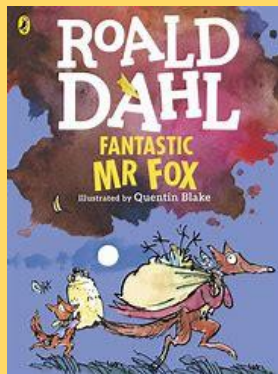


Year 2 Book Spine

This book spine contains a selection of age appropriate text recommendations. These texts can either be used a class novel/story at the end of the day or as part of Whole Class Reading.

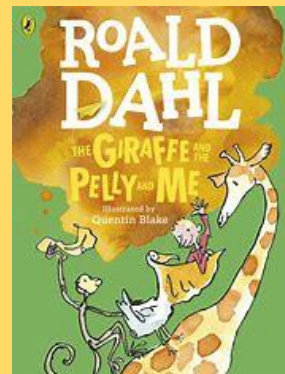
Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl

Before reading, it might be worth finding out a little about foxes. Draw the three farmers and collect information/quotes about them from the book. Re-read and savour the great writing in Chapter 3. Invite children to write letters to the farmers from the crowd at the end of chapter 7. Before reading Chapter 9 ask: *What do you think Mr Fox's plan will be?* Pause in Chapter 12 and ask: *Are the other animals right?* Pause in Chapter 14 and ask: *Is stealing right in this case?* Discuss with the children whether farmers should shoot foxes. Then with the class role play the conversation between the farmers at the end. (See the *Read & Respond* title for further ideas.)



The Giraffe, Pelly and Me by Roald Dahl

This is a meaty read. Begin by finding out a bit about giraffes, pelicans and monkeys. Invite the class to write adverts for 'The Ladderless Window Cleaning Company' and invent names for new sweets. Discuss the final song and its meaning. Draw 'The Grubber'. Ask: *What dreams would you have?* Learn, sing (or chant) and perform the various songs with the class. (See the *Read & Respond* title for further ideas.)



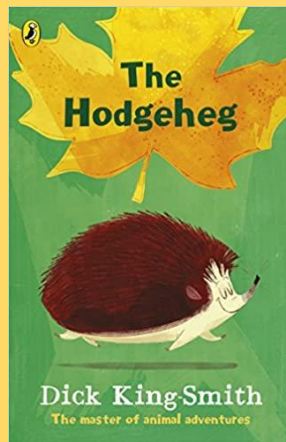
The Hodgeheg by Dick King Smith

Max is a hedgehog who lives with his family in a nice little home, but it's on the wrong side of the road from the Park where there's a beautiful lily pond and plenty of juicy slugs, worms and snails!

The busy road is dangerous but Max is determined to make his way across. If humans can do it, why can't hedgehogs?

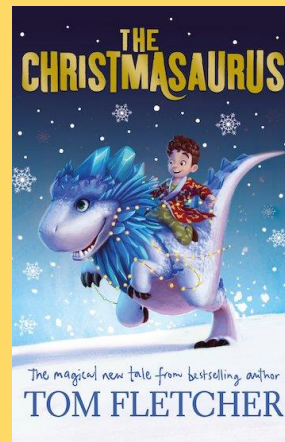
His first attempt ends in a nasty bump on the head and, when Max tries to speak, he realises his words are all mixed up. He is no longer a hedgehog but a hodge-heg!

Still determined to fulfil his mission, Max discovers the best way to cross the road - with the help of the lollipop lady and some careful detective work . . .



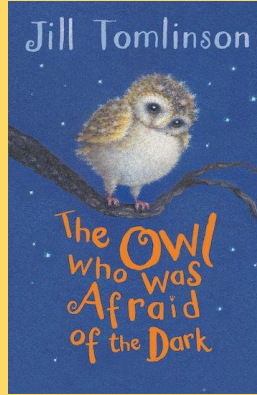
The Christmasaurus by Tom Fletcher

The Christmasaurus is a story about a boy named **William Trundle**, and a dinosaur, the Christmasaurus. It's about how they meet one Christmas Eve and have a magical adventure. It's about friendship and families, sleigh bells and Santa, singing elves and flying reindeer, music and magic.

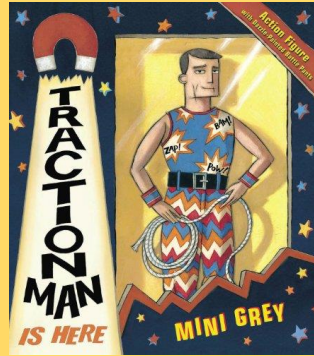


The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark by Jill Tomlinson

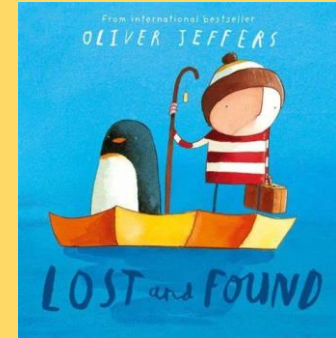
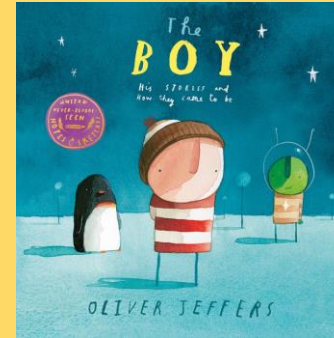
List and discuss fears about the dark saying: *you are only afraid of the dark because you don't know about it*. Role play Plop talking with the different characters. Write a letter to Plop to persuade him that the dark is actually friendly. Use an image of an owl (or the real thing if available) and draw in your 'nature sketch book'. Ask: *How has Plop changed by the end?* Write list poems about the dark. Find out about other nocturnal animals and create constellations. Paint and create owl collages and masks. Revisit *Owl Babies* (Walker Books). (See the *Read & Respond* title for further ideas.)



The Traction Man series
By Mini Grey



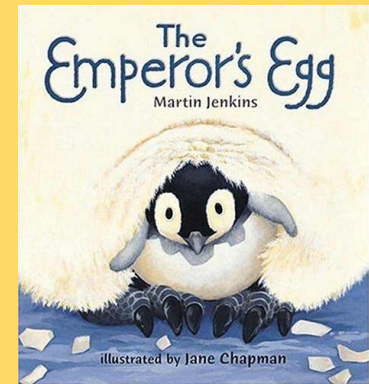
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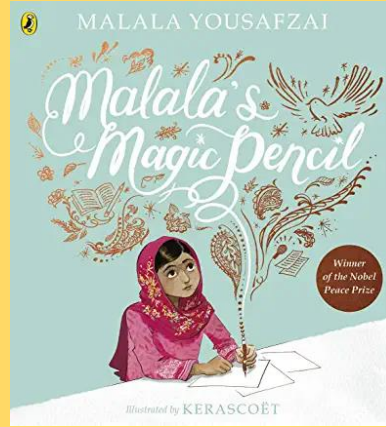
Katie Morag stories
By Mairi Hedderwick



The Emperor's Egg
by Martin Jenkins

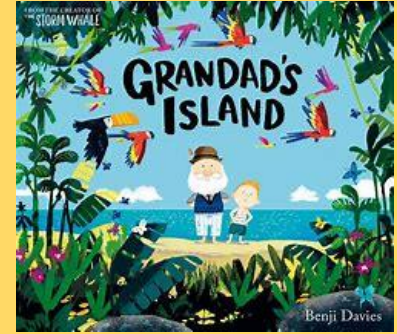


Malala's Magic Pencil by Malala Yousafzai and Kerascoët



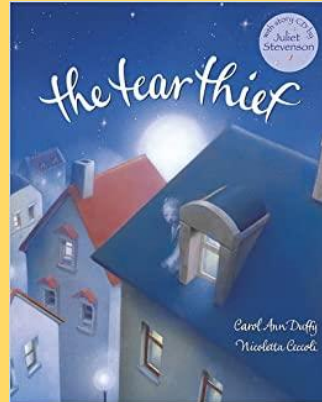
Grandad's Island by Benji Davies

When Syd and Grandad go through the door in the attic, they find themselves on a sailing ship. They sail to an island covered with jungle. They explore, have fun and make friends with all the animals. It's the most perfect place, but Syd knows it will soon be time to go home. Grandad is having such a good time though, that he decides to stay. Syd will miss Grandad very much and has to steer the ship home all by himself.



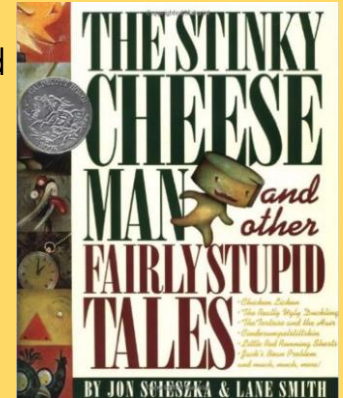
The Tear Thief by Carol Ann Duffy

Each night, in the hours between supper and bedtime, the Tear Thief carries her waterproof, silvery sack as she steals the tears of every child who cries. But what does she do with all those tears? This warm, poignant, and beautifully illustrated story offers a thought-provoking message and a starting point to share children's emotional experiences.



The Stinky Cheeseman and Other Fairly Stupid Tales by Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith

A revisionist storyteller provides his mad, hilarious versions of children's favorite tales in this collection that includes "Little Red Running Shorts", "The Princess and the Bowling Ball", "Cinderumpelstiltskin", and others.



Voices in the Park by Anthony Browne

Four different voices tell their own versions of the same walk in the park. The radically different perspectives give a fascinating depth to this simple story which explores many of the author's key themes, such as alienation, friendship and the bizarre amid the mundane.

