

### **Paxton Recommended Reading**

## Year 2 Contemporary Fiction

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The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs Jon Sciezka

You may think you know the story of the Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf - but only one person knows the real story. And that person is A. Wolf. His tale starts with a birthday cake for his dear old granny, a bad head cold and a bad reputation. The rest (as they say) is history. A hilariously inventive retelling of the popular story which Publishers Weekly called the 'Funniest book of the year'.



**Tuesday** David Weisner

In this ingenious and imaginative – nearly wordless – picture book, frogs in a pond lift off on their lily pads and fly to a nearby town where they zoom through a woman's living room, encounter a dog playing in his yard, and distract a bathrobe-clad citizen from his midnight snack. Who knows what will happen next Tuesday?



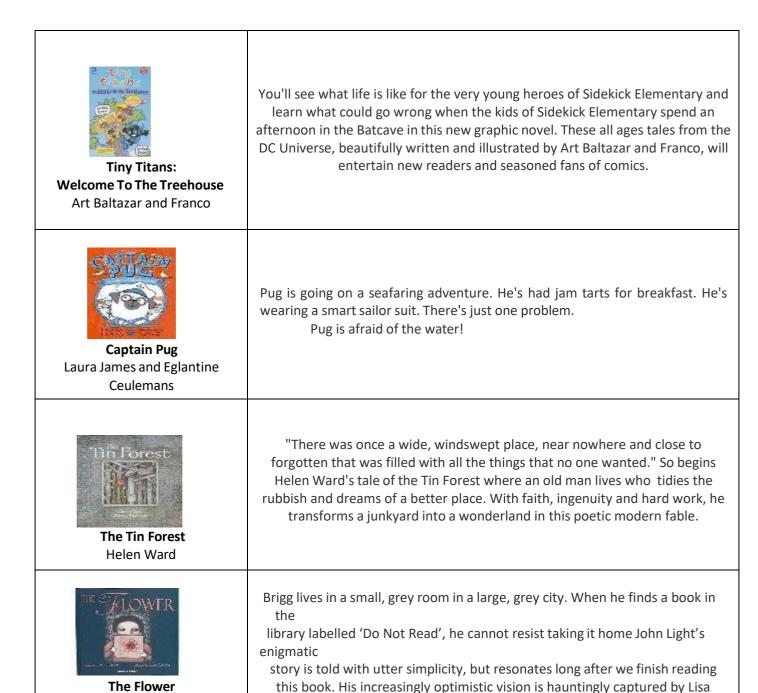
The Dark Lemony Snicket

An empowering story about conquering your fears, from Lemony Snicket and Jon Klassen. Laszlo is afraid of the dark. The dark lives in the same house as Laszlo but mostly it spends its time in the basement. It doesn't visit Laszlo in his room. Until one night it does . . . Join Lazlo on his journey to meet the dark, and find out why it will never bother him again.



After the Fall Dan Sanat

After the fall, Humpty Dumpty is a broken egg. Life is tough: he's so afraid of heights, he can't even bear to climb onto his bed, or reach his favourite cereal on the top shelf at the supermarket. But one day, fuelled by his passion for birdwatching, he decides to conquer his fears and something amazing happens...





**Amazing Grace**Mary Hoffman

John Light and Lisa Evans

Grace loves stories, whether they're from books, movies, or the kind her grandmother tells. So when she gets a chance to play a part in Peter Pan, she knows exactly who she wants to be.

Evans's beautiful and whimsical illustrations.



#### The Day War Came Nicola Davies Rebecca Cobb

Imagine if, on an ordinary day, war came. Imagine it turned your town to rubble. Imagine going on a long and difficult journey — all alone. Imagine finding no welcome at the end of it. Then imagine a child who gives you something small but very, very precious...

When the government refused to allow 3000 child refugees to enter this country in 2016, Nicola Davies was so angry she wrote a poem. It started a campaign for which artists contributed drawings of chairs,

The Book With No Pictures

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BJ Novak

You might think a book with no pictures seems boring and serious. Except . . . here's how books work. Everything written on the page *has* to be said by the person reading it aloud. Even if the words say . . .

BLORK. Or BLUURF. And even if the words include things like BLAGGITY BLAGGITY and MY HEAD IS MADE OF BLUEBERRY PIZZA!

That's the rule. That's the deal.

Brilliantly irreverent and very, very silly, *The Book With No Pictures* will delight children.



**The Day the Crayons Quit**Drew Daywalt and Oliver Jeffers

Author Drew Daywalt and international bestseller Oliver Jeffers team up to create a colourful solution to a crayon-based crisis in this playful, imaginative story that will have children laughing and playing with their crayons in a whole new way.

Poor Duncan just wants to colour in. But when he opens his box of crayons, he only finds letters, all saying the same thing: We quit.



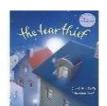
**Grandad's Island**Benji Davies

This beautiful book deals with the emotional topic of losing a grandparent. Subtly told, this beautifully illustrated book tackles a difficult subject with great sensitivity and depth.



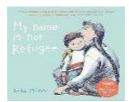
A Stone for Sascha Aaron Becker This year's summer holiday will be very different for a young girl and her family without Sascha, the beloved family dog, along for the ride. But a walk along the beach to gather cool, polished stones

becomes a brilliant turning point in the girl's grief. There, at the edge of a vast ocean beneath an infinite sky, she uncovers, alongside the reader, a profound and joyous truth...



The Tear Thief 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 for sharing children's emotional responses.



My Name is Not Refugee Kate Milner

A young boy discusses the journey he is about to make with his mother. They will leave their town, she explains, and it will be sad but also a little bit exciting. They will have to say goodbye to friends and loved ones, and that will be difficult. They will have to walk and walk and walk, and although they will see many new and interesting things, it will be difficult at times too. A powerful and moving exploration that draws the young reader into each stage of the journey, inviting the chance to imagine the decisions he or she would make.



Rosie Revere, Engineer **Andrea Beatty** 

We love this story featuring a girl called Rosie who has a passion for inventing and a dream of becoming a famous engineer.

Along the way Rosie must learn how to respond to mistakes. When one of her inventions crashes to the ground, Rosie must choose between giving up on her dreams or listening to her Great-Great- Aunt's wise advice about embracing mistakes positively and using them to learn something new.



I Was a Rat! (Or The Scarlet Slippers) Philip Pullman

'I WAS A RAT!' insists Roger. Maybe it's true. But what is he NOW? 'A terrifying monster rampaging in the sewers?'

The Daily Scourge is sure of it.

Or just an ordinary small boy, though a little ratty in his habits? Only three people believe this version of the story. Only one of them knows who Roger really is.



#### **How Tom Beat Captain Najork** and his Hired Sportsmen

Russell Hoben and Quentin Blake

Tom loves to fool around. He fools around with dropping things from bridges into rivers and he fools around with barrels in alleys. He fools around so much that his aunt, Miss Fidget Wonkham-Strong (who wears an iron hat and takes no nonsense from anyone), sends for Captain Najork and his hired sportsmen to teach Tom a lesson. It turns out not to be Tom who gets taught a lesson after all!



**Du Iz Tak?**Carson Ellis

In her follow-up to the internationally acclaimed *Home*, Carson Ellis invites readers to imagine the dramatic possibilities to be found in a garden, where insects talk their own mysterious language... With gorgeous, exquisitely-detailed illustration that will appear to children and art-lovers alike, and a wonderfully playful invented language, we soon find ourselves speaking "Bug" ... *Du iz tak?* What *is* that?



The Lion and the Mouse Jerry Pinkey

A stunning, wordless version of one of Aesop's best-loved fables. The fable is a favourite and familiar one: a mouse inadvertently disturbs a lion, who lets the mouse go ... and is later himself freed by the mouse from a poacher's trap. With art inspired by the Kenyan Serengeti, Jerry

Pinkney's jaw-droppingly gorgeous interpretation is irresistible.



Once upon
an Ordinary School Day
Colin Naughton

It was an ordinary morning when the ordinary boy woke up, and it was an ordinary journey to school - but then Mr Gee bounced into the classroom and everything changed. Mr Gee plays rousing music which thunders around the classroom, and asks what it makes them think of. The dull grey world has been transformed into one of colour and excitement. 'Write a story about it!' laughs Mr Gee. And the ordinary boy began to write: the words just tumbled out of him pell-mell. And the places he went to, and the things he saw were extraordinary!



The Wonder Faye Hanson

This is a story about a boy whose head is always full of wonder. We follow him on an average-seeming school day, where his daydreams transform the world around him. Unfortunately lots of other people - the park keeper, the bus driver, the lollipop lady - all tell him to get his head out of the clouds. It is only in art class that he realises he can bring the wonder out of his head for the whole world to enjoy.



The Diary of a Killer Cat
Anne Fine

Poor Ellie is horrified when Tuffy drags a dead bird into the house. Then a mouse. But Tuffy can't understand what all the fuss is about.

Who on earth will be the next victim to arrive through the cat-flap? Can softhearted Ellie manage to get her beloved pet to change his wild, wild ways before he ends up in even deeper trouble?



**Between Tick and Tock** 

High above the bustle of the city,
are eyes that watch, and hands that know, it's time to pause the clock . . .
and for one tiny second between tick and tock, the city stops!

Liesel notices the things that everyone else is too busy to see. When she hears a stray whimper and watches a lonely boy on a roundabout, she decides it's time to pause the clock and lend a helping hand. While the city freezes, Liesel quietly carries out little acts of kindness and breathes colour, life and happiness back into the city.



The Tiger and the Wise Man Andrew Fusek Peters When a tiger plays a trick on a wise man, how will he escape being eaten, especially when it seems that all the animals are against him? Will the jackal help him, or is it simply another trick? This traditional Indian tale, retold with a twist by Andrew Fusek Peters, provides an opportunity for talking about man's impact on the natural world.



The Princess and the Pea Lauren Child and Polly Borland The tale of a prince, a princess, perfect politeness, pages of love and a peculiarly hard pea. This utterly original interpretation of the classic tale has dazzling illustrations from multi-talented collaborators, award- winning Lauren Child and widely acclaimed photographer Polly Borland. This beautifully presented picture book explores the tale of the down-to-earth princess through a stunning mix of artwork and photography to create a fairy tale to be treasured.



**Mr Majeika** Humphrey Carpenter As a rule, magic carpets don't turn up in schools, but this is exactly what happens when Class Three's new teacher flies in through the classroom window and lands on the floor with a bump.



**Don't Look in this Book** Samuel Langley-Swain **A** unique rhyming adventure that features a set of 'story starters' designed to engage reluctant readers



**Incredible You** Rhys Brisenden and Nathan Reed

Ever had a bad day and wished that you were someone else? Perhaps a mountain gorilla? Or a fierce tiger? But wait . . . just think of all the amazing things that you can do! You can sing, you can write and you can dream. And never stop being incredible you! This picture book brings a breath of fresh air filled with positivity, zest and energy from a sensational new pairing.



The Seeing Stick
Jane Yolen

Hwei Min, the only daughter of the emperor of China, has been blind since she was born. Her father offers a reward to anyone who can find a cure for the little girl. It seems that no one, from magicians to physicians, can help her. Then one day, a wise old man with a mysterious seeing stick visits the princess. Will he be able to teach Hwei Min that there is more than one way to see the world?



Nim's Island Wendy Orr

Nim lives on a beautiful island in the middle of the wide blue sea with her father, Jack, an iguana called Fred, a sea lion called Selkie and a turtle called Chica. But when Jack disappears and disaster threatens her home, Nim must be braver than she's ever been before. And she needs help from her friends . .

### **Literary Heritage**



The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch Ronda Armitage

Once there was a lighthouse keeper called Mr.

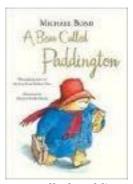
Grinling. Every day Mr Grinling tucks into delicious lunch, prepared by his wife, Mrs Grinling. But Mr Grinling isn't the only one who enjoys the tasty food, so Mrs Grinling has to think of a way to stop the greedy seagulls from stealing his lunch! First published over thirty years ago, THE LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER'S LUNCH has become a modern picture book classic and is loved by children everywhere.



The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark

Jill Tomlinson and Paul Howard

Plop the baby Barn Owl is afraid of the dark. He's sure dark is nasty! Then Mrs Barn Owl sends him down from his nest-hole to ask about the dark, and he meets a little boy waiting for the fireworks to begin, an old lady, a scout out camping, a girl who tells him about Father Christmas, a man with a telescope and a black cat who takes him exploring. Is Plop a night bird after all?



A Bear Called Paddington Michael Bond

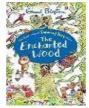
"A bear on Paddington Station?" said Mrs Brown in amazement. "Don't be silly — there can't be." The Browns first met Paddington on a railway station — Paddington station, in fact. He had travelled all the way from Darkest Peru with only a jar of marmalade, a suitcase and his hat. The Browns soon find that Paddington is a very unusual bear.

Ordinary things – like having a bath, travelling underground or going to the seaside become quite extraordinary, if a bear called Paddington is involved.



In the Night Kitchen Maurice Sendak

Sendak's hero Mickey falls through the dark into the Night Kitchen where three fat bakers are making the morning cake. So begins an intoxicating dream fantasy, described by the artist himself as 'a fantasy ten feet deep in reality'.



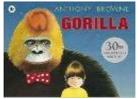
The Enchanted Wood Enid Blyton

The Enchanted Wood is the first magical story in the Faraway Tree series by the world's best-loved children's author, Enid Blyton. When Joe, Beth and Frannie move to a new home, an Enchanted Wood is on their doorstep. And when they discover the Faraway Tree, that is the beginning of many magical adventures! Join them and their friends Moonface, Saucepan Man and Silky the fairy as they discover which new land is at the top of the Faraway Tree. Will it be the Land of Spells, the Land of Treats, or the Land of Do-As-You-Please? Come on an amazing adventure – there'll be adventures waiting whatever happens.



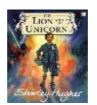
**Polar the Titanic Bear**Daisy Corning Stone Spedden

Tells the adventures of a boy called Douglas, told through the eyes of his white teddy bear, Polar. His family book a passage to America on board the Titanic, and the story reaches its climax on the night it sank, when the family escape from the stricken vessel.



**Gorilla**Anthony Brown

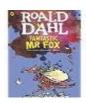
Hannah loves gorillas but has never seen one. Her father's too busy to take her to the zoo – or for anything else come to that. For her birthday, Hannah asks her father for a gorilla – but is disappointed when she discovers that the gorilla she's got is just a toy one. But then something extraordinary happens ... the toy turns into a real gorilla, who puts on her father's hat and coat and takes her off for a magical visit to the zoo...



The Lion and the Unicorn
Shirley Hughes

When Lenny Levi's father goes off to fight in the Second World War, his son has to learn to be brave: brave when bombs are dropped on his street in London, brave when he's evacuated to a big house in the country, and brave when spiteful children tease him and call him names.

This beautiful book will strike a chord with anyone who has ever felt homesick and alone. Full of detail and character, it embraces the past and the present with unique poignancy and power.



Fantastic Mr Fox Roald Dahl

Boggis is a chicken farmer who only eats boiled chickens smothered in fat.

Bunce is a duck-and-goose farmer whose dinner gives him a beastly temper.

Bean is a turkey-and-apple farmer who only drinks gallons of strong cider. Now the farmers have hatched a plan to shoot Fantastic Mr Fox dead, but, just when they think Mr Fox can't possibly escape, he makes a fantastic plan of his own.



Alice in Wonderland Lewis Carroll Emma Chichester Clark

Step into the magical world of Wonderland in this gloriously illustrated picture book

retelling of Lewis Carroll's enduring classic. When Alice follows a white rabbit down a hole she discovers the extraordinary world of Wonderland, where a magical adventure

begins. It's not long before Alice finds herself attending a very unconventional tea party and taking part in a peculiar game of croquet, all in the company of such mysterious and unforgettable characters as the Mad Hatter, the Cheshire Cat and the Mock Turtle.

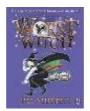


The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe

C.S.Lewis and Christian Birmingham The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe has enchanted readers for generations and now will delight younger children as a picture book. Brought to life through Christian

Birmingham's stunning illustrations, this is a magical winter story for all the family.

When Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy are sent to stay with a kind professor who lives in the country, they can hardly imagine the extraordinary adventure that awaits them.



The Worst Witch
Jill Murphy

Hold on to your broomstick for magical mayhem with Jill Murphy's much-loved classic The Worst Witch- the original story of life at a magical boarding school.

Mildred Hubble is a trainee at Miss Cackle's Academy for Witches, but she's making an awful mess of it. She keeps getting her spells wrong and crashing her broomstick.

And when she turns Ethel, the teacher's pet into her worst enemy, chaos ensues...

### **Poetry and Playscripts**



**Everything You Need for a Treehouse** Carter Higgins

Treehouses are for wonder. Treehouses are for snacks.

Treehouses are for whispers and snickers and echoes.

Treehouses are for everyone.

This magical work of art from acclaimed picture book creators Carter Higgins and Emily Hughes celebrates the universal wonder of treehouses and all the adventure that live among branches.



Poems to Perform Julia Donaldson and Clare Melinsky

In *Poems to Perform*, Julia Donaldson has chosen poems with performance by children in mind, and her notes and ideas on performing them are included in a special section at the end of the book.

The poems range from classics by Edward Lear, W H Auden and Eleanor Farjeon to contemporary work by Michael Rosen, John Agard and Clare Bevan. Illustrated throughout with exquisite, expressive lino- cuts by Clare Melinsky, this is a book for teachers, parents, children: anyone who loves great poetry.



The Works KS1
Pie Corbett

A fantastic book of really great poems for Reception and Year 1 and 2. It contains poems which cover every form and theme, an index of poem types, advice for writing poems, advice for reading poems, lots of poetry activities and some workshop ideas and lesson plans.



Please Mrs Butler Allan Ahlberg and Fritz Wegner

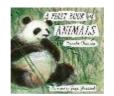
This hilarious poetry book is all about school, and is therefore hugely relatable for kids, guaranteed to delight and amuse. It features typical classroom events, such as the problem of copycats, bickering, making up, swaps, picking teams and forming gangs. The poems are complemented by Fritz Wegner's beautiful line drawings.



I Am the Seed that Grew the Tree

Fiona Walters and Frann Preston-Gannon I Am the Seed That Grew the Tree, named after the first line of Judith Nicholls' poem 'Windsong', is a lavishly illustrated collection of 366 nature poems - one for every day of the year, including leap years.

Filled with familiar favourites and new discoveries, written by a wide variety of poets, including -John Agard, William Blake, Emily Bronte, Charles Causley, Walter de la Mare, Emily Dickinson, Carol Ann Duffy, Eleanor Farjeon, Robert Frost, Thomas Hardy, Roger McGough, Christina Rossetti, William Shakespeare, John Updike, William Wordsworth and many more.



A First Book of Animals
Nicola Davies

A spellbinding treasury of poems about the animal world, illustrated in breathtaking detail by Petr Horacek. Polar bears playing on the ice, tigers hunting in the jungle, fireflies twinkling in the evening sky and nightingales singing in the heart of the woods – there are animals everywhere.

From blue whales to bumblebee bats and everything in between, *A First Book of Animals* takes you all over the planet to visit all kinds of different creatures.



Fantastic Mr Fox- The Play Adapted by Sally Reid

FANTASTIC MR FOX by Roald Dahl - a short dramatization by Sally Reid - perfect for schools - of Dahl's immensely popular story for younger readers in which clever Mr Fox outwits the three nasty farmers: Boggis.

Bunce and Bean.

An excellent adaptation by Sally Reid, with staging advice on props, lighting and scenery at the end of the book.



**Joke Locker** 

On the hunt for humour?

Then open up the door to a locker-load of laughs!

#### **Non-Fiction**



How Does a Lighthouse Work?
Roman Belyaev

How can we tell one lighthouse from another? What does a lighthouse keeper do? Where are the most unusual lighthouses in the world? Depart on an enchanting voyage with the school children in this book to discover the answers to these questions along with other fascinating facts about lighthouses and how they work.

A charming journey through the science and history of lighthouses around the world.



Your Fantastic Elastic Brain
JoAnn Deak
Sarah
Ackerley

Your Fantastic, Elastic Brain is a book all about understanding how our amazing brains work. A superb book for introducing the idea of growth mindset, this

brightly illustrated text helps to explain how our brains grow and stretch when we face new experiences and learn from our mistakes.

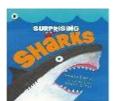


#### The Great Fire of London: Anniversary Edition of the Great Fire of 1666

Emma Adams and James Weston Lewis

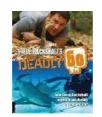
The Great Fire of London is a hauntingly beautiful visual re-telling of one of the most well-known disasters in the city's history Lewis's drawings take readers on a journey, from the single smouldering coal that falls out of the baker's oven to the swirling clouds of ash that engulf the city and then in to the very heart of the fire itself. As the pages turn, you can witness London burning to the ground and then rebuilding again.

Children will love examining the rich detail of each spread.



Surprising Sharks
Nicola Davies and James
Cockroft

The last word you want to hear when you're swimming in the warm blue sea is "Shark!" But most real sharks are not what you might expect. Some are no bigger than a chocolate bar, some have built-in fairy lights and most wouldn't go near a human, even if you were wearing a sign saying "dinner"! So if you think all sharks are giant, man-eating killers, you're in for a big surprise.



Steve Backshall's Deadly 60

From lethal beauties to killer beasts, from the unseen to the unexpected, the one thing these creatures have in common is that they are all deadly to other animals. Steve Backshall's encounters range from famous killers such as the Black Mamba and the North American Grizzly Bear to less well known but no less deadly animals.



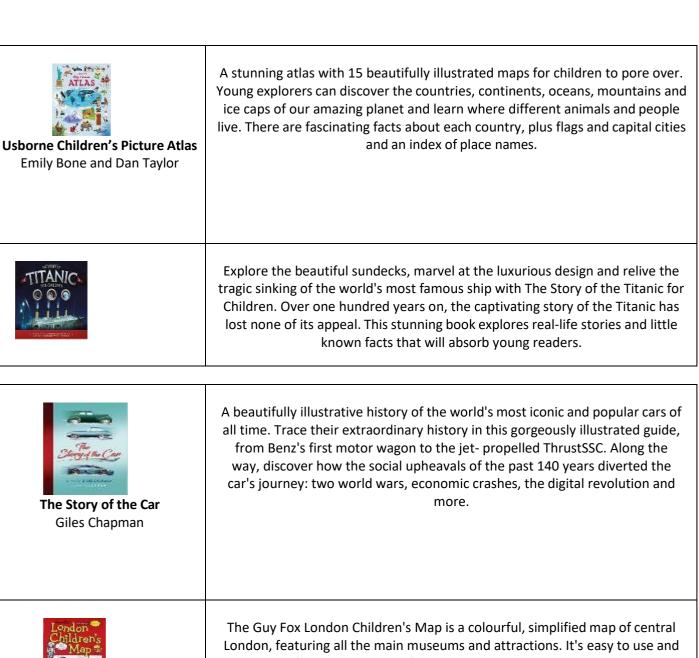
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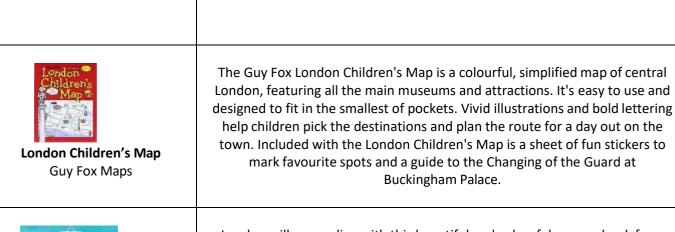
**First News** is an award-winning national UK newspaper for children, read at home or in school, with 2.2 million readers every week.

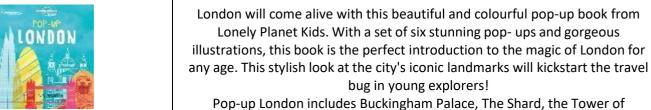


# Collins Junior Illustrated Thesaurus

Help children aged 6 and over to develop their writing skills with this colourful, easy- to-use thesaurus, fully refreshed for the latest curriculum.







London, Trafalgar Square, St Paul's Cathedral and the London Underground.

Lonely Planet Kids-

Pop-Up London Andy Mansfield



Amelia Earheart- Liitle People, Big Dreams

When Amelia was young, she liked to imagine she could stretch her wings and fly away like a bird. As a grown woman, she set a new female world record for flying up to 14,000 feet. She also flew across the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans, and eventually undertook the most dangerous mission of all: to fly all the way around the world. This moving book features stylish and quirky illustrations and extra facts at the back, including a biographical timeline with historical photos and a detailed profile of the aviator's life.