

Save the Planet: Environmental Issues and Climate Change



These booklists for schools include a range of fiction, non-fiction, picture books and poetry that will support work on:

- PSHE/Citizenship
- Science: Living Things and their Habitats/Animals, including Humans/Materials
- Geography: Human and Physical Geography.

There are separate lists for EY/FS; KS1; KS2 but some books are useful across Key Stages so it's worth having a look through all the lists.

The Schools Library Service would love to hear from you with any questions about this booklist, other enquiries or ideas of how we can support schools and teachers at this time. Contact us at schools.library-service@scll.co.uk

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Online resources to support work on Environmental Issues and Climate Change

General Resources

- [WWF](#): A treasure trove of [resources for schools](#) and [support for homelearning](#).
 - Children in KS2 can use the WWF ["Fascinating Facts" pages](#) about animals, including some endangered, species to research accessible, age-appropriate information independently
- [The Wildlife Trusts](#): 46 UK Wildlife Trusts with the shared mission to *"bring about living landscapes, living seas and a society where nature matters"*
 - [Ideas for taking care of wildlife at home or in school grounds](#)

Climate Change

- [Oxfam Education: Climate Challenge for 7-11 years](#): a set of lessons/resources for KS2 examining the causes of climate change, its impact and what can be done to protect the planet
- [Action Aid](#): collection of teaching resources for all age groups. [Climate Change resources for Key Stage 1](#) and [Climate Change resources for KS2](#)

Environmental Issues

- [Poetry Roundabout](#): is a poetry website for KS2 children, curated by [Liz Brownlee](#), National Poetry Day Ambassador and co-author of *Be the Change : poems to help you save the world*. Search [Poetry Roundabout](#) [using the search term “environment”] for poetry writing activities/poems to read about the environment.
- [Association for Science Education](#): Resources for topics on: Environment and Ecosystems for [Key Stage 2](#)
- [Eco-Schools](#): An organisation which encourages children to “drive change and improve their environmental awareness” by following a 7-step framework to earn the Eco-Schools Green Flag award.
- [Young People's Trust for the Environment](#) (YPTE): Really useful, searchable collection of [resources for children and teens](#), including [Animal Facts](#) (great for KS2); [Home Learning Packs](#); useful [Videos](#); beautiful [Photo Galleries](#) and an inspiring gallery of [Home Learning Creations](#)

Other Booklists

- BookTrust: [Favourite books about the environment](#) (younger children)(EY; FS; Key Stage 1; Lower Key Stage 2) and [Favourite books about the environment](#) (older children)(Upper Key Stage 2)
- Guardian Books: '[Greta effect' leads to boom in children's environmental books](#) [published 11th Aug 2019]
- World Book Day: [Earth Day Reading Recommendations](#)

Early Years Foundation Stage

Early Years Foundation Stage: Save the Planet: Environmental Issues and Climate Change

Many of the authors/illustrators have websites with resources linked to their work. Explore the author/illustrator links for further information on the writers and artists. Links in the **NOTES** are to information on teaching resources (where available) and other information (e.g. prize-winning books/how the illustrations were created etc.)

TITLE	AUTHOR	THEME/GENRE	NOTES	Suitable for?	ISBN NUMBERS
Where's the Elephant	Barroux	Wordless Story Conservation Environment: Cities Environment: Rainforest Animal Stories	A story without words that works on a range of levels. Simple "spot-the-animal" pages show creatures playing a game of hide-and-seek. As the game progresses, the trees disappear and the city encroaches on the rainforest, leaving the animals with fewer and fewer places to live and hide. The striking artwork gently combines the important, environmental message in a child-friendly, accessible way. Would initiate highly interactive story sessions, with plenty of discussion opportunities and potential for a range of follow-up activities. Longlist: Kate Greenaway Children's Book Award (2016)	Early Years Years R-2	9781405276481 Hbk 9781405271387 Pbk
Where's the Starfish	Barroux	Wordless Story Conservation Environment: Sea Pollution Sea Life Fish	Barroux's simple, wordless approach is highly effective at conveying important messages to young children who have a range of different levels of emotional maturity. Similar to <i>Where's the Elephant</i> , the book draws children into a simple hide-and-seek game as they look for sea creatures in the rich, varied illustrations. As children become absorbed in the book, they start to notice the significant, environmental messages in the images that provide wide scope for discussion/follow-up activities.	Early Years Years R-2	9781405280082 Hbk 9781405271394 Pbk
The Extraordinary Gardener	Sam Boughton	Environment: Cities Conservation BAME characters Gardens/Gardening Imagination	Cheerful, exuberant illustrations, bursting with colour and energy, convey the imagination that Joe uses as he sets about transforming his dull, urban surroundings with just one, single seed to create vibrant, neighbourhood gardens that are full of life. A simple story, beautifully conveyed in a unique distinctive style. Shortlist: Klaus Flugge Prize (2019) Read more about how Sam Boughton creates her artwork on the Klaus Flugge Shortlist Blog (2019)	Early Years Years R-2	9781849765664 Hbk 9781849766890 Pbk

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TITLE	AUTHOR	THEME/GENRE	NOTES	Suitable for?	ISBN NUMBERS
Last Tree in the City	Peter Carnavas	Environment: Cities Conservation Trees Cities: Buildings PSHE	Touching story, from an Australian author, that highlights the unique view of nature experienced by young children. Quirky illustration style combines with a simple text about a child who finds and nurtures a piece of the last tree to be cut down in a high-rise city. The text describes the child as a boy, but the illustrations are pleasingly gender neutral. Good to use for group story sessions. Included in: Reading Agency: February 2020 Children/Young People Booklist: Climate Change	Years R-2	9781912076550 Hbk 9781912076499 Pbk
Tidy	Emily Gravett	Animal Stories Stories in Rhyme Conservation Environment: Forests Cleaning Badgers	Emily Gravett's distinctive, sweet illustrations with plenty of detail will provoke discussions on feelings/empathy and the beauty of the natural world as well as developing children's visual literacy skills. Lovely story about a badger who tries to "tidy" the natural environment and the feelings of all the animals when the badger "succeeds" in this task. Teachers' Notes/Activities/Video on Emily Gravett's website . Winner: Indie Book Awards: Picture Book Category (2017) Shortlist: Kate Greenaway Children's Book Award (2017)	Early Years Years R-2	9781447273998 Pbk (HBk edition is out-of-print)
Free the Lines	Clayton Junior	Wordless Story Conservation Environment: Sea Boats Fishing Line/Pattern	Strikingly unique, wordless picture book from Clayton Junior, Brazilian illustrator/animation designer . Controlled colour-palettes and simple use of line/pattern lead the reader to focus on detail and the important, ecological message of the story (a cat on a small fishing trip takes action when they discover a trawler taking all the fish away, leaving none behind). Could support several NC subject areas and great for sharing 1:1 or in small/larger groups. Read more about using wordless picture books in an article from Nursery World (Jan 2020)	Years R-6	9781910277539 Pbk (HBk edition is out-of-print)

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The Tree	Neal Layton (author/ illustrator)	Environment: Forests Trees Animal Stories Nature	Simple tale with restricted language conveys an important conservation message about protecting habitats for wildlife in an endearing way. Great for developing visual literacy and speaking/listening skills as it offers opportunities for discussion/prediction/inference at a range of levels in EY/KS1. Read: Neal Layton's blog . How I made my book The Tree-in pictures [The Guardian 2016] Read about Neal Layton and watch Neal talking about his work [Seven Stories: Exhibition: Drawing Words]	Early Years Years R-2	9781406358216 Hbk (may be out-of-print) 9781406373202 Pbk
Ten Things I can Do to Help my World	Melanie Walsh	Environments Conservation Recycling	Bright, simple picture book with limited text and appealing, colourful illustrations. Text is imaginatively placed on the page and has 2 different levels of readability. Each page has a simple "early reader" sentence, supplemented by a separate, more complex, explanatory sentence. Great for sharing with EY/KS1 groups to prompt discussion but also works as a simple independent read or for shared reading. Might be useful for subject specific-guided reading in Year 2.	Early Years Years R-2	9781406320299 Pbk

Key Stage 1

Key Stage 1: Save the Planet: Environmental Issues and Climate Change

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50 Reasons to Love Endangered Animals	Catherine Barr	Conservation Animals Endangered Animals Environments	In the same style as "10 Reasons to Love a..." series by Catherine Barr (in partnership with the Natural History Museum). Stylised, simple illustrations create the backgrounds for 50 short text/information boxes, each giving interesting facts about endangered animals. Organised into 6 sections, relating to different habitats (e.g. Dry Savannah, Colourful Coral Reef, Icy Poles, etc). This format works a "browser" for KS1 children with a range of reading abilities, as an introduction to the topic. Good for building confidence and developing subject-specific vocabulary in newly independent readers but also accessible to emergent readers.	Years 1-3	9780711252448 Hbk
The Lumberjack's Beard	Duncan Beedie	Environment: Forests Conservation Animal Stories Animal Homes	Bright, stylised illustrations and amusing touches in the text give charm to this humorous story which has a serious, environmental message. Jack, the lumberjack, chops down trees every day. He doesn't even think about what he does-it's his job! But when his forest friends, the animals start losing their homes, he has to re-think his approach. NB: The story is set in a North American forest with porcupines, beavers, etc. Watch Duncan Beedie: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read The Lumberjacks' Beard Draw Jim Hickory, the Lumberjack (and his beard!), on the Templar books YouTube channel. 	Years 1-3	9781783706877 Hbk 9781783706884 Pbk

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TITLE	AUTHOR	THEME/GENRE	NOTES	Suitable for?	ISBN NUMBERS
A First Book of Animals	Nicola Davies (poet) Petr Horacek (illustrator)	Nature Animals Poetry	Beautifully illustrated with richly coloured, painted pages, these poems will inspire many creative activities about wild animals (some of which are endangered species). Read/watch/see: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nicola Davies talking about her time as BookTrust Writer-in-Residence (2018/2019) Petr Horacek talking about A First Book of Animals (YouTube) Petr Horacek's current art on: Petr Horacek's Blog Shortlist: Royal Society: Young People's Book Prize (2017) Shortlist: School Library Association: Information Book Award (2017) Shortlist: Kate Greenaway Children's Book Award (2018)	Years R-4	9781406359633 Hbk 9781406378122 Pbk
Lots	Nicola Davies (author) Emily Sutton (illustrator)	Nature Plants Animals Environments	Rich, detailed, varied illustrations create a beautiful backdrop for simple, economical text that provides a perfect introduction for KS1 children to the diversity of species on our planet. Including a page-spread on creatures that have become extinct, the book provides plenty of stimulus for discussion of: animal classification, diversity of species and protecting endangered animals. Longlist: Kate Greenaway Children's Book Award (2018)	Years R-3	9781406378894 Pbk (Hbk: out-of-print)
Usborne Lift-the-Flap Questions and Answers About Plastic	Katie Daynes (author) Marie-Eve Tremblay (illustrator)	Plastics Pollution Environments	Lift-the-flap book from the <i>Usborne lift-the-flap questions and answers</i> series with KS1 FAQ's about plastic pollution. The questions are on the flaps and simple, concise answers underneath each flap. Flaps are reasonably durable, so the book has great potential for KS1 children to browse in small groups and use/improve their science/general knowledge and thinking/prediction skills. Although the book is less useful for information research, it creates an interactive, exciting reading experience for KS1/Lower KS2 children. Read an interview with Katie Daynes by Year 5 primary children . Read " The Story of Plastic ", a blog article written by Katie Daynes, for the Federation of Children's Book Groups (FCBG)	Years R-5	9781474963381 Hbk

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Hello, Mr World	Michael Foreman	Environments Climate Change	Simple picture book conveys an important message by portraying the Earth as a "sick patient" in hospital. Michael Foreman's distinctive illustrative style suits the concise story. Works well to make a complex subject accessible for younger children in KS1 and to initiate scientific/PSHE discussion with older children in Lower KS2.	Years R-3	9781406366570 Hbk 9781406378924 Pbk
Cyril the Lonely Cloud	Tim Hopgood	Environments Water Weather	A cloud wants to find somewhere he is welcome because, wherever he goes, people greet him with gloomy faces and complaints, every time he appears. He travels the world and finally finds a hot country where his presence is welcomed. Sweet, cheerful picture book with distinctive illustrations and a simple story. Will initiate plenty of discussion at FS/KS1 if used to support Science topics on Seasonal Changes/Weather; Science: Living Things and their Habitats or Geography: Human and Physical Geography: Seasonal Weather Patterns	Years R-2	9780192767585 Hbk 9780192767592 Pbk
The Last Tiger	Petr Horacek	Conservation Animal Welfare Tigers	A strong, proud, bold tiger is captured by hunters and taken to the city where he realises the true nature of his strength. Thought-provoking book about animal welfare with distinctive illustrations that transmit the mood of the story.	Years R-3	9781910959718 Hbk
The Great Paper Caper	Oliver Jeffers	Environment Recycling Conservation Trees Paper Animal Stories	A bear chops down all the trees in the forest so that he can make paper and turn it into paper aeroplanes! When the other forest animals notice the trees are disappearing, things have to change. Bright, simple illustrations and a story-telling approach to a complicated idea make this good for sharing with groups to support projects on Science: Environmental Issues and Science: Materials. See Oliver Jeffers reading The Great Paper Caper and his other books at his "Stay-at-Home Storytime"	Years R-2	9780007182299 Hbk 9780007182336 Pbk E-Audiobook available from Salford Community Libraries [BorrowBox] Follow links to: The Great Paper Caper and BorrowBox Catalogue

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Free the Lines	Clayton Junior	Wordless Story Conservation Environment: Sea Boats Fishing Line/Pattern	Strikingly unique, wordless picture book from Clayton Junior, Brazilian illustrator/animation designer . Controlled colour-palettes and simple use of line/pattern lead the reader to focus on detail and the important, ecological message of the story (a cat on a small fishing trip takes action when they discover a trawler taking all the fish away, leaving none behind). Could support several NC subject areas and great for sharing 1:1 or in small/larger groups. <i>Free the Lines</i> was included in the IBBY (International Board on Books for Young People) Silent Books Collection 2017 . This was part of the " Silent Books, from the world to Lampedusa and back " project (started in 2012) which created a library of wordless picture books that could be understood/enjoyed by children from all over the world, whatever their mother-tongue. The " Silent Books " project web-page also has tips on using wordless picture books with children who do not share the same language. Read about: " Colour Wheel " an exhibition of Clayton Junior's artwork held at the Half Moon Young People's Theatre (2016)	Years R-6	9781910277539 Pbk (HBk edition is out-of-print)
Clem and Crab	Fiona Lumbers	Environment Seashore Sea Life	A little girl rescues a crab when she is at the beach but can she look after it properly? Charming illustrations combined with a detailed story make this work best when shared with groups to initiate discussion. Watch Fiona Lumbers read Clem and Crab [WaterstonesYouTube]	Years 1-2	9781783448692 Pbk (HBk edn may be unavailable)
A River	Marc Martin	Environment: Rivers Water Conservation	Beautiful picture book with limited text relating to the journey of a river. Rich illustrations use colour to evoke the different nature of the landscapes that a river flows through on its journey to the sea. Useful for work in KS1/Yr3 on Science: Water/Water Cycle; Science: Habitats and Science: Environmental Issues. Watch Marc Martin talking about why he likes drawing picture books on the Penguin Books Australia YouTube channel.	Years R-3	9781783704330 Hbk

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George Saves the World by Lunchtime	Jo Readman (author) Ley Honor-Roberts (illustrator)	Recycling Materials	Originally published in 2006 by the Eden Project but still has uses for introducing KS1/Yr3 projects on Science: Recycling. Simple storybook about George and his grandpa, who teaches George how to reduce, re-use, repair and recycle. Bright, appealing illustrations and information presented in story-style make this best for sharing in groups. The Eden Project website has environmental education activity ideas for schools and parents/carers/home educators .	Years 1-3	9781903919507 Pbk
There's a Rang-Tan in my Bedroom	James Sellick (author) Fran Preston-Gannon (illustrator)	Conservation Animal Stories Stories in Rhyme	Simple, jaunty rhyming story presents a complex issue in an accessible style for KS1 children. An orangutan comes to live in a little girl's bedroom. As she goes about her daily routine, the orangutan shows the little girl how many of the everyday things she uses are affecting its habitat. Published in collaboration with Greenpeace with additional teacher/parent/carer information about orangutans/palm oil. Read "There's a Rang-Tang in my Bedroom", a blog article written by James Sellick , for the Federation of Children's Book Groups (FCBG). Read "There's a Rang-Tan in My Bedroom: How You Can Help Save Orangutans" [simple orangutan/palm oil facts for KS1/Yr3] on the BookTrust website. Watch children reading the book and talking about the issues on the GreenpeaceUK YouTube channel.	Years R-2	9781526362087 Hbk 9781526362094 Pbk

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Greta and the Giants	Zoe Tucker (author) Zoe Persico (illustrator)	Nature Environments Conservation	<p>Picture book inspired by the young activist, Greta Thunberg. Tells the story of a young girl who lives in a forest that is being destroyed by giants. The "fairytale-style" format makes a complicated idea accessible to young children. Beautifully illustrated with artwork that successfully uses colour and perspective to convey the mood at different points in the story. See more of the artwork and the artist's sketches on Zoe Persico's website.</p> <p>The book is printed sustainably in the UK on 100% recycled paper and the price includes a donation to Greenpeace UK (3% of RRP). Shortlist: Indie Book Awards: Picture Book Category (2020)</p>	Years R-4	9780711253759

Key Stage 2

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Max Takes a Stand	Tim Allman (author) Nick Shepherd (illustrator)	Environment School Stories	Max is on a mission to save the planet but some of his actions create unforeseen consequences. A humorous way to convey a serious environmental message to KS2 children, presented in an accessible format. The appealing main character and style/layout makes this a good, topical leisure read for KS2 children. Watch Tim Allman introduce the book [Oxford Owl:YouTube]	Years 4-6	9780192775139 Pbk
Plastic Planet	Georgia Amson-Bradshaw (author)	Environment Pollution Plastics	This accessible book, with a varied layout and mix of illustrations, introduces a range of background information relating to our use of plastic and the way it has become a widespread environmental pollutant. With an index, glossary and links to further info, it is useful for older KS2 readers to initiate independent research and provide a framework for posing questions for further factual investigation.	Years 5-6	9781445165691 Hbk 9781445165707 Pbk
Be the Change	Liz Brownlee ; Matt Goodfellow ; Roger Stevens (authors)	Environment Poetry	Written by 3 National Poetry Day Ambassadors , this anthology has thoughtful, humorous poems that will capture the interest of young readers, keen to save the planet. Poems cover a range of environmental topics and would be very useful as lesson starters, reading aloud or to inspire pupils' own creative writing More Poetry inspirations from Liz on Poetry Roundabout . Roger Stevens founded and runs PoetryZone . Read Roger Stevens' biography on Poetry Zone . Read an interview with Matt Goodfellow [PoetryZone] E-book available from Salford Community Libraries [BorrowBox] Follow links to: Be the Change and BorrowBox Catalogue	Years 4-6	9781529018943 Pbk E-book available from Salford Community Libraries [BorrowBox] Follow links to: Be the Change and BorrowBox Catalogue

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Greta's Story	Valentina Camerini (author) Veronica Carratello (illustrator)	Environments Biographies	<p>Readable biography introduces the story of Greta Thunberg to older KS2/younger KS3 children. Includes some factual information, glossary, timeline and further reading.</p> <p>Read facts about Greta Thunberg on NationalGeographicKids</p> <p>News article about Greta Thunberg from the BBC (28/02/20)</p> <p>E-book available from Salford Community Libraries [BorrowBox]</p> <p>Follow links to: Greta's Story and BorrowBox Catalogue</p>	Years 4-9	<p>9781471190650 Pbk</p> <p>E-book available from Salford Community Libraries [BorrowBox]</p> <p>Follow links to: Greta's Story and BorrowBox Catalogue</p>
The Promise	Nicola Davies (author) Laura Carlin (illustrator)	Environments: Cities Nature	<p>On a mean street in a mean city, a young girl steals an old woman's handbag but what she finds inside leads her on an unexpected journey. This picture book for older readers is full of richly, descriptive language and the message will promote discussion of a number of issues with older KS2 pupils.</p> <p>Watch:</p> <p>Nicola Davies read The Promise [JackieMorrisArtist YouTube]</p> <p>Nicola Davies talking about The Promise [Candlewick Press YouTube]</p> <p>Laura Carlin talk about The Promise [Walker Books YouTube]</p> <p>Read Nicola Davies blog.</p> <p>Shortlist: Kate Greenaway Children's Book Award (2015)</p>	Years 3-6	<p>9781406355598 Pbk</p> <p>(HBk edition is out-of-print)</p>
The Variety of Life	Nicola Davies (author) Lorna Scobie (illustrator)	Nature Animals	<p>This oversized book (36cm X 30cm) uses its size to beautifully portray the diversity of life on earth (and the sea!) Gorgeous, colourful illustrations reflect the rich variety of the world's wildlife and small sections of imaginatively laid-out text make this a highly accessible book, suitable for readers at a range of levels in KS1/Lower KS2. Could also be useful for older KS2 pupils engaged in simple research tasks. It's a great book for small groups of children to lie on the floor and pore over together! However, if you want to store it on school library shelves, check to make sure it will fit them!</p> <p>Longlist: SLA Information Book Award (2018)</p>	Years 2-6	<p>9781444931198 Hbk</p>

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The Wonder of Trees	Nicola Davies (author) Lorna Scobie (illustrator)	Nature Plants Trees	By the same author/illustrator pairing, this is a similar book to <i>The Variety of Life</i> which celebrates the diversity and adaptability of trees in a range of different environments. Suitable for supporting topics on Science: Living Things and Their Habitats or Science: Plants. More importantly, it is simply a beautiful book with rich, detailed illustrations, complemented by carefully-arranged text. Perfect for small groups of children to share excitedly together and suitable for use at a range of levels in KS1 and KS2. If you are putting it in the school library, make sure its size (36cm X 30cm) will fit on the shelves!	Years 2-6	9781444938197 Hbk
Fire Girl, Forest Boy	Chloe Daykin (author)	Environments: Forests Adventure Stories Peru	Adventure story about 2 children left alone in the cloud forests of Peru, written from the point of view of each character, highlighting their feelings when they meet up in the forest. It's an action story with more thoughtful elements so more suited to older KS2 readers. Read an interview with Chloe Daykin [National Literacy Trust: Words for Life]. Watch Chloe Daykin introduce Fire Girl, Forest Boy [Story Space from Hexham Book Festival YouTube]	Years 5-6	9780571349432
Usborne Lift-the-Flap Questions and Answers About Plastic	Katie Daynes (author) Marie-Eve Tremblay (illustrator)	Plastics Pollution Environments	Lift-the-flap book from the <i>Usborne lift-the-flap questions and answers</i> series with KS1 FAQ's about plastic pollution. The questions are on the flaps and simple, concise answers underneath each flap. Flaps are reasonably durable, so the book has great potential for KS1 children to browse in small groups and use/improve their science/general knowledge and thinking/prediction skills. Although the book is less useful for information research, it creates an interactive, exciting reading experience for KS1/Lower KS2 children. Read an interview with Katie Daynes by Year 5 primary children . Read " The Story of Plastic ", a blog article written by Katie Daynes , for the Federation of Children's Book Groups (FCBG)	Years R-5	9781474963381 Hbk

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Kids Fight Plastic: how to be a #2minute superhero	Martin Dorey (author) Tim Wesson (illustrator)	Environments Pollution Recycling Plastics	50 missions that children can undertake to become a <i>#2minute superhero</i> and reduce their consumption of plastic, re-use plastic, if possible, and recycle plastic as much as they can. Well presented as a leisure read with colourful, accessible, appealing layouts and engaging text. Will also have uses for simple study support as it is quick to read and fairly easy to locate information on plastic use in different locations (kitchen, garden, bathroom etc). Might be less useful for more complex research tasks requiring an index. Watch the book trailer [Walker Books YouTube]. Shortlist: School Library Association: Information Book Award 2020 (8-12years) Download home-learning/teaching ideas linked to the book from the School Library Association 2020 Information Book Award page.	Years 3-6	9781406390650 Pbk
Evie and the Animals	Matt Haig (author) NB: Matt Haig also writes novels and non-fiction for adult readers and maintains an active Twitter account with content for adults. This Twitter content is included on his author website. Emily Gravett (illustrator)	Animal Stories Magical Stories Fantasy Stories Animal Welfare	An 11-year old girl discovers that she can understand animals by hearing their thoughts. This talent seems like a good thing but her dad is not so sure. It's a great animal adventure story and the subject matter has the potential to spark lots of discussion amongst thoughtful KS2 readers. Beautiful illustrations in Emily Gravett's distinctive style make this book particularly appealing to KS2 readers. Watch the book trailer on the Canongate website. Watch: Author Masterclass: How to Speak Like an Animal and Share a Story with Matt Haig[Evie and the Animals] . Download: supporting resources/book extracts [all from the World Book Day website] Evie and the Animals Teachers' Pack/Activity Pack/Poster/Bookmarks available to download from the Canongate: Matt Haig: Downloads page. E-book and E-audiobook available from Salford Community Libraries [BorrowBox] Follow links to: [E-book]: Evie and the Animals [E-audiobook]: Evie and the Animals and BorrowBox Catalogue	Years 3-6 Year 7	Hbk Pbk E-book and E-audiobook available from Salford Community Libraries [BorrowBox] Follow links to: [E-book]: Evie and the Animals [E-audiobook]: Evie and the Animals and BorrowBox Catalogue

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Evie in the Jungle	Matt Haig (author) NB: Matt Haig also writes novels and non-fiction for adult readers and maintains an active Twitter account with content for adults. This Twitter content is included on his author website. Emily Gravett (illustrator)	Environment: Jungles Animals Conservation Animal Stories Magical Stories Fantasy Stories	This story was published as a World Book Day £1.00 book to buy with £1.00 World Book Day book tokens in March 2020 Read about the book and download resource sheets/activity pack [World Book Day website]. NB: The WBD edition may not be available in the pbk edition. However, it is currently available (June 2020) in e-book/e-audiobook editions from Salford Community Libraries. E-book and E-audiobook available from Salford Community Libraries [BorrowBox] Follow links to: [E-book]: Evie in the Jungle [E-audiobook]: Evie in the Jungle and BorrowBox Catalogue	Years 3-6 Year 7	World Book Day edn Pbk (no longer available) E-book and E-audiobook available from Salford Community Libraries [BorrowBox] Follow links to: [E-book]: Evie in the Jungle [E-audiobook]: Evie in the Jungle and BorrowBox Catalogue
The Iron Man	Ted Hughes (author) [Poetry Foundation biography] Andrew Davidson (illustrator of original edition) Chris Mould (illustrator of 2019 Hbk illustrated edition)	Environments Conservation Robots Friendship	Classic story retains a timeless quality and is still useful to support topics on the environment/conservation. Recently published in a stunning, new, hardback edition with illustrations by Chris Mould. Watch Chris Mould talking about illustrating The Iron Man [Faber Booktime YouTube] Read an introduction to The Iron Man (for teachers)[Ted Hughes Society] Chris Mould illustrated edition: Shortlist: Kate Greenaway Children's Book Award (2020) Andrew Davidson illustrated edition: Winner: Kurt Maschler Award [1985] (Kurt Maschler Award was presented 1982-99) E-book available from Salford Community Libraries [BorrowBox] Follow links to: The Iron Man and BorrowBox Catalogue	Years 3-6 Year 7	9780571348862 Hbk (Pub Date: Aug 2019) (illus. edn: Pictures by Chris Mould) 9780571348596 Pbk (Pub Date: Jun 2018) (Reprint of original edn: Pictures by Andrew Davidson) E-book available from Salford Community Libraries [BorrowBox] Follow links to: The Iron Man and BorrowBox Catalogue
The Iron Woman	Ted Hughes (author) Andrew Davidson (illustrator)	Environments Conservation Robots	Classic story retains a timeless quality and is still useful to support topics on the environment/conservation. Read an introduction to the Iron Woman (for teachers)[Ted Hughes Society]	Years 3-6 Year 7	9780571348589

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Free the Lines	Clayton Junior (author/ illustrator)	Wordless Story Conservation Environment: Sea Boats Fishing Line/Pattern	Strikingly unique, wordless picture book from Clayton Junior, Brazilian illustrator/animation designer . Controlled colour-palettes and simple use of line/pattern lead the reader to focus on detail and the important, ecological message of the story (a cat on a small fishing trip takes action when they discover a trawler taking all the fish away, leaving none behind). Could support several NC subject areas and great for sharing 1:1 or in small/larger groups. <i>Free the Lines</i> was included in the IBBY (International Board on Books for Young People) Silent Books Collection 2017 . This was part of the " Silent Books, from the world to Lampedusa and back " project (started in 2012) which created a library of wordless picture books that could be understood/enjoyed by children from all over the world, whatever their mother-tongue. The " Silent Books " project web-page also has tips on using wordless picture books with children who do not share the same language. Read more about using wordless picture books in an article from Nursery World (Jan 2020) Read about: " Colour Wheel " an exhibition of Clayton Junior's artwork at the Half Moon Young People's Theatre (2016)	Years R-2 Years 3-6	9781910277539 Pbk (HBk edition is out-of-print)
A Climate in Chaos	Neal Layton (author/ illustrator)	Environments Pollution Climate PSHE Citizenship/SMSC	New title by the same author as: <i>A Planet Full of Plastic</i> (see below). Watch Neal Layton introduce A Climate in Chaos on YouTube. Read a review of the book from the Federation of Children's Book Groups . Read Neal Layton's blog . Read about Neal Layton and watch Neal talking about his work [Seven Stories: Exhibition: Drawing Words]	Year 2 Years 3-6	9781526362308 Hbk

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A Planet Full of Plastic	Neal Layton (author/ illustrator)	Environments Pollution Plastics PSHE Citizenship/SMSC	Simple photo/cartoon collages make the illustrations attractive and appealing. Brief text makes the book easy to understand so that it works best as an introduction to the topic. Will spark discussion at a range of levels, depending on the age of the pupils. Text/illustrations are well-designed and will appeal to a range of age groups. Story-book layout makes this suitable for an introduction to PSHE/Citizenship projects on recycling for Year 2 as well as across KS2. Read a review of A Planet Full of Plastic [Arena Illustration News 2019] Read about Neal Layton and watch Neal talking about his work [Seven Stories: Exhibition: Drawing Words] Longlist: School Library Association Information Book Award (2020)	Year 2 Years 3-6	9781526361738 Hbk 9781526361769 Pbk
The Lost Words: a spell book	Robert McFarlane (author) Jackie Morris (illustrator)	Poetry Nature: Great Britain	A collection of acrostic poems, each celebrating a creature or plant in the natural world. Intended as a "spell book" to recapture the wild childhoods that children used to enjoy. Beautifully illustrated book is a great classroom resource to support speaking/listening skills, vocabulary development, poetry-writing and the sheer enjoyment of language. NB: Hbk edition is larger than most information books and it may be too large (36cm x 28cm) to store on library shelves. The Lost Words Activity Pack [The Reading Agency] The Lost Words: Spell Songs is a musical companion piece to The Lost Words: A Spell Book. The Lost Words: Spell Songs has a supporting website where you can download a cross-curricular Explorer's Pack (suitable for KS2/3) Winner: British Book Awards: Children's Book [2018]. See other British Book Award winners in 2018 Winner: Kate Greenaway Children's Book Award [2019] Shortlist: Carnegie Children's Book Award [2019] E-audiobook available from Salford Community Libraries BorrowBox Follow links to: The Lost Words and BorrowBox Catalogue	Years 3-6 Years 7-9	9780241253588 Hbk E-audiobook available from Salford Community Libraries BorrowBox Follow links to: The Lost Words and BorrowBox Catalogue

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The White Fox	Jackie Morris (author/ illustrator)	Animal Welfare Foxes Environment: Arctic	<p>An Inuit boy, called Sol, living with his father in Seattle, feels adrift. His grandparents are far away in his homeland and his father is often at work and has no time for his son. One day, Sol meets an arctic fox in the Seattle docks. It seems as if the fox is just as lost as his new friend and so Sol decides to take the fox home. Wonderful illustrations by Jackie Morris support this HiLo (high interest level/low reading level) text well. It's a lovely story for all readers but particularly good for older KS2 pupils who need a little reading support but enjoy a good story.</p> <p>Read about Jackie Morris' inspiration for The White Fox. Read the first chapter of The White Fox on the Barrington Stoke website.</p> <p>Read a blog post on the Barrington Stoke website by Katie Myles (teacher/CPD trainer): Making Group Reading a Success Story in which Katie highlights the features of <i>The White Fox</i> that make it such a useful text for group reading.</p> <p><i>The White Fox</i> is a title from Barrington Stoke's Conkers series (suitable for readers who prefer Hi-Lo books: High Interest Level/Lower Reading Level).</p>	Years 3-6	9781781125229 Hbk 9781781127391 Pbk
Fantastically Great Women Who Saved the Planet	Kate Pankhurst (author/ illustrator)	Environments Conservation History Biographies	<p>This title is part of the well-received <i>Fantastically Great Women</i> series. Brightly illustrated with plenty of detail in the pictures to capture the imagination and develop visual literacy in KS2 pupils. Text is presented in a variety of formats in interesting layouts. Suitable for shared/group reading or individual browsing.</p> <p>Discussion questions for <i>Fantastically Great Women Who Saved the Planet</i> are available on the Bloomsbury website.</p>	Years 3-6	9781408899281 Hbk 9781408899298 Pbk

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Nellie Choc-Ice and the Plastic Island	Jeremy Strong (author) Jamie Smith (illustrator)	Pollution Plastics Environment: Arctic Animal Stories Dyslexia-Friendly	<p>Great little HiLo (High Interest Level/Lower Reading Level) story about a penguin making their way home to the South Pole until they get trapped in a sea of plastic along with lots of other creatures. Topical story from a popular author with bright, zany illustrations.</p> <p>Read the first chapter of Nellie Choc-Ice and the Plastic Island on the Barrington Stoke website. <i>Nellie Choc-Ice and the Plastic Island</i> is a title published by Barrington Stoke in the <i>Little Gems</i> series (High Interest Level/Lower Reading Level books suitable for KS2 readers). The <i>Little Gems</i> series includes 3 <i>Nellie Choc-Ice</i> stories and many other wonderful HiLo stories by well-known authors.</p> <p>Read a blog post: Building Dyslexia Friendly Spaces on the Barrington Stoke website.</p>	Year 2 Years 3-6	9781781128770 Pbk
This Book Will (Help) Cool the Climate	Isabel Thomas (author) Alex Paterson (illustrator)	Environments Conservation Recycling PSHE	<p>Topical leisure read for older KS2 pupils that would also provide curriculum support for PSHE/Environmental projects. Black-and-white illustrations add appeal to the accessible text which is full of background scientific information and practical, climate-saving tips, all presented in an attractive, interesting, humorous style.</p> <p>Watch Isabel Thomas introduce This Book Will (Help) Cool the Climate on her website.</p> <p>Read Telling Stories About the Planet We Share, a blog article by Isabel Thomas, written for the Federation of Children's Book Groups (FCBG).</p> <p>Blackwell's Bookshops: Children's Book of the Month: Feb 2020 [Blackwells Bookshops YouTube]</p>	Years 5-6 Years 7-8	9781526362414 Pbk

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This Book is Not Rubbish	Isabel Thomas (author) Alex Paterson (illustrator)	Environments Conservation Recycling PSHE	Similar to <i>This Book Will (Help) Cool the Climate</i> , by the same author/illustrator. Straightforward text supported by black-and-white illustrations. Presented in a zany style, the information about recycling is useful both for low-level research and as a leisure read for older KS2 children. Download cross-curricular lesson ideas for This Book is Not Rubbish [Hachette/Reading Rocks] and watch a Reading Rocks at Home video for Water-Saving Week which highlights This Book is Not Rubbish and includes related creative writing activities for upper KS2 pupils.	Years 5-6 Years 7-8	9781526361530 Pbk
Letter to Pluto	Lou Treleaven (author/illustrator)	Environments Letters Humorous Stories Space Stories School Stories Science Fiction	Engaging story with serious messages about the environment and diversity/acceptance. Great for newly independent readers in Lower KS2 and will initiate a range of discussions if used as a class reader, for guided reading or to read aloud to a group. Varied layout, humorous illustrations and an interesting letter/diary style. Will hold the interest of younger readers and appeal to all genders. 1 st title in a series. Supporting Teacher's Resources and Creative Writing Resources available on Lou Treleaven's website. Writing Resources for aspiring children's writers/picture book authors also available on Lou Treleaven's website.	Years 3-4	9781848862319 Pbk
Homework on Pluto	Lou Treleaven (author/illustrator)	Environments Letters Humorous Stories Space Stories School Stories Science Fiction	Sequel to Letter to Pluto. Knowledge of the first title in the series is useful, but not necessary as this book works as a stand-alone story too. There is a 3 rd title in the series: <i>Teachers on Pluto</i> (published: 13/05/19 ISBN: 9781848864047 Pbk). Fulfils the promise of <i>Letter to Pluto</i> with a humorous story and varied, engaging layout. Will appeal to readers developing confidence in Years 3/4 as well as older Year 5/6 readers who require a little more support. The letter/diary style is used to good effect to hold the interest of KS2 readers and appeal to all genders. Creative Writing Resources available on Lou Treleaven's website.	Years 3-4	9781848863187 Pbk

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Earth Verse: explore our planet through poetry and art	Sally M Walker (author) William Grill (illustrator)	Earth Nature Poetry	Collection of haiku poems about the beauty of the natural world, stunningly illustrated with oversize, colourful artwork. Great teaching resource for Literacy/Art. Learn to Write Haiku with Sally Walker [Candlewick Press YouTube]	Years 3-6	9781406376494 Hbk
Super Stan	Elaine Wickson (author) Chris Judge (illustrator)	Environments Pollution Recycling Adventure Stories Humorous Stories Families	3 rd title in a series of books about Stan and his younger sibling Fred (#1: Planet Stan; #2: Action Stan). Stan's little brother wants to save the world from being overwhelmed with plastic and Stan decides to help, by doing what he does best... drawing charts and graphs! Engaging story for KS2 pupils with lots of amusing diagrams, charts and graphs to create a varied layout. Transmits a serious environmental message and related background information in a humorous leisure read. Great fun for all readers in KS2 who are looking for a straightforward story that will provide plenty of issues to think about after reading.	Years 3-6	9780192759085 Pbk
Drastic Plastic and Troublesome Trash	Hannah Wilson (author)	Environments Pollution Recycling Plastics	Simple background information to the problems of plastic and why we should reduce, re-use and recycle waste with practical tips for children and craft activities. Varied, bright layout, with a range of text types, nicely illustrated with well-chosen photos, diagrams and charts. Good for simple research for Science: Materials or PSHE: Environment topics, especially in Years 4/5. Young "eco-warriors" who prefer browsing non-fiction might also read it as a short "leisure" read.	Years 3-6	9781783124794 Hbk
Weird Weather and Changing Climates	Hannah Wilson (author)	Climate Weather Environments Physical Geography	Simple background information to the climate crisis alongside experiments to illustrate the issues. Also includes practical tips on ways that children can take action to protect the environment. Bright, colourful, interesting layout with lots of short sections of text alongside quizzes and activities. Well-illustrated with a variety of photos. Useful for simple research but would also work as a topical leisure "browser" for environmentally-conscious children.	Years 3-6	9781783125050 Hbk

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Our House is on Fire	Jeanette Winter (author/ illustrator)	Environments Pollution Biographies	Interesting, picture book for older readers with biographical information on Greta Thunberg. Originally published in US. Common Core [US] Curriculum Guide for the book is available on the Simon and Schuster (US) website. [NB: Based on the US Common Core Curriculum, but includes discussion questions, ideas and worksheets which may be useful, if adapted to suit the National Curriculum].	Years 3-4	9781534467781 Hbk
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