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## HOME NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 1 2025

As the days grow brighter and the school year moves into its final stretch, Summer Term is a lovely time to enjoy lighter evenings, time outdoors and of course, new stories to share together. Whether it's reading in the park, giggling over a comic strip or learning something fascinating through non-fiction, this half term brings plenty of chances to enjoy books in different ways.

In this edition, we're celebrating imagination, kindness and creativity. From Elmer Day and National Share a Story Month to Earth Day and even National Biscuit Day, there's something here for every reader. Whether your child is wild about animals, curious about the planet or loves a bit of fun and silliness, we hope these ideas will help spark some joyful reading moments at home.

However reading is enjoyed in your home – at bedtime, during quiet moments, while travelling or out in the sunshine – this half term is full of opportunities to enjoy stories together. Happy reading!

Please note that the following texts are suitable from the age group stated, but please do research the books before selecting them to ensure that they are appropriate for your child.



## THE CASSIA THORNE MYSTERIES WALKING TOUR WITH ZOHRA NABI

The dark was deep; it opened like a cavernous mouth and swallowed the boy whole.

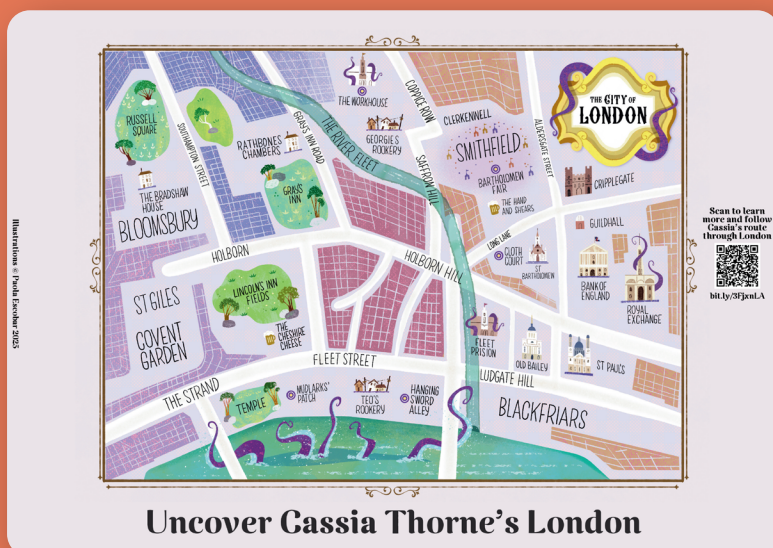
Cassia Thorne leads a double life. By day, she sells ballads at Bartholomew Fair. By night she spends her evenings locked up in Fleet Prison. Cassia has plans of escaping both of these lives. But this year there are rumours of children being snatched off of the streets of London and no one willing to help.

So Cassia decides to take matters into her own hands; with the help of a young pickpocket, Teo and her friend Felix, Cassia starts to investigate the disappearances. She soon discovers a sinister conspiracy at the heart of the city – mysterious men in blue coats and whispers of a beast that lives in the deep dark tunnels below the city. Can Cassia get to the bottom of the mystery and rescue the missing children before it's too late?

Join Cassia and her friends on a spine-tingling supernatural adventure through the streets of London! Explore a historical London like you've never seen before in the Cassia Thorne mysteries – a brand new supernatural adventure series by Waterstone's Children's Book of the month author, Zohra Nabi. In this video, Zohra takes us on a walking tour around key locations in the first book in the series, *Deep Dark*, sharing fascinating facts on life in London in 1800s and Cassia Thorne's adventures there.



Click the map to download an interactive route of the walking tour!



## KEY EVENTS IN THE CALENDAR:

### WORLD ART DAY

15<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025

World Art Day is a celebration of imagination, expression and the many ways we tell stories through art. From ancient cave drawings to picturebooks and murals, art has always been a powerful way for people to share their experiences, beliefs and dreams. The theme for 2025 is 'A Garden of Expression: Cultivating Community Through Art.'

For children, drawing, painting and making things can help them explore their ideas, reflect on what matters to them and bring stories to life. It can also be a calming activity and a way to express feelings when words are hard to find. Art isn't just something that happens in a classroom or studio—it can happen anywhere, with whatever is to hand.



### Here are some simple ways families might enjoy connecting art and storytelling at home:

#### Draw a moment from a book:

After reading together, your child could draw their favourite scene or imagine what might happen next.

#### Window watching:

Look out the window and notice something interesting. It might be a tree, a cloud or someone walking past. Ask your child to create a picture or short story based on what they see.

#### Home-made picturebooks:

Fold a few sheets of paper to create a mini book. Children can fill it with drawings, words or both, inspired by something they've read or imagined.

#### Story through making:

Use safe, found materials from around the home – scrap paper, food packaging, cardboard – to create characters or places. These can become part of a story your child invents.

#### Share your own art stories:

You might talk about something you made as a child, or a piece of art that's meaningful in your culture or family. These memories can inspire children and show that everyone's creativity matters.

There's no right or wrong way to make art. Whether it's with pencil, chalk, collage or storytelling through movement, the focus is on encouraging children to express themselves, imagine freely and see their own ideas take shape.

## Recommended Reads:

### MINI ARTISTS

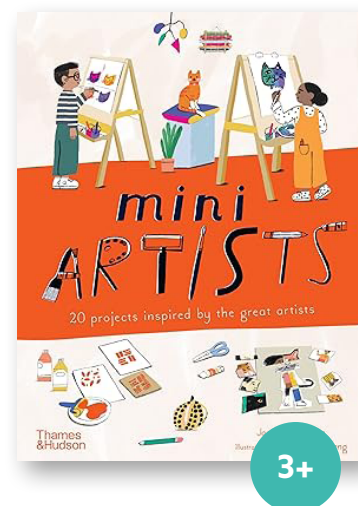
JOSÉPHINE SEBLON (AUTHOR), ROBERT SAEHENG (ILLUSTRATOR)

Twenty art projects inspired by famous artworks for budding mini artists aged 3–6 years.

The benefits of art to young children are well known. Art stimulates curiosity, creativity and the imagination. It also cultivates wellbeing, but being creative with young children can feel surprisingly daunting – and this is where *Mini Artists* comes in.

The twenty projects in *Mini Artists* are designed to engage children with art through making. Mini artists will discover drip painting with Jackson Pollock, carve soap sculptures with Barbara Hepworth, and create their own obliteration room with Yayoi Kusama. They'll also travel through time and explore art from different periods, from cave painting to Medieval stained-glass, and Chinese ink painting to washable graffiti inspired by Jean-Michel Basquiat.

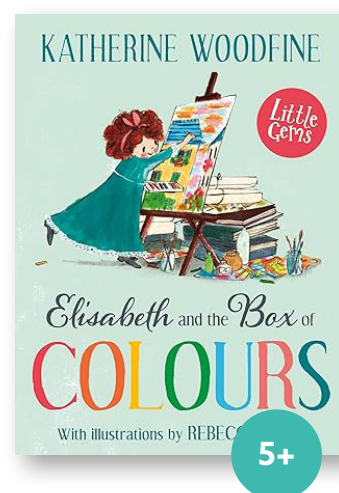
Each project requires minimal set-up so the maximum amount of time is spent creating together, and the step-by-step instructions show photographs of the projects in progress so they can be followed at a glance. The projects use simple materials, from clay to ink to paint. Being grounded in art history, *Mini Artists* features a range of interesting art techniques that are ideal for teaching new motor skills.



### ELISABETH AND THE BOX OF COLOURS

KATHERINE WOODFINE (AUTHOR), REBECCA COBB (ILLUSTRATOR)

Elisabeth loves to paint, just like her papa. She spends hours making her own pictures of everything she sees - and the more colourful, the better! But when she goes away to school, she finds herself in a world of grey: grey buildings, grey uniforms, grey rooms. She misses Papa and all the colours of home. And one winter morning, she gets some terrible news that makes her days darker than ever before. Will Elisabeth be able to find the colour and joy in her life again?





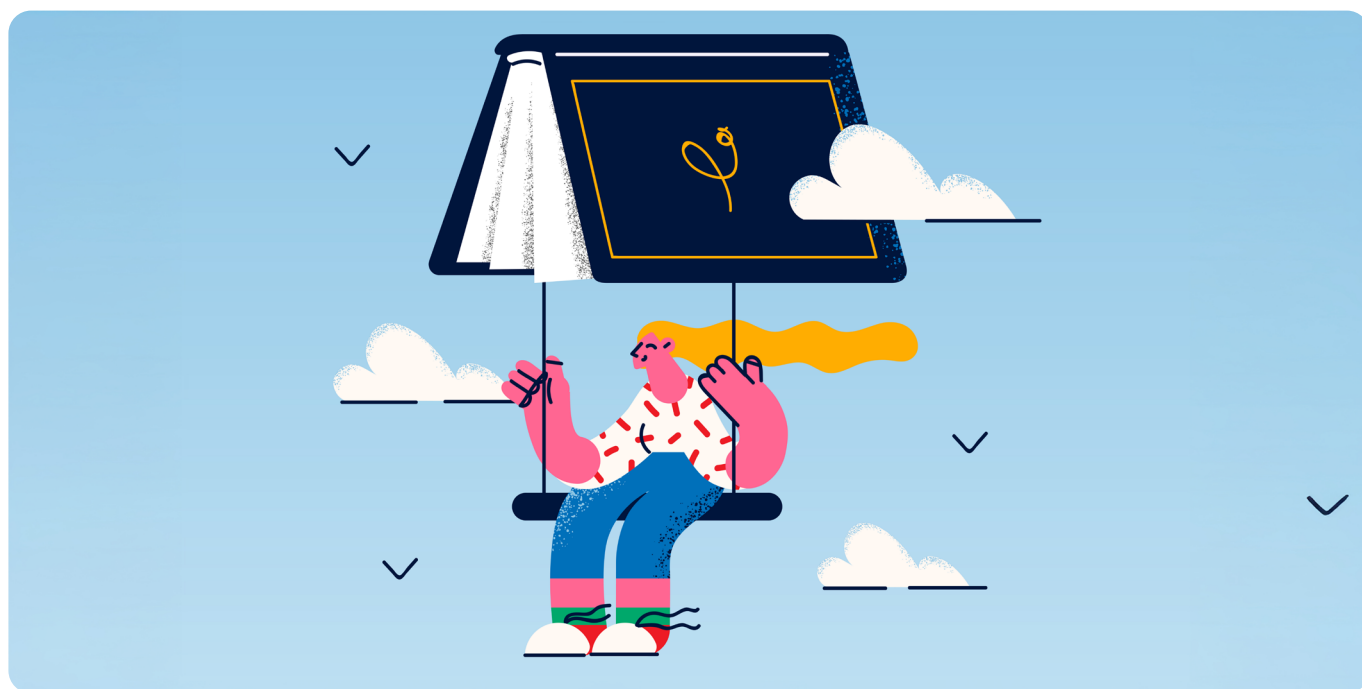
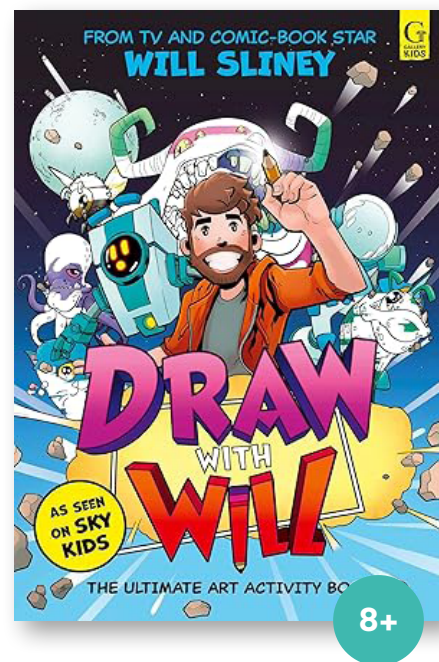
**DRAW WITH WILL**

WILL SLINEY (AUTHOR)

Fight aliens, create your own spaceship and invent new out-of-this-world creatures. With this ultimate activity guide, anyone can draw! Join Will and Drawdroid on their adventure through space and time and learn how to draw as you go. With step-by-step instructions, pro tips, fun facts and tons of action along the way, this is everything you need to bring your imagination to life. From renowned comic-book artist, and the star of SkyKids Draw With Will and RTE's Storytellers.

**Features of this book:**

- Simple step-by-step instructions with clear directions and illustrations on the left-hand pages. Kids can quickly learn how to draw spaceships, invent their own aliens, draw in 3D and much, much more.
- Comic book panels on the right-hand pages with lines to draw over and gaps to fill in to help practise what you've learned! Draw expressions, decorate spacecraft and design your own superhero armour.
- Space to practise your free-drawing at the end of each chapter – let that imagination roam! Colouring fun! After finishing their drawings, kids can colour their creations, as well as Will's drawings, to their heart's content for hours of artistic mindfulness.



## EARTH DAY

22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2025



Earth Day is a chance to celebrate the world we live in and think about how we care for it, together. Whether we're in a flat overlooking the street, a house near the countryside or somewhere in between, we all share the same Earth. Through stories, children can explore nature, learn how people around the world connect with it and discover ways to protect the planet in everyday life.

Many traditional tales and family stories are rooted in the natural world: from moon cycles and farming seasons to animals, plants and weather. These stories show how different communities have passed down knowledge about caring for the land and respecting its rhythms.



### Here are a few ways you might enjoy linking Earth Day with stories and home life:

#### Window stories:

Look out of a window and describe what you see. Your child might imagine a story about the birds, people or trees outside, using their surroundings as inspiration.

#### Tales from home:

Share a memory or story from your own childhood or cultural background that involves nature. It might be about a garden, a journey, the weather or animals. Your child could draw it, retell it or act it out.

#### Visit your library:

Local libraries often have displays or books about the planet, seasons and animals. A visit can open the door to stories from all over the world.

#### Stories of action:

Read about young people or families taking care of nature in their communities. You might talk together about small actions you already do at home, like reusing materials or switching off lights.

#### Make a story picture:

Gather safe materials from around the home or outdoors – a leaf, a box, an old magazine – and use them to create a collage or drawing that tells a story.

However you choose to explore Earth Day, it can be a lovely opportunity to share stories, notice the world around you and reflect on what nature means to your family.

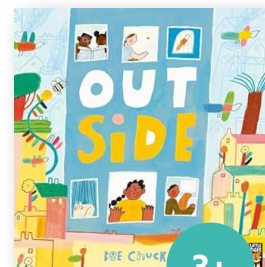
## Recommended Reads:

### OUTSIDE

BEE CHUCK (AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR)

Outside is a place that nobody thinks much about. It's somewhere to go for a walk in the park or a trip to the duck pond or to get from one place to another. Inside is much more important. Until suddenly, no one is allowed to go outside and everything changes...

An inspiring story about rebuilding our relationship with the natural world.



### FLY

DAVID LINDO (AUTHOR), SARA BOCCACCINI MEADOWS (ILLUSTRATOR)

Fly is a fully-illustrated guide to the incredible diversity of birdlife around the world for young bird enthusiasts.

A stunning collection of more than 150 birds awaits discovery in this beautiful book: meet the lesser flamingo – 'hero of the friendly flock' – and discover other flocking birds, from the chimney swift to the starling, whose murmurations mesmerise birdwatchers from around the world.

Author David Lindo, the Urban Birder, is the perfect guide to the world of birds, bringing together an aviary of species with super-human abilities, splendid plumage, and surprising behaviours. He also delves into the world of folklore and mythology, showing how cultures from ancient to modern have been inspired by their feathered friends.

The book is packed with interesting facts and extraordinary species – did you know that a swift can spend up to four years on the wing? Or that the white tern lays her egg on a bare branch?



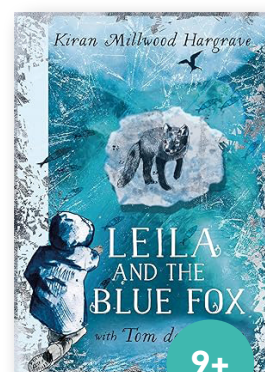
### LEILA AND THE BLUE FOX

KIRAN MILLWOOD HARGRAVE (AUTHOR), TOM DE FRESTON (ILLUSTRATOR)

Fox wakes, and begins to walk. She crosses ice and snow, over mountains and across frozen oceans, encountering bears and birds beneath the endless daylight of an Arctic summer, navigating a world that is vast, wild and wondrous.

Meanwhile, Leila embarks on a journey of her own – finding her way to the mother who left her. On a breathtaking journey across the sea, Leila rediscovers herself and the mother she thought she'd lost, with help from a determined little fox.

Based on the true story of an Arctic fox who walked from Norway to Canada in seventy-six days.



## ELMER DAY 24<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025

Elmer Day is a joyful celebration of Elmer the Patchwork Elephant, a much-loved storybook character known for his bright colours and big heart. Elmer's stories are all about being yourself, appreciating difference and treating others with kindness — messages that are just as important today as when they were first written.

Elmer is different from the other elephants, and rather than trying to blend in, he learns to be proud of what makes him unique. His stories remind us that everyone has something special to offer, and that our differences are something to celebrate, not hide.



**Here are some gentle and creative ways to bring Elmer's message into your home:**

### **Talk about what makes us special:**

After reading an Elmer story (or watching a short clip online), talk together about the things that make each person in your family unique. This might include personality, traditions, languages, interests or how you show kindness.

### **Make a patchwork picture:**

Using scrap paper, old newspapers or packaging, your child could create a colourful collage inspired by Elmer. Each square or shape could represent something about them, from a favourite food to a memory.

### **Create your own Elmer story:**

Encourage your child to imagine a new adventure for Elmer. What if he visited a new place or met animals from different parts of the world? They could draw it, tell it aloud or act it out with toys.

### **Celebrate kindness:**

Elmer is known for helping others and spreading joy. You might enjoy choosing a small kind act to do as a family — whether it's making someone laugh, sharing a snack or saying something encouraging.

## Recommended Reads:

### WE ARE DEFINITELY HUMAN

X FANG (AUTHOR)

Mr and Mrs Li aren't quite sure what to make of the strange beings that crash into their house at midnight. Their eyes are very big, their skin is very blue, and their shape is very hard to describe. And even though they insist that they are DEFINITELY human, they're not like any human Mr and Mrs Li have ever seen.

Fortunately the Lis are both very kind humans, so when the visitors ask for help, they don't think twice before giving it.



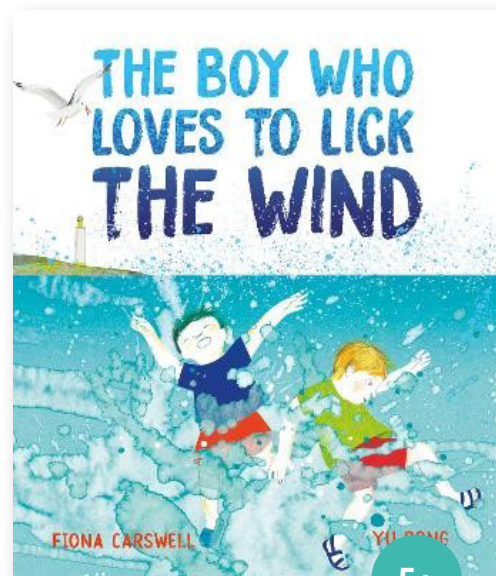
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### THE BOY WHO LOVES TO LICK THE WIND

FIONA CARSWELL (AUTHOR), YU RONG (ILLUSTRATOR)

The boy next door loves to lick the wind. "You should try it," says his mum. "All the best winds are at the beach." And so begins an amazing afternoon by the sea for two boys.

One doesn't always speak with words and likes throwing stones – the other likes to collect shells and make sandcastles. But the sea works its magic and by the end of the day the boys discover they both love to lick the wind – together.



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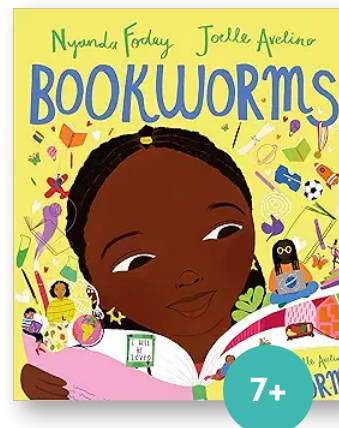


## BOOKWORMS

NYANDA FODAY (AUTHOR), JOELLE AVELINO (ILLUSTRATOR)

From former Birmingham Young Poet Laureate Nyanda Foday comes this inspirational, poetic introduction to the vital need for every child to see themselves in the books they read.

What does a book mean to those who search for acceptance and understanding? A place to find friends, feel part of a family, or to be your true self. A good book takes you to new worlds, the right one shows you can exist in this one. So for all bookworms – lovers of books – the world is waiting for you.

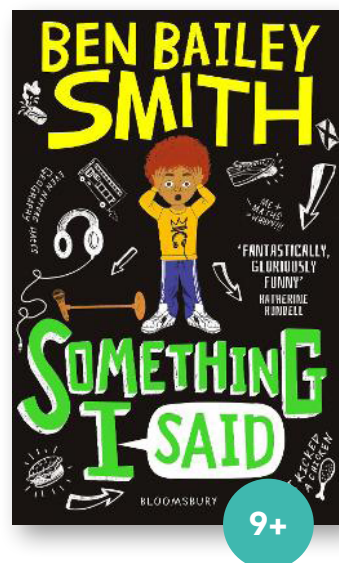


## SOMETHING I SAID

BEN BAILEY SMITH (AUTHOR)

For thirteen-year-old Carmichael Taylor, life is one big joke - in a good way. He just can't understand why no one else seems to find everything as funny as he does. When Car is filmed stumbling into performing a piece of hilarious stand-up at the school talent show - targeting his family, school and friends - the footage ends up creating international infamy. But with the promise of fame and fortune comes trouble, and it's up to Car to decide what or who he's willing to risk to chase his comedy dream.

Get ready to laugh at life with this heart-warming, unashamedly honest and hilarious look at family, friendship and what really matters.

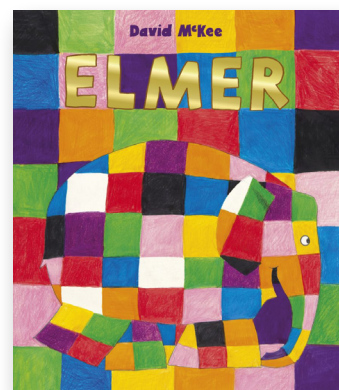


## ELMER

DAVID MCKEE

And finally, we couldn't discuss Elmer day without recommending Elmer themselves!

**Elmer by David McKee Suitable for all ages.**





## NATIONAL BISCUIT DAY

29<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025

National Biscuit Day is a light-hearted celebration of one of life's simple pleasures. Whether it's a crunchy favourite, a soft dunker or something homemade and full of memories, biscuits often go hand-in-hand with comfort, conversation and connection.

In many families and cultures, sharing food is about more than just eating. It's about being together, telling stories, and showing care. National Biscuit Day is a lovely reminder that stories don't always need to come from books: sometimes they're passed around the table, tucked into everyday routines or shared between generations.



### Here are some thoughtful ways to bring stories and snacks together:

#### Story and snack time:

Choose a quiet moment to enjoy a book or a favourite story alongside a treat. It could be something from the cupboard, something made together or something simple like fruit and a cup of tea. The story is the main ingredient.

#### Food in stories:

Talk about the role food plays in your favourite books. What do the characters eat? Is there a picnic, a birthday party or a comforting snack? Your child might enjoy imagining their own story scene around a special treat.

#### Family memories:

Share a story from your childhood that involves food. It could be a funny moment, a family celebration or something you used to enjoy. Ask your child what food makes them feel happy or reminds them of someone special.

#### Make up a biscuit character:

What if a biscuit came to life? Would it be brave, kind, mischievous or shy? Your child could draw it, name it or invent a short adventure for it.

**DID YOU KNOW...?** Brits eat 52 biscuits per second on average!

## Recommended Reads:

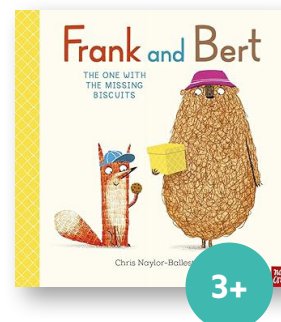
### THE ONE WITH THE MISSING BISCUITS

CHRIS NAYLOR BALLESTEROS (AUTHOR)

Join Frank and Bert as they go for a delicious picnic in this amusing story about patience, friendship, and saying sorry. The third title in the hilarious Frank and Bert series from best-selling author-illustrator Chris Naylor-Ballesteros, creator of *The Suitcase*.

Here's what happens. We go to our favourite spot, unpack all our delicious food and then... it starts to rain... or wasps arrive... or a scary squirrel STEALS all our food.

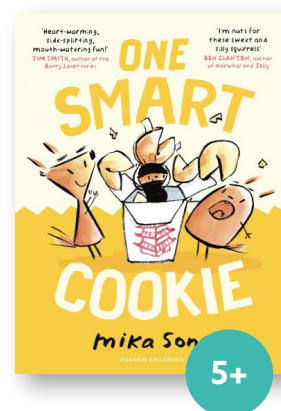
Frank and Bert are off for a picnic in the countryside. And Bert has brought a delicious surprise! But when he falls asleep, Frank can't resist taking a peek... WOW! Bert has made Frank's FAVOURITE biscuits! Surely, he won't mind if Frank eats one... or two... or three...



### ONE SMART COOKIE

MIKA SONG (AUTHOR), MIKA SONG (ILLUSTRATOR)

Norma and Belly have a new master plan, and this time it involves cookies - lots and lots of cookies. In fact, they've found THE cookie factory. Now all that's left is to get inside.



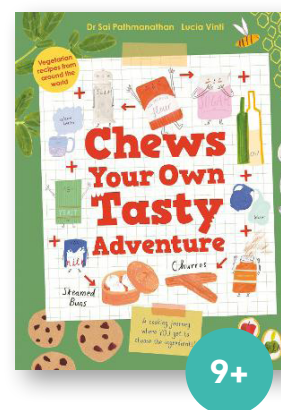
### CHEWS YOUR OWN TASTY ADVENTURE

DR SAI PATHMANATHAN (AUTHOR), LUCIA VINTI (ILLUSTRATOR)

Join in the fun as you experiment with recipes from around the world! From cupcakes to churros and paratha to pide, chews each ingredient in an interactive game and then see which recipes you can create.

Perfect for beginner cooks to start their cooking adventure, with a maximum of six key ingredients for each recipe and clear and simple instructions, but also challenges young cooks to experiment with new techniques and ingredients.

Includes fun facts for each recipe and lots of top tips!



## NATIONAL SHARE A STORY MONTH MAY 2025

Stories are all around us. They're in books and songs, family memories and everyday moments. National Share a Story Month is a celebration of the many ways we tell, listen to and enjoy stories, together.

You don't need to be a storyteller to share a story. A quiet conversation before bedtime, a tale from your childhood or imagining what might happen next in a favourite book – all of these are ways to connect, reflect and create something meaningful. This month is an invitation to enjoy stories in whatever way fits your family.

This year's theme is all about *Saving the World, One Book at a Time*.

### Here are a few ideas for sharing stories at home:

#### Swap favourites:

Ask your child to share a favourite book, film or song. What do they love about it? You could share one of yours too and talk about how it makes you feel.

#### Stories without books:

Try making up a story at bedtime or while waiting for the bus. It might be about a talking animal, a magical shoe or something funny that happened during the day.

#### Celebrate home languages:

If your family speaks more than one language, sharing stories in different languages can be a beautiful way to keep traditions alive and make sure every voice is heard.



## Recommended Reads:

### BEAR

NATALIA SHALOSHVILI (AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR)

A whimsical, funny picture book about sharing and how important it is to say what you mean, because sometimes, it's not as easy as it might seem!

Bear is all set for a perfect day. The sky is blue, there's not a cloud in the sky and he has all of his most favourite things in the world by his side – a cookie to nibble on, a book to get lost in, a bright balloon to keep him happy and the perfect bench to take a rest on. But no sooner has Bear made himself comfortable, then along comes Fox who wants to share the bench too. Bear agrees, begrudgingly. But no sooner has he overcome the idea of sharing his bench when Wolf pops up to ask for a bit of cookie... and then Rabbit jumps up to read his book... and then Elephant lumbers along to play with his balloon. And before Bear knows it, it's all become too much for him! AAAAAARGH! yells Bear.



### DO NOT SAY THESE WORDS

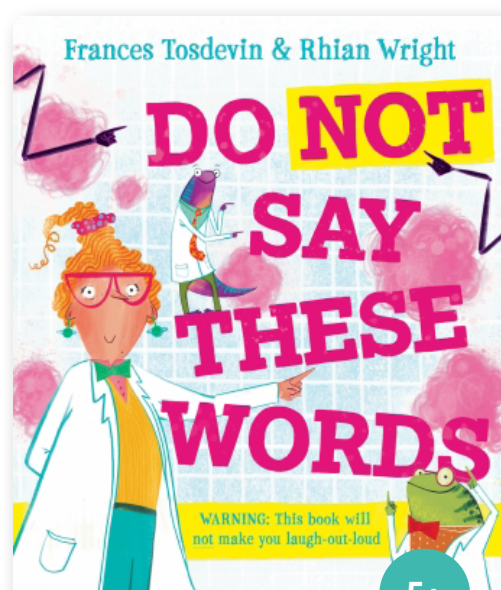
FRANCES TOSDEVIN (AUTHOR),  
RHIAN WRIGHT (ILLUSTRATOR)

Certain words are making children giggle. Giggling produces giggle-gas. And giggle-gas is bad for the planet.

The Professor needs YOUR help to save the world. Gigglesome words are BANNED, and are being replaced with boring, totally unfunny words.

So you must never, EVER say these dangerous words again. And you DEFINITELY can't giggle. OK?

Try and keep a straight face from start to finish as you read this hilarious, world-wobbling story. The future of the planet depends on it...



## BARNACLE BAY

JANA CURLL (AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR)

For fans of *Narwhal and Jelly*, this hilarious new graphic novel from the Little Habitats series explores the ecosystem of a bay and the marine creatures and plant life that call it home.

Crab is fed up with the bay. Each day is the same; nobody cares for him or appreciates his sense of humor. So he's leaving. Just when he is about to go, he bumps into Larva, who is looking for a home. Crab agrees to show Larva around the bay, exploring its many places and residents, on his way out.

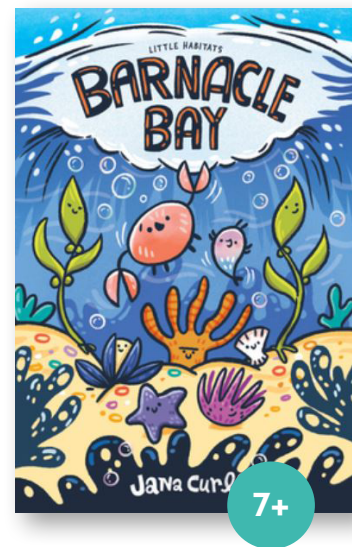
Together, Crab and Larva visit the sea kelp, a fine shell-ec-tion of oysters, mussels, clams, and a bickering group of sea anemones, amongst many more neighbors in the bay.

Will Larva find the perfect spot to settle here? And if he does, what will Crab do?

**Designed for kids aged 6-9, *Barnacle Bay* features:**

- Science-based information about marine life reviewed by experts
- Fun facts about underwater creatures and plant life
- Brightly colored graphic style illustrations

Packed with humor, playful jokes, and fun facts about marine life, this beautifully illustrated graphic novel dives into the fascinating world hidden within this tiny, often overlooked, ecosystem.



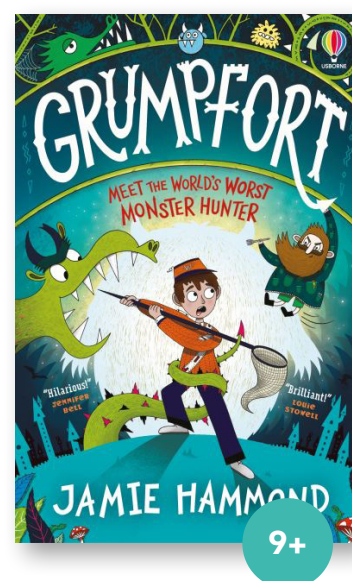
## GRUMPFORT

JAMIE HAMMOND (AUTHOR)

*Meet Mo, the worst monster hunter ever, in this hilarious and highly illustrated adventure.*

Mo never wanted to be a Warden – protecting the village of Bogfoss from the terrifying monsters in the woods is way too scary. But when he's beaten up by a goblin on his first patrol, he knows he has to prove himself.

So he sets out into the forbidden woods to catch himself a monster and make himself a hero. Instead he stumbles into GRUMPFORT, a secret monster fortress with a very big problem. The fearsome Grumps-natcher is kidnapping the other monsters - and suddenly Mo's on a monster-hunt with a troll, a gnome and a fire-breathing snotwoggle to stop it!



## NATIONAL PET MONTH APRIL 2025

National Pet Month is a celebration of the special bond between people and animals. Pets can offer comfort, joy and friendship, but this month is also about kindness, responsibility and the many ways animals shape our lives – even if we don't share our home with one.

Some children may have a pet, others may dream of having one or enjoy animals through books, visits to the park or time with a friend's furry companion. Every child can connect to the idea of caring for something and enjoying the presence of animals, whether real or imagined.

Pets often feature in the stories we love: from brave dogs and clever cats to magical creatures and loyal companions. These animals can help children understand feelings like empathy, patience and trust. They remind us of the power of connection, even without words.



### Here are some ways to explore the theme of pets and animals at home:

#### Story animal:

Ask your child to imagine an animal character. What kind of pet would it be? What would it love to do? What might it be afraid of? This could become a drawing, a story or a shared tale told aloud.

#### Favourite animal books:

Choose a book that features an animal, whether a real pet or a wild creature. Talk together about what the animal does in the story and how it feels.

#### Remembering pets or animal moments:

If your family has had a pet in the past, or shared a special moment with an animal, talk about that memory. Children often enjoy hearing these stories and may have their own to share.

#### Visit or spot animals:

You might notice birds outside the window, squirrels in a park or a neighbour walking their dog. These simple observations can lead to lovely conversations and mini animal stories.



## Recommended Reads:

### I WANT 100 DOGS

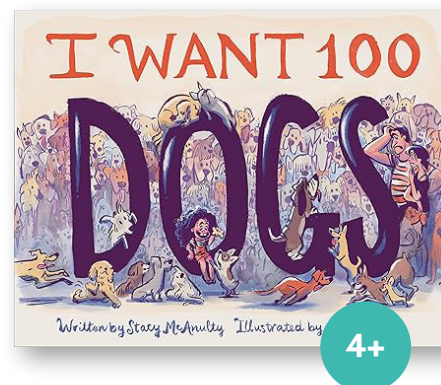
STACY MCANULTY (AUTHOR), CLAIRE KEANE (ILLUSTRATOR)

In this funny, feel-good first-pet book, one aspiring dog owner and her parents ponder – in wildly imaginative and hilarious detail – all the best and worst outcomes of bringing home more dogs than you can (literally) shake a stick at.

A young girl proclaims, “I want 100 dogs.” In a twist, her parents agree, but they have just one question: Where will 100 dogs sleep? Our protagonist revises her request to 90 dogs. But how does one walk 90 dogs?

A silly, subtractive counting tale and an over-the-top ode to the joys (and woes) of canine company, this sweet and surprising story proves that no matter how boundless your enthusiasm, when it comes to finding the perfect pet, sometimes less really is more.

Written by bestselling author Stacy McAnulty and illustrated with vintage flair by Claire Keane, this clever and funny picture book will be a new favourite for readers and pet lovers everywhere – whether you have no dogs, one dog, or one dog too many.



### THE APPLETREE ANIMAL AGENCY

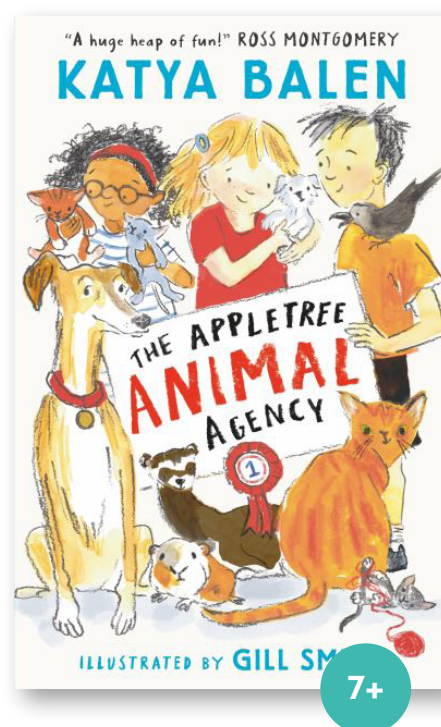
KATYA BALEN (AUTHOR), GILL SMITH (ILLUSTRATOR)

The first book in a new series by award-winning creators *Katya Balen* and *Gill Smith*, featuring heart-warming adventures for readers who love animals.

When Mattie wishes on a shooting star for a puppy, she knows her wish is hopeless. Her dad just doesn't believe Mattie is responsible enough to look after a puppy. She finds the next best thing when she and her friend Zoë start helping the new vet and animal rescuer, Dr Polly.

Mattie still may not have a pet of her own, but she has amazing adventures rescuing a runaway ferret, trying to stop a greedy goat from eating everything in the garden and looking after an adorable puppy with a hurt paw.

But as the animal rescue gets more and more crowded, Mattie, Zoë and the vet's son, Casper, realise that they need to do something more. Can they help the animals find their forever homes?



**MY DOG**

OLIVIA WAKEFORD (AUTHOR),  
DAVID LITCHFIELD (ILLUSTRATOR)

A life-affirming story of the extraordinary friendship between a boy and his dog. Perfect for fans of *Hannah Gold*, *Katya Balen* and *Patrick Ness*.

Ten-year-old Rhys really loves dogs. When he finds a lost black Labrador with big conker eyes and ears like soft velvet, he can't quite believe his luck. Nobody comes forward to claim Worthington, giving Rhys the perfect opportunity to prove he's a good owner.

But when Rhys moves to London to live with his estranged dad who hates dogs, Rhys decides to keep Worthington secret.

Struggling to connect with his dad in a new city, Rhys takes comfort in Worthington. But he soon discovers that looking after a secret dog is anything but easy, and he knows that before long he'll have to confront his fears and find a way to tell Dad...

Phenomenally moving and beautifully written, *My Dog* shows us that accepting the present doesn't mean forgetting the past – in a story that will live with you for ever.

**I AM REBEL**

ROSS MONTGOMERY (AUTHOR)

Prepare to be swept away by this epic tale of courage, loyalty and love, as a faithful dog embarks on a quest of a lifetime to bring his owner back to the safety and comfort of home.

A heart-warming adventure about the unbreakable bond between a dog and his human from a beloved and twice Costa-shortlisted author.

*"I'm Tom's dog, and he's my human. We belong to each other."*

Rebel is a good dog, and he loves his simple, perfect life on the farm with his owner Tom – until one day the war comes too close... Now Tom is determined to join the rebellion to defeat the king's men. But Rebel knows war is dangerous, and he will stop at nothing to save the human he loves. Rebel must bring Tom home before it's too late.

A story brimming with humour and heart, *I Am Rebel* is an exhilarating new adventure seen through the eyes of loveable canine, Rebel.



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