON Jacqueline

The story of Tracy Beaker

Tracy lives in a children's home and this is her story, in her own words. Beautifully observed, funny and touching by turns, a book to linger in the mind long after it has been read.

YEAR 6 authors and texts

SEAL YEAR 5/6 relationships

WILSON Jacqueline

The suitcase kid

A pacy story with a strong female lead, in short chapters dealing with the sensitive issue of divorce. Lots of humour takes the reader through the full gamut of emotions and high drama.

YEAR 6 authors and texts

SEAL YEAR 5/6 relationships.

World of poetry (edited M Rosen)

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An extensive and exciting anthology arranged in alphabetical order by writer, not by theme, giving some happy and unusual juxtapositions.