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# COGHEART

Written by Peter Bunzl

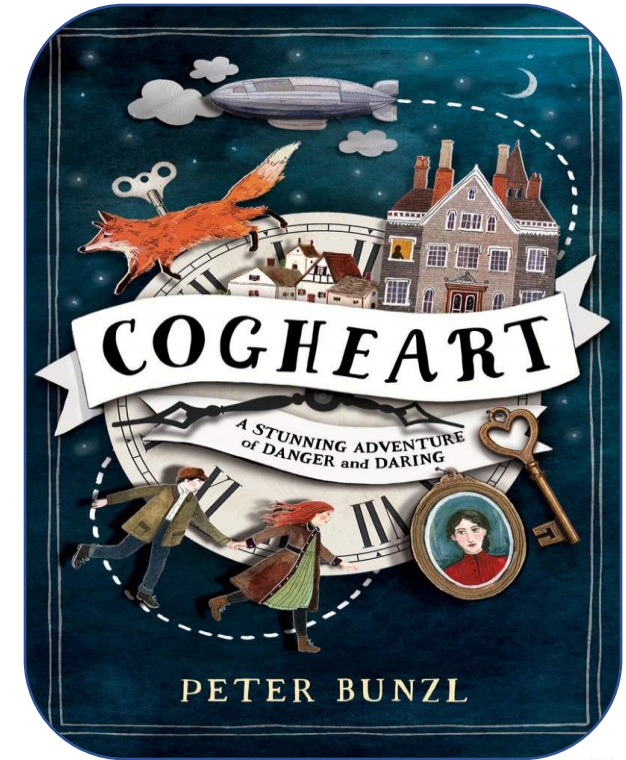
# English Hubs

Witham St Hughs English Hub

*In this first book, of a four-part adventure series, 13-year-old Lucy's inventor father goes missing and turns her life upside down. People are after one of his inventions that could change the world! These silver-eyed men stalk Lucy through an alternative Steampunk Victorian London. Along with her friend, Robert (and Malkin the mechanical fox!) they embark upon a journey to find the invention. Who will find it first? Lucy and her friends or the silver-eyed men...*



Age 9+



Recommended if you liked Clockwork by Philip Pullman



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# Happy

Written by Nicola Edwards

Illustrated by Katie Hickey

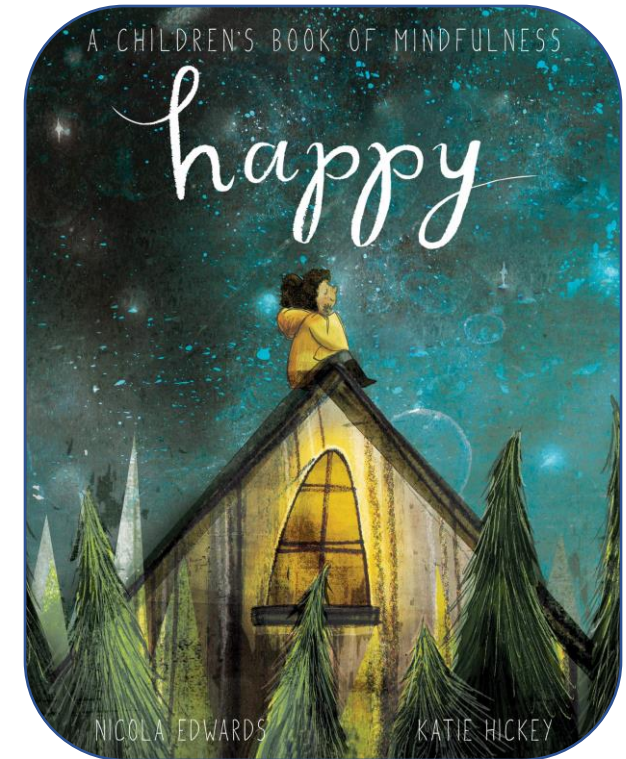
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*The perfect soothing read for quiet time. Happy gently encourages young readers to explore their emotions and the beautiful world around them. This poetic journey to a place of happiness and calm will inspire and empower your child to enjoy the practice of mindfulness.*



Great for all primary school ages



A great read for little ones who enjoyed *Slow Down* by Freya Hartas or *Here We Are* by Oliver Jeffers.





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# The Case of the Vanishing Granny

Written by Alexander McCall Smith

Illustrated by Sam Usher

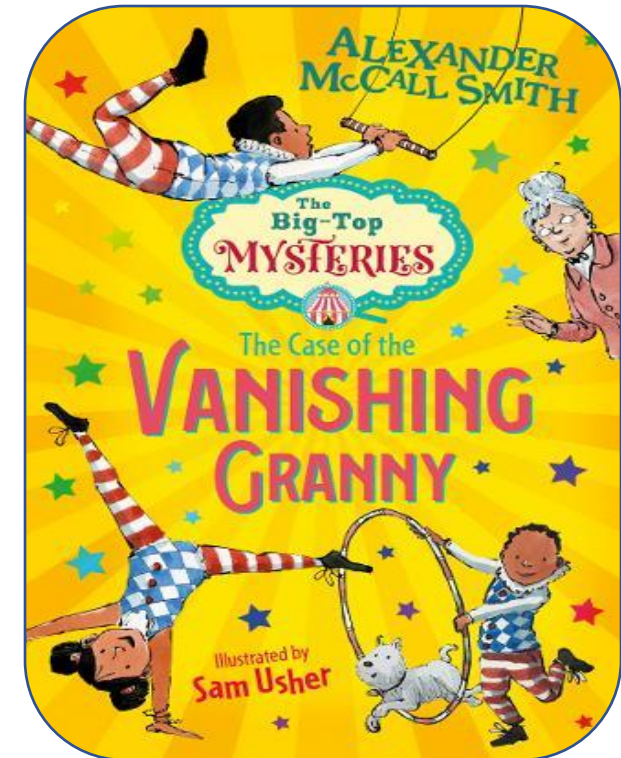
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*In this first book of a two-part junior mystery series, Billy, Fern and Joe Shortbread stars in their family circus, but they also have another talent ... they are experts at solving mysteries! When their circus moves into a new town, they soon make friends with a young boy named Tom. However, Tom can't enjoy the circus because his Granny has disappeared, and he's worried he'll never see her again! With the help of their astonishing circus skills, can the Shortbread circus stars crack the clues to find Tom's Granny?*



Age 7+



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# The Highland Falcon Thief

Written by M.G.Leonard & Sam Sedgman

Illustrated by Elisa Paganelli

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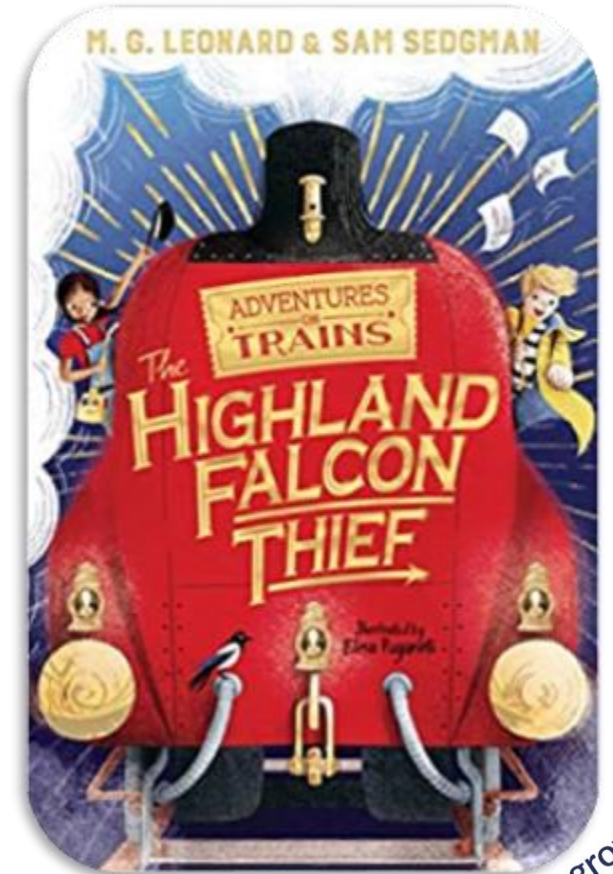
Witham St Hughs English Hub

*Adventures on Trains is a major mystery series. In this first book, we are introduced to Harrison Beck and his Uncle Nat. Uncle Nat and a reluctant Harrison are travelling on the Highland Falcon for its final journey. As the train makes its way to Scotland, a precious brooch goes missing! Harrison, and his new on-board friend, Lenny, investigate the missing brooch uncovering surprises, deceptions and puzzles along the way!*

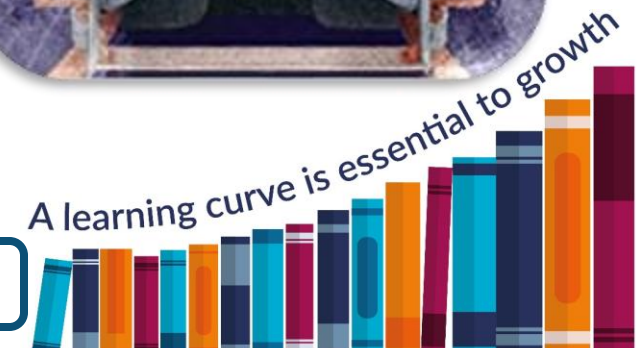
*Can they solve the mystery and catch the thief before they reach the end of the line?*



Age 9+



The sixth book in the Adventures on Trains is out October 2022!



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## On A Magical Do-Nothing Day

Written and Illustrated by Beatrice Alemagna

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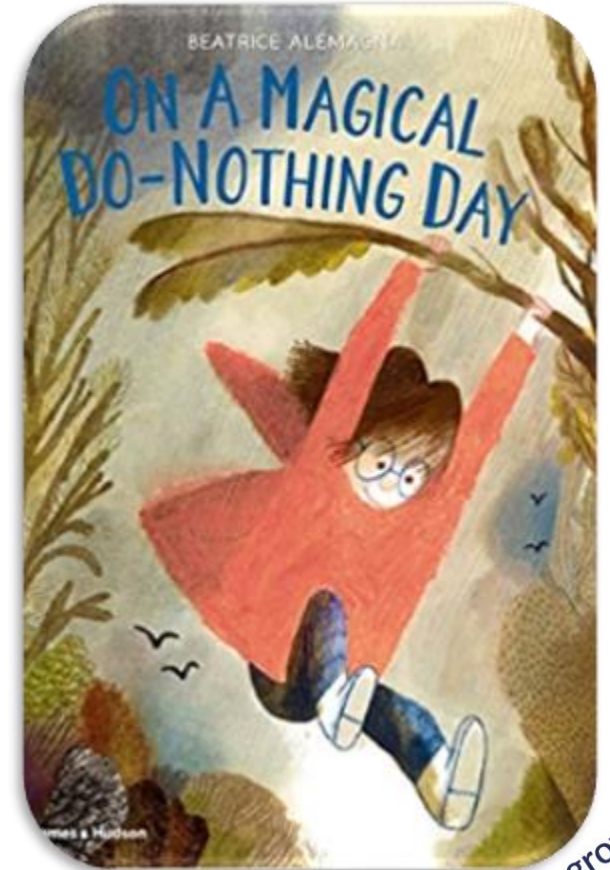
*A beautiful autumnal illustrated book about a little boy on a wet "do-nothing day".*

*When the little boy is forced to play outside, he sneaks his computer game out with him. Then, disaster happens and he drops the device in a pond! Luckily, four large snails appear and a journey of exploration begins.....leaving the little boy wondering why he hasn't done any of these wonderful things outside before!*

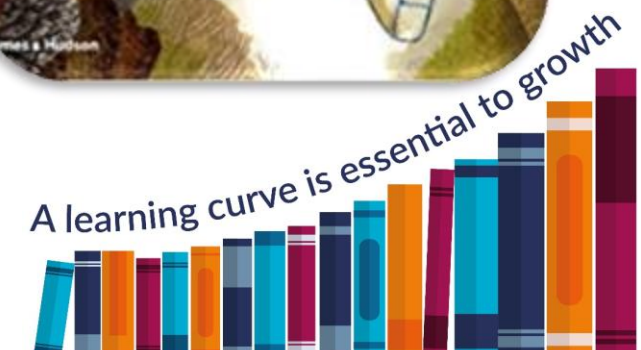


Reading Age 6+

Great for reading  
aloud to younger  
children



Translated from the French 'Un Jour de Rien' by Jill Davis





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## What Mr Darwin Saw

Written and Illustrated by Mick Manning and Brita Granström

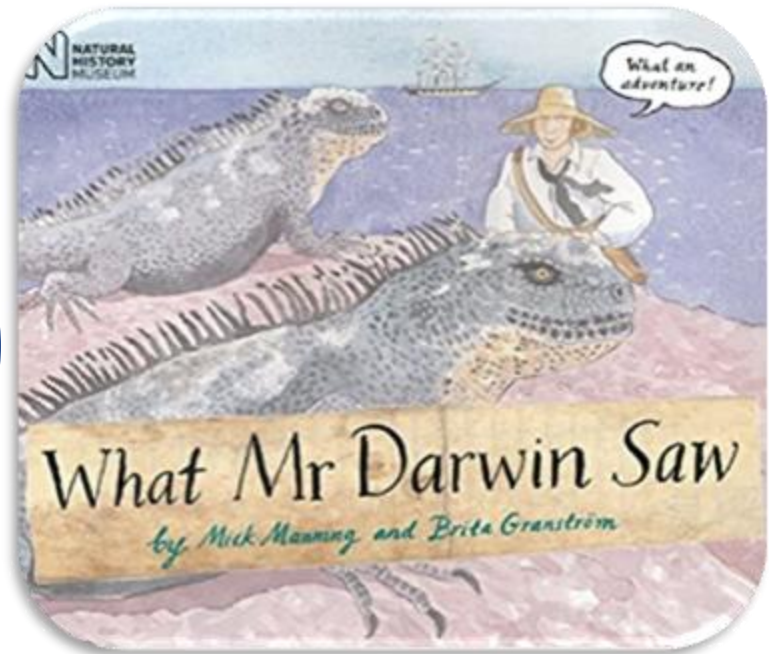
*This beautifully illustrated non-fiction book gives an outline of the life of Charles Darwin who gave up his plans of becoming a clergyman to join the HMS Beagle's voyage around the world!*

*Follow Mr Darwin as he witnesses and discovers new insects in Brazil, fossils in Argentina, earthquakes in Chile and, of course, giant tortoises in the Galapagos Islands.*

*The book ends with the publication of his book On the Origin of Species.*



A great KS2 book



A great book to introduce young readers to one of the world's most important scientists and his discoveries.



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## Edison: The Mystery of the Missing Mouse Treasure

Written and Illustrated by Torben Kuhlmann

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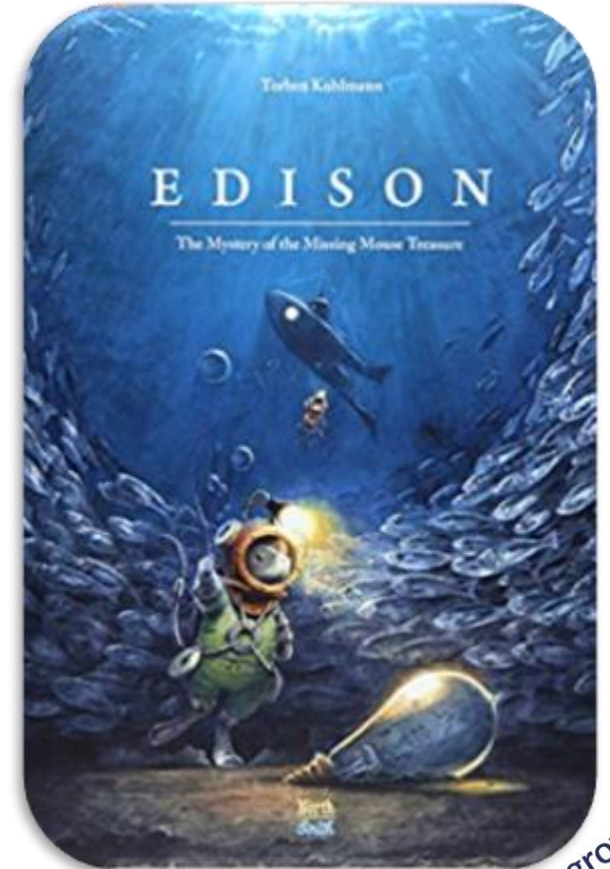
*An outstandingly illustrated book.*

*Edison is the third mouse adventure book, written by Torben Kuhlmann. This book follows the story of two unlikely friends who build a vessel capable of taking them to the bottom of the ocean!*

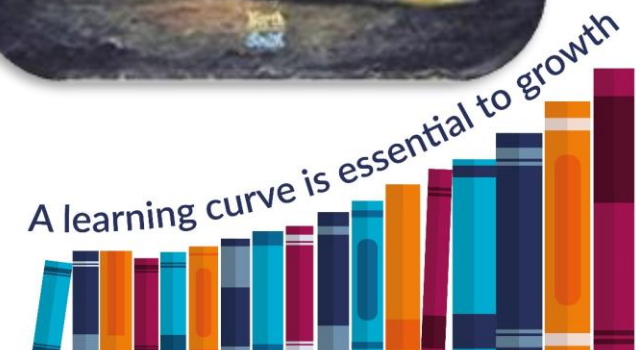
*When they find missing treasure, the truth turns out to be far more amazing...*



Age 8+



Breath taking illustrations that will capture your attention.





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# Beetles for Breakfast

Written by Madeleine Finlay

Illustrated by Jisu Choi

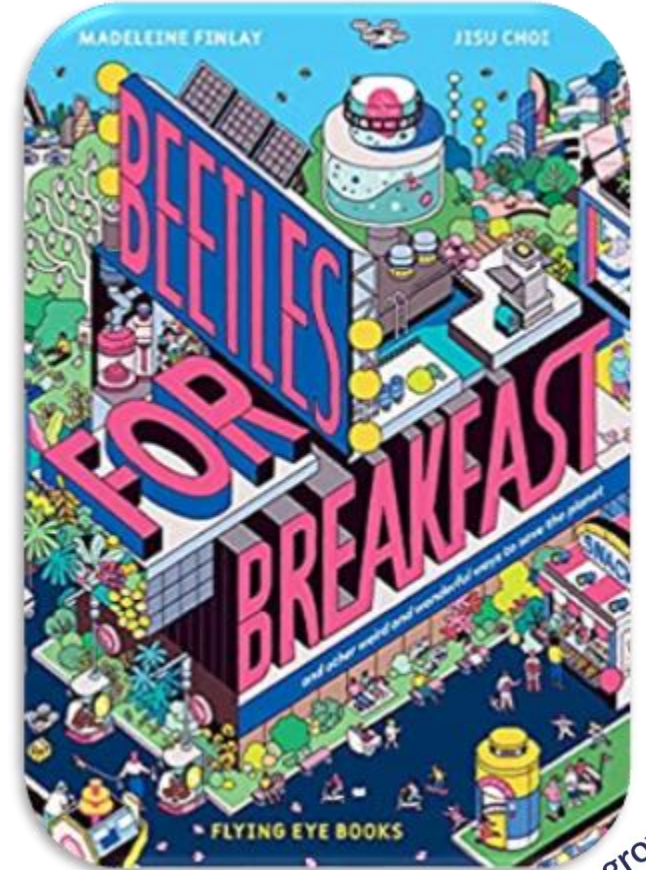
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*In this super colourful book, the reader will follow a day in the life of a child. They will find out how new green inventions could fit into everyday life; from brushing your teeth with biodegradable algae, to eating beetle burgers for lunch and doing your homework with a pen made from exhaust fumes. Open this book to learn all about the cool, exciting (and sometimes quite strange!) inventions that could soon be part of normal life in the future!*



Age 7+



Fantastic book to spark discussions about the environment.



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# Bandola The Great Elephant Rescue

Written and Illustrated by William Grill

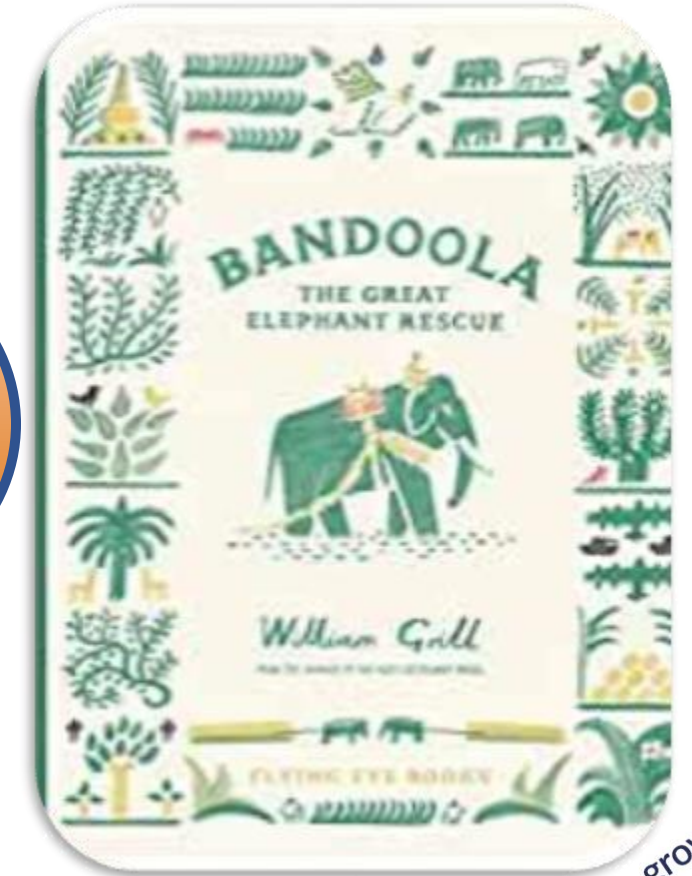
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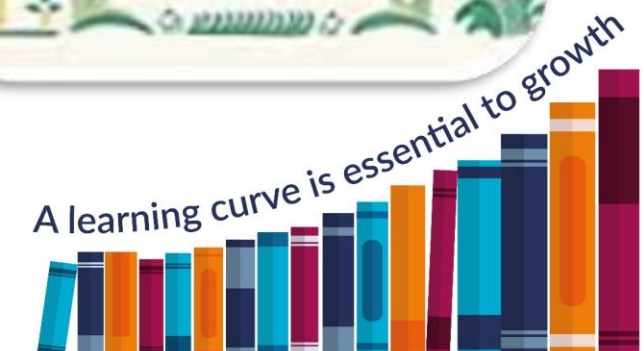
In this moving tale, based on a true story, stunning illustrations show the majesty of Myanmar's forests and mountains, the backdrop to a heart-warming tale about empathy between humans and animals. It explores the strength that can arise from working together, when the world is full of danger.



Age 6+



This incredible story also contains amazing facts about elephants.



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# Phoenix

Written by SF Said

Illustrated by Dave McKean

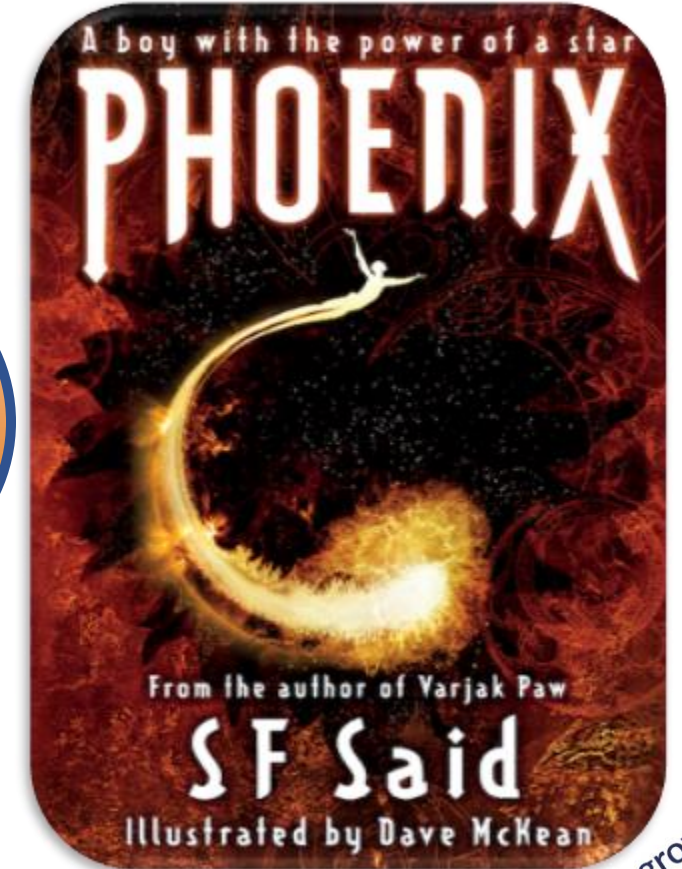
Lucky thinks he's an ordinary human boy but one night he dreams that the stars are singing to him. He wakes to find an uncontrollable power rising inside him! Now he's on the run, racing through space, searching for answers. In a galaxy at war, where humans and aliens are deadly enemies, the only people who can help him now are the Alien Starship Crew and an alien warrior girl, with neon needles in her hair...



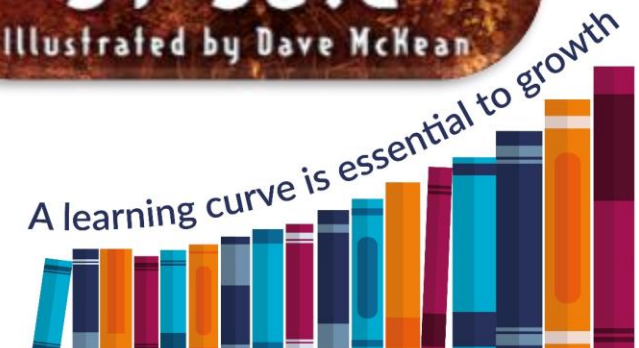
Age 9+

## English Hubs

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A great science fiction and STEM book





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# October, October

Written by Katya Balen

Illustrated by Angela  
Harding

## English Hubs

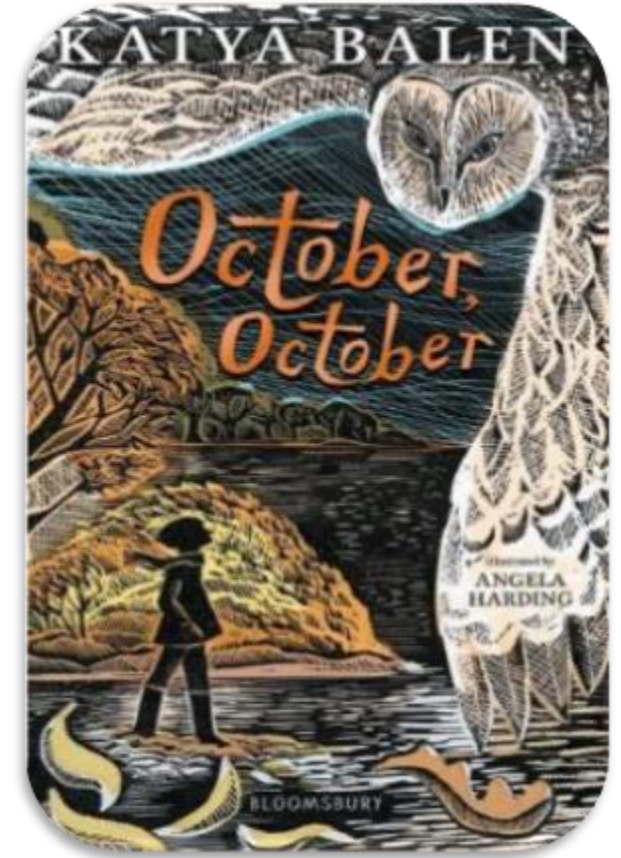
Witham St Hughs English Hub

Written in a heart-stoppingly beautiful style, this book is a feast for the senses, filled with the woodsmoke smell of crisp autumn mornings and the sound of wellies squelching in the river mud.

When October turns eleven, everything changes. Join October in this wonderful tale, as she fights to find the space to be wild in the whirling chaos of the world beyond the woods.



Age 9+



**If you are a fan of wildlife and wilderness, then this book is for you.**



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# Perfectly Norman

Written and Illustrated by Tom Percival

# English Hubs

Witham St Hughs English Hub

Norman had always been normal,  
*perfectly* normal, until the day he grew a  
pair of wings!

Norman was very surprised to suddenly  
have wings and he had the most fun  
ever trying them out high in the sky. But  
when he must go in for dinner he starts  
to worry. What will his parents think?

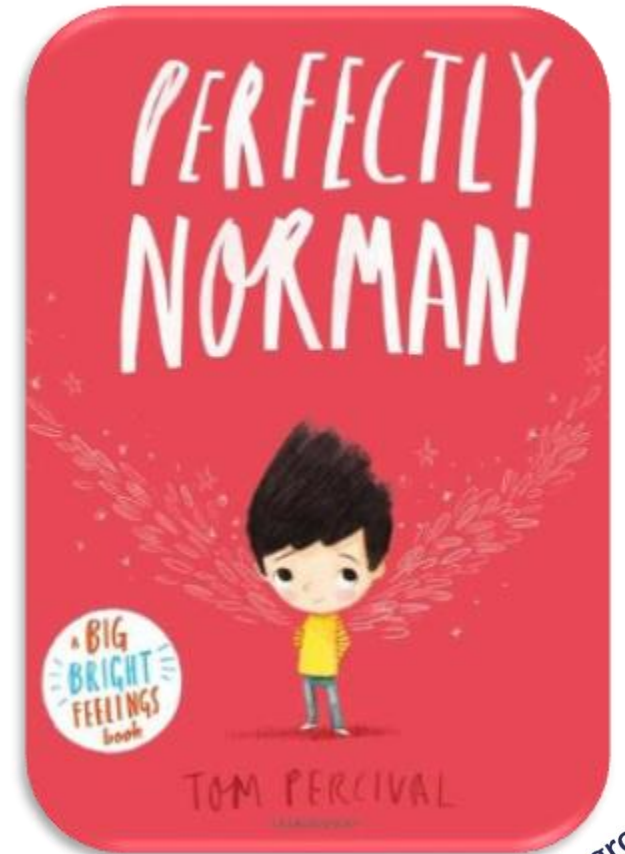
What will everyone else think?

Norman feels the safest plan is to cover  
his wings with a big coat. But hiding the  
thing that makes him different proves  
tricky and upsetting. Can Norman ever  
truly be himself?

A poignant yet uplifting story about  
individuality.



Age 5+





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# Everything Under the Sun

Written by Molly Oldfield

## English Hubs

Witham St Hughs English Hub

A curious question for everyday of the year.

This collection of 366 fascinating facts are accompanied by gorgeous illustrations. Whether you read a question a day, or dip into it whenever you are feeling curious, this is a book to treasure and share all year round.

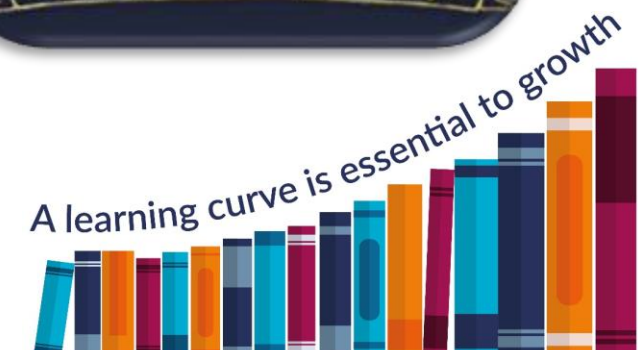
All the questions have been asked from children from around the world.



Age 4+



An award-winning podcast accompanies this book.



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# The Star-Spun Web

Written by Sinéad O'Hart

## English Hubs

Witham St Hughs English Hub

With her passion for scientific experimentation and her pet tarantula, Violet, Tess de Sousa is no ordinary orphan. When a stranger shows up at Ackerbee's Home for Lost and Foundlings, claiming to be a distant relative come to adopt her, Tess hopes to find some answers to her mysterious origins. But as she adjusts to her new life at Roedeer Lodge, it becomes clear that Norton F. Cleat knows more about Tess (and the strange device left with her when she was abandoned as a baby!) than he's letting on. It suddenly becomes clear that her guardian's interest in her is part of a terrible plan.



Age 8+



Check out Sinéad's other book *The Eye of the North*.



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# Happy to Be Me

Written and Illustrated by Emma Dodd

# English Hubs

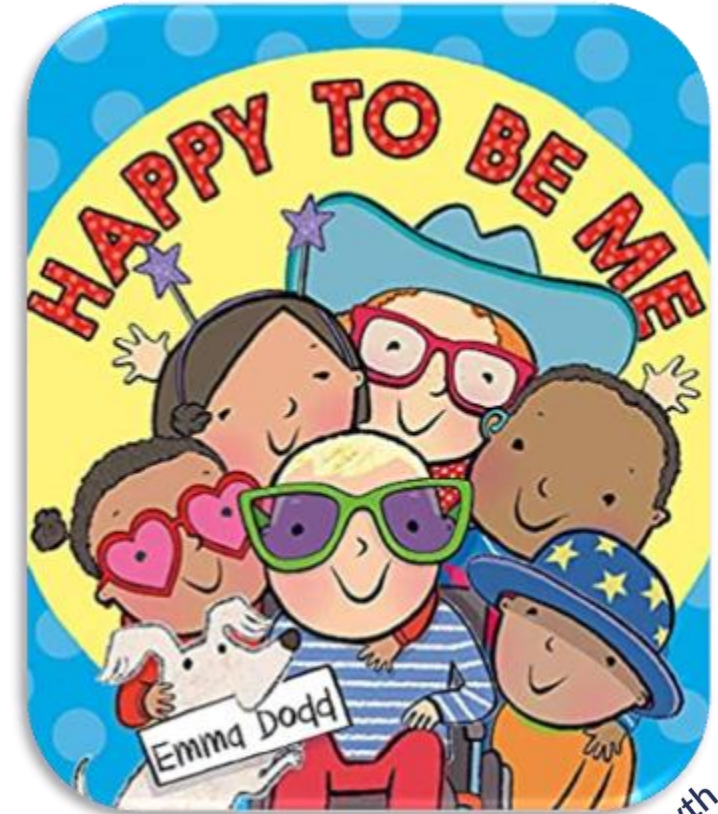
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Emma Dodd's simple, heartfelt story offers children and their parents a way of talking easily, and with gratitude, about their bodies and the wonderful things they can do. This is the perfect way to build **body confidence** and **self-esteem** in even the youngest children!

**Illustrated with a diverse cast of young friends, including a wheelchair-user, a child with a hearing aid and characters with glasses.**



Age 3+



Look out for other amazing books from Emma Dodd... I Love My series

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# Mokee Joe is Coming

Written by Peter J Murray

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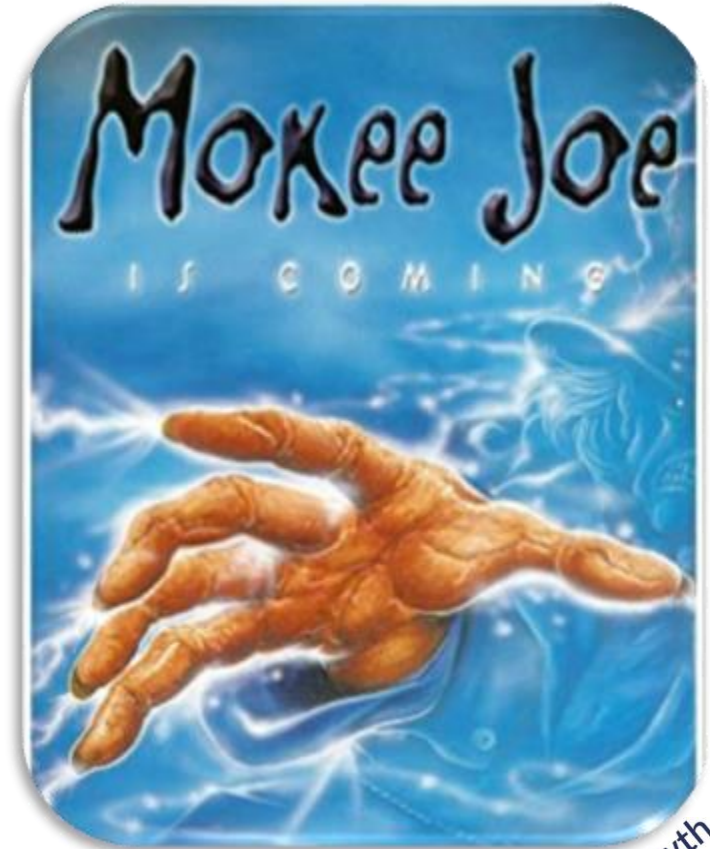
Nowhere is safe...

When Hudson receives the weird message Mokee Joe is coming, his life turns into a nightmare. Who is Mokee Joe? And What has Hudson done to make him so mad? There's only one course of action – Hudson must destroy this monster before it destroys him!

**A spooky, action packed adventure story. This will keep you on the edge of your seat with its twists, turns and dramatic cliffhangers.**



Age 7+





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# Is There Life on Your Nose? Meet the Microbes

Written by Christian Borstlap

They live inside and outside your body, as well as everywhere in the world: microbes! But what do you know about these microscopic creatures? This book reveals just how amazing they really are! It's high time you discover their 'invisible' world.

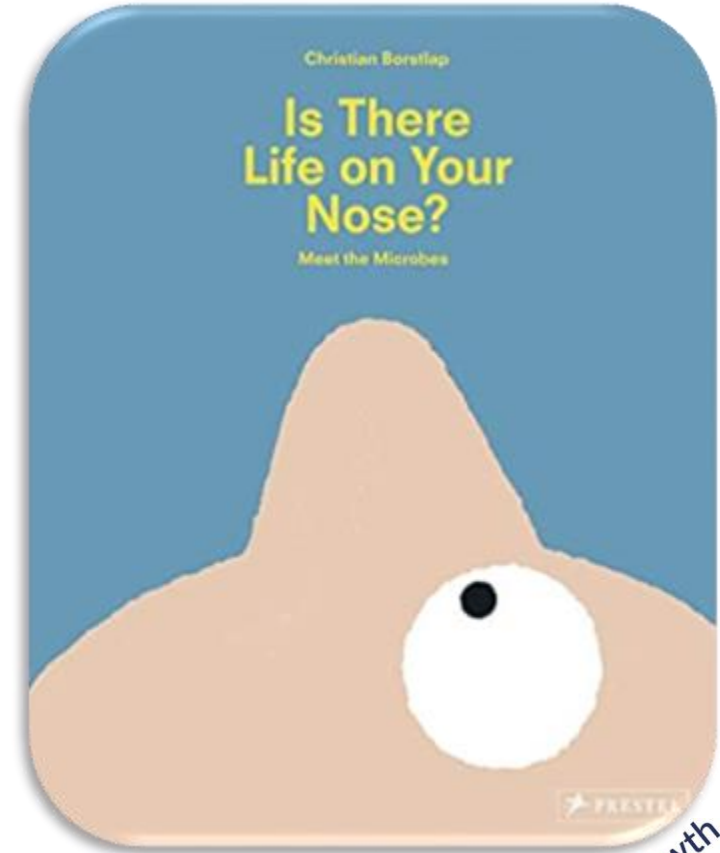
**An engaging insight into the wonderful complexities of microbes. Filled full of an abundance of fascinating facts.**



Age 5+

# English Hubs

Witham St Hughs English Hub



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# Wundersmith: The Calling of Morrigan Crow

Written by Jessica Townsend

**If you want to belong you have to  
believe...**

Morrigan Crow has escaped her deadly curse and joined the Wondrous Society – a place she can finally belong.

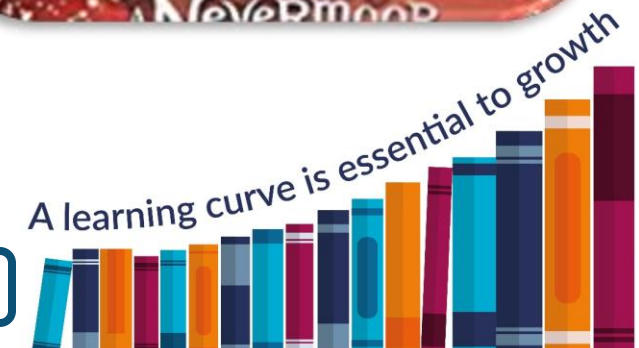
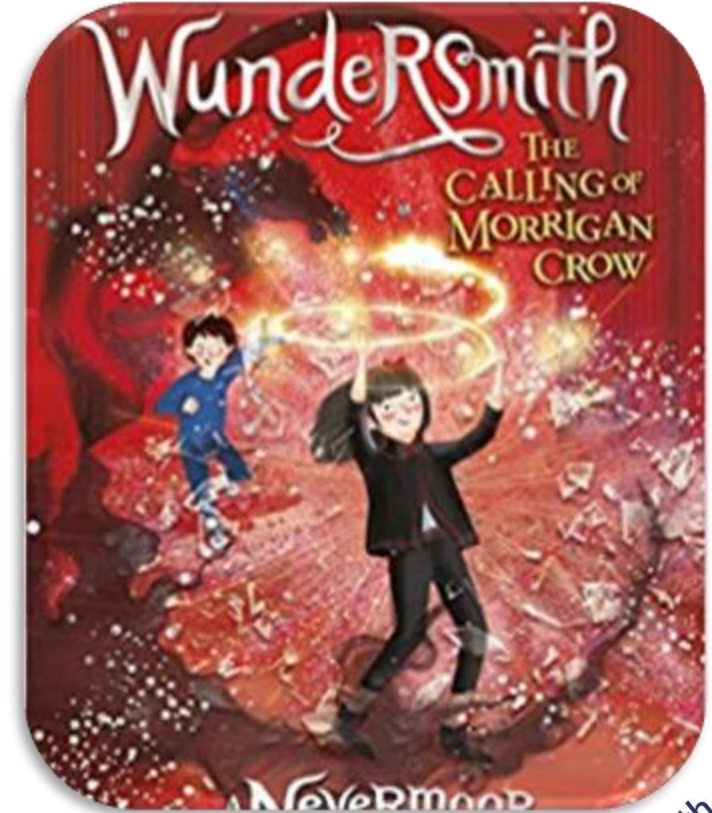
But the magical city of Nevermoor isn't the safe haven Morrigan imagined. Someone is poisoning her friends against her, society members are disappearing, and the evil Ezra Squall is determined to show Morrigan the true nature of Wunder, something that's become even harder to resist...



Age 9+

## English Hubs

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# Mabel and the Mountain

Written and illustrated by Kim Hillyard

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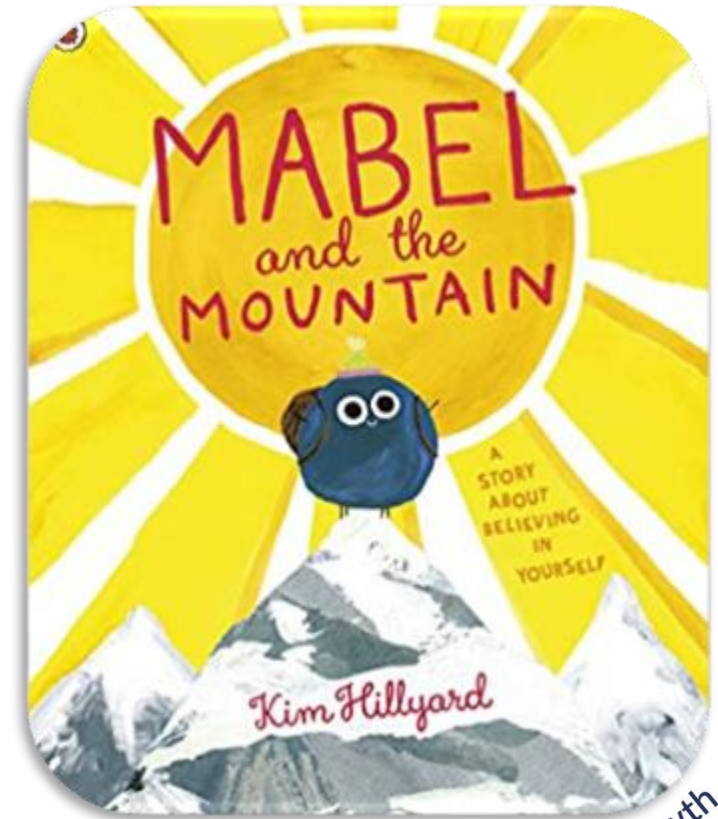
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Mabel may be small, but she has some BIG PLANS...  
Introducing the marvellous Mabel – and adventurous fly who dreams of climbing mountains.

**Such an inspiring story providing a positive message about the power of self belief. Mabel's resilience and perseverance to never give up on her dreams will provide inspiration to all ages. Even if you are small, you can still make big plans and achieve them!**



Age 4+



Look out for Kim's other book: Ned and the Great Garden Hamster Race.



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# Kid Normal and the Shadow Machine

Written by Gregg James and Chris Smith

You don't need superpowers to be a hero... or do you?

Despite having new powers, Murph Cooper is part of the best team in the Heroes' Alliance. So, when supervillain Magpie declares all-out war, **Kid Normal** and the Super Zeroes lead the charge.

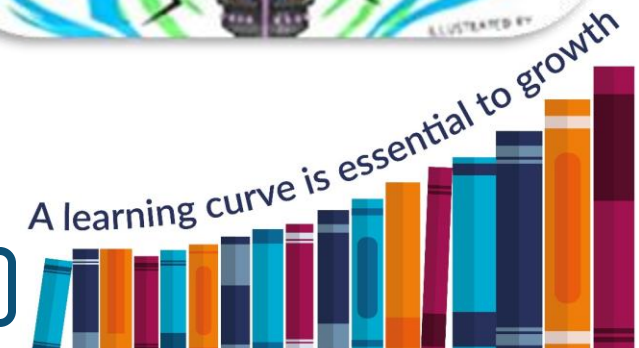
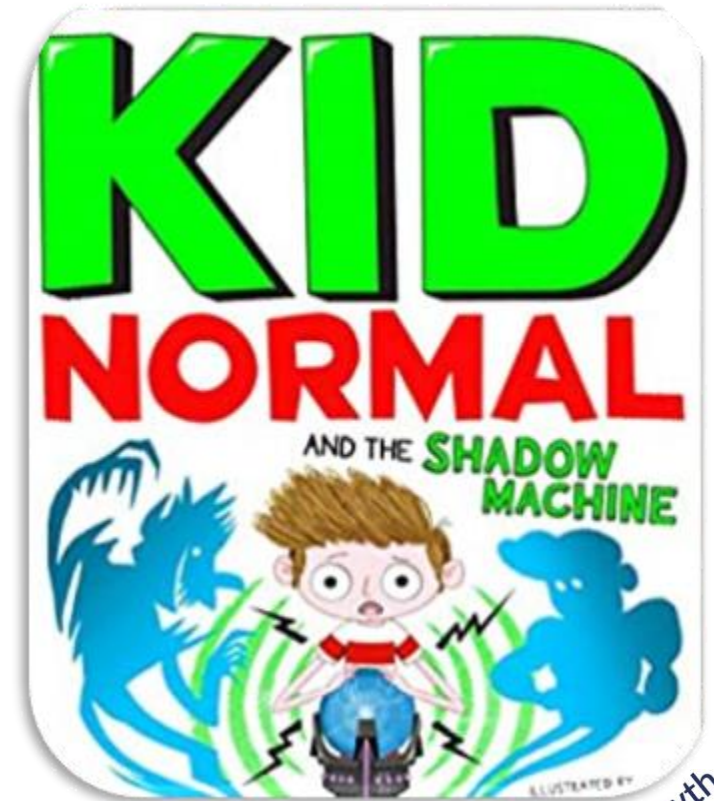
But **Magpie** believes that a powerless hero is no hero at all. And he's building a dastardly device to prove it.

**A fast-paced, laugh-out-loud adventure with entertaining characters.**



Age 8+

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Witham St Hughs English Hub



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# It's a No-Money Day

Written and Illustrated by Kate Milner

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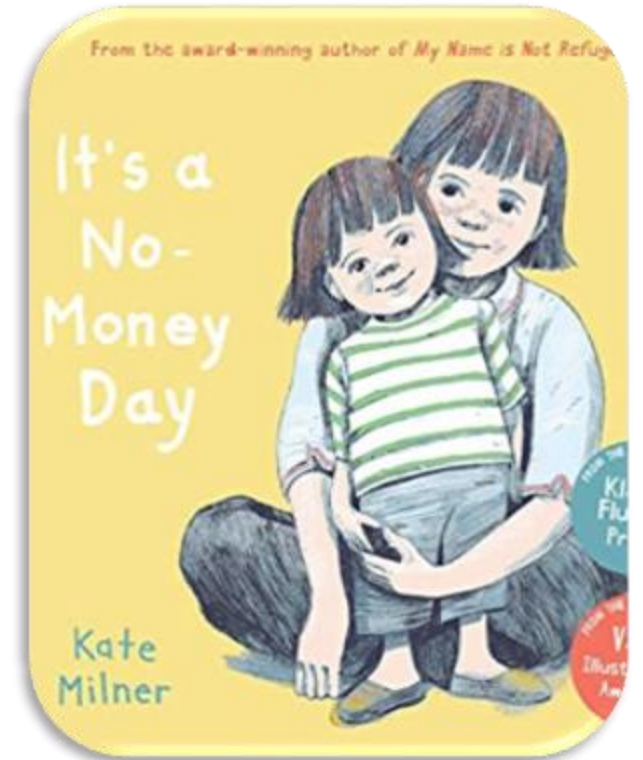
My mum works really hard and knows lots of fun things to do that don't cost any money. But when there's nothing left in the cupboards, we have to go to the foodbank.

Maybe one day things will be different...

**An emotive, poignant story. This book gently and subtly introduces the subject of foodbanks and poverty. Such a thought-provoking book for sparking discussion.**



Age 3+



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# Sky Song

Written by Abi Elphinstone

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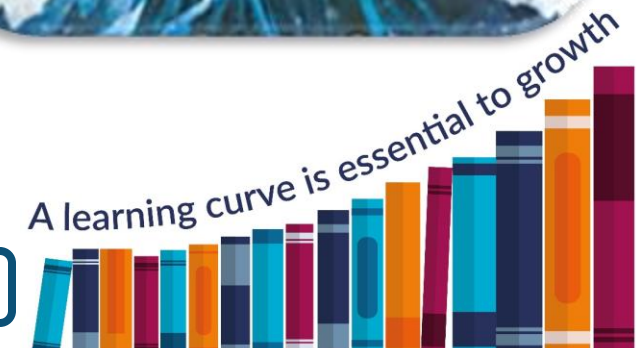
**"Once an adventure digs its claws in, there is not an awful lot you can do about it. Especially when magic is involved..."**

In the snowy kingdom of **ERKENWALD**, whales glide between icebergs, wolves hunt on the tundra and polar bears roam the glaciers. But the people of this land aren't so easy to find – because Erkenwald is ruled by an evil Ice Queen and the tribes must stay hidden or risk becoming her prisoners at the Winterfang Palace.

**With an underlying message of belonging, this magical, action-packed story is certain to have you hooked from the start.**



Age 8+





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# Wisp: A Story of Hope

Written by Zana Fraillon and illustrated by Grahame Baker-Smith

## English Hubs

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One day, a Wisp flew in on the evening wind. Dust rose up in swarms around it, feet trampled it into the dirt but nobody noticed it. Nobody, except Idris.

**A wisp can be a memory before refugee camps or a promise of things to come. Most of all it means hope. A heart-warming, uplifting story full of beautiful illustrations.**



Age 3+



Look out for Zana's other award-winning book... The Curiosities.

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# The Explorer

Written by Katherine Rundell

## English Hubs

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When a plane crashes in the middle of the Amazon Rainforest only four children make it out alive. They soon realise they need to work together if they are going to survive. A series of exciting adventures await them. Will a hidden treasure map lead them out of the rainforest and home?

**A wonderful story about resilience, self-discovery and love. Katherine's beautifully descriptive writing style will have you immersed in the Amazon landscape and not wanting the story to end.**



Age 8+



Look out for Katherine's other books: Rooftoppers and The Wolf Wilder.



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# The Giant Jumperee

Written by Julia Donaldson and illustrated by Helen Oxenbury

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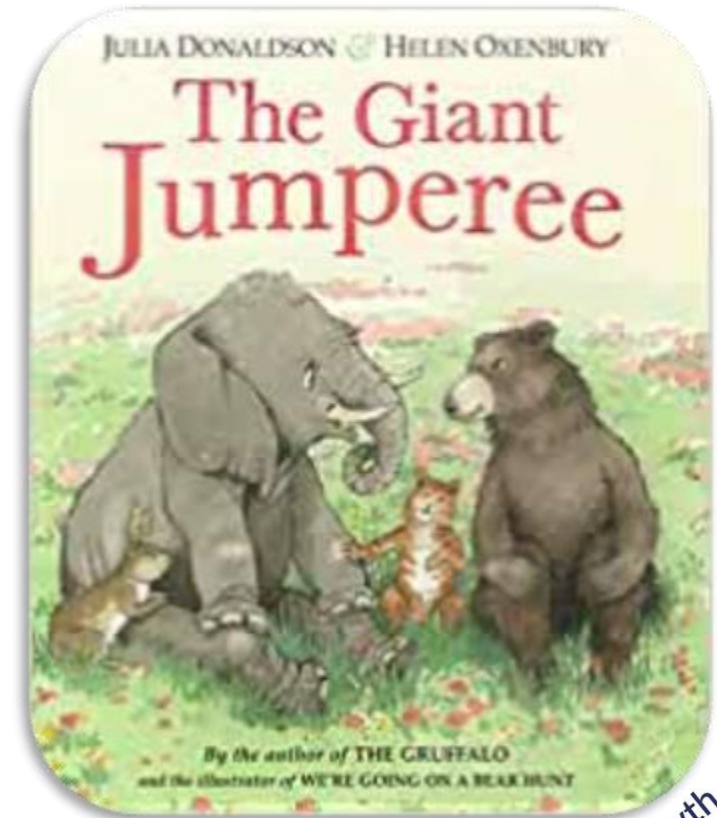
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There's a scary Giant Jumperee  
hiding in Rabbit's burrow.  
**"I'm the GIANT JUMPEREE and I'm  
as scary as can be!"**  
Rabbit enlists the help of her much  
larger friends to get the Giant  
Jumperee out of her burrow.

**With the beautiful illustrations  
we've come to love from Helen  
Oxenbury and the wonderful  
rhyming verse associated with Julia  
Donaldson, this book is an  
absolute delight and will be  
enjoyed by all ages.**



Age 3+



A great read for fans of Stick Man and We're Going on a Bear Hunt.



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# When the Sky Falls

Written by Phil Earle

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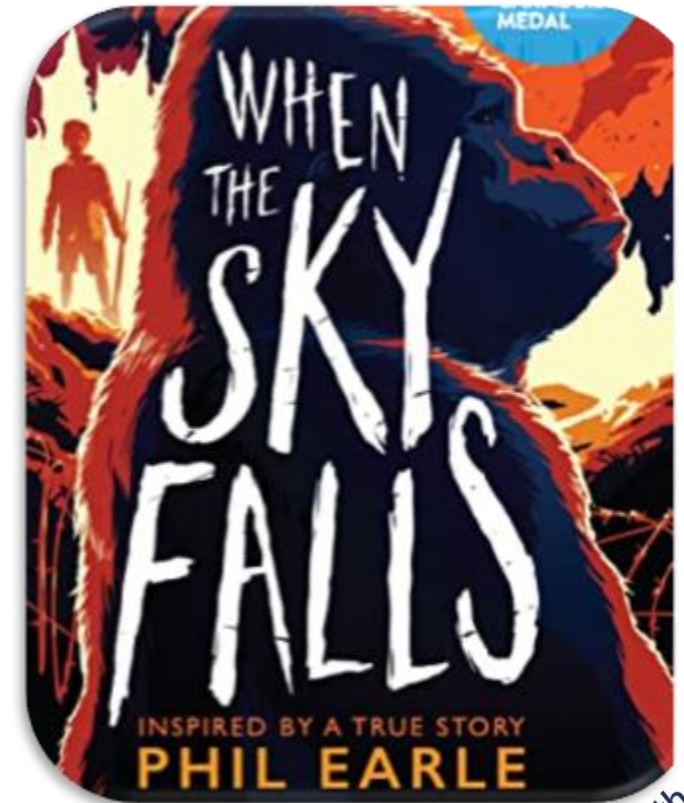
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It's 1941, all over the country children are being evacuated from the cities to the countryside. Yet, Joseph has been sent from the relative safety of rural Yorkshire into the melee of the Blitz in London. He arrives an angry, deeply troubled 12 year old, but after befriending Adonis the gorilla, he gradually learns to trust and conquer his demons.

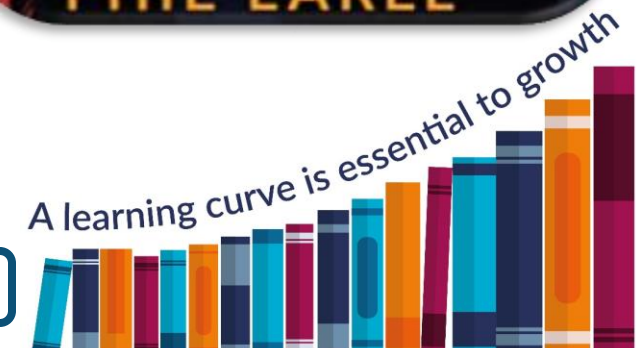
**Phil writes with a depth of emotion which immerses you deep within Joseph's story and wartime London.**



Age 10+



A must read for fans of Michael Morpurgo books and Goodnight Mister Tom.



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# Luna Loves Library Day

Written by Joseph Coelho and Illustrated by Fiona Lumbers

## English Hubs

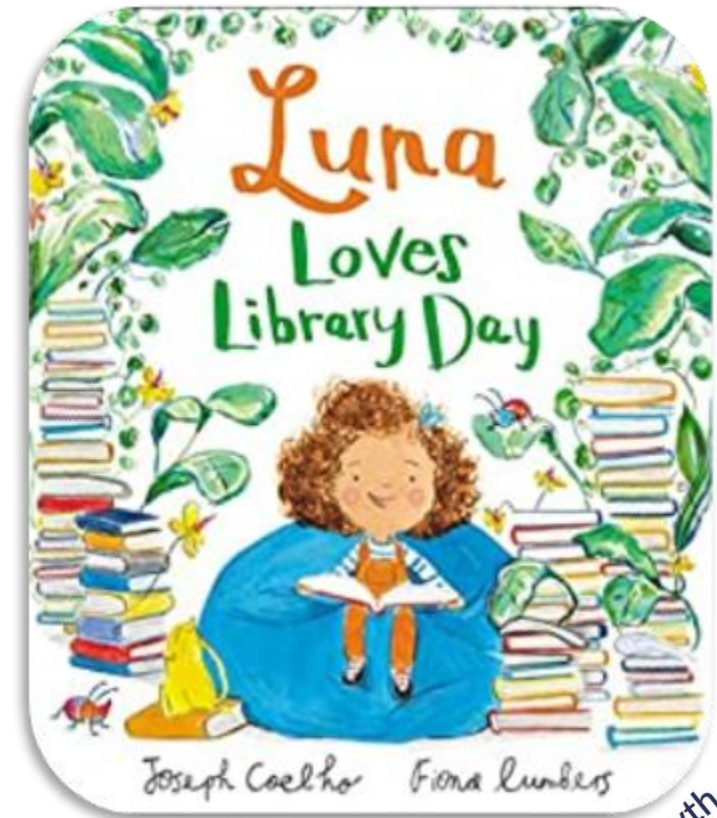
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Follow Luna on her journey through her local library as she discovers book after book with her Dad. A book about magic tricks, a book full of adventures and many more make it into her library bag.

**A wonderful book, full of the joy and excitement finding a new book can bring. How sharing a book can spark old memories or create new adventures to explore together.**



Age 3+



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# Little People, Big Dreams: Coco Chanel

Written by M<sup>a</sup> Isabel Sanchez Vegara and  
Illustrated by Anna Albero

Gabrielle Chanel grew up in an orphanage, following the death of her mother. It was there she learnt to sew and dream about the ideas that would make her one of the most famous fashion designers, Coco Chanel.

**A fantastic book that will encourage readers of all ages to keep trying and pursue their ambitions.**



Age 4+

**English Hubs**  
Witham St Hughs English Hub



Look out for other amazing books in the Little People, Big Dreams series.





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# How Does Chocolate Taste on Everest?

Written by Leisa Stewart-Sharpe and Illustrated by Aaron Cushley

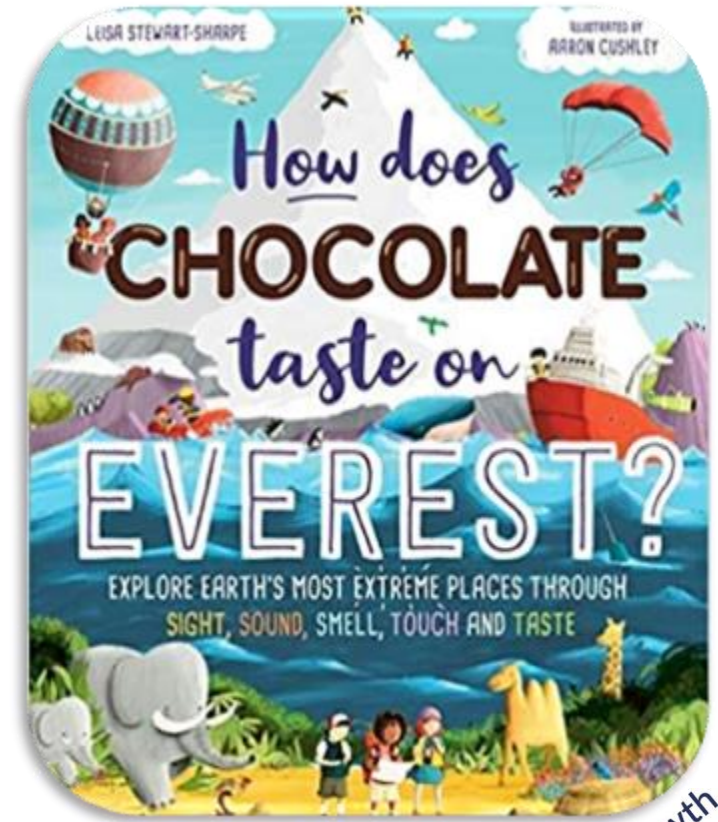
Are you ready for the journey of a lifetime? Pack your rucksack for an expedition around the world. Explore some of the most exciting places in the world using your all your senses.

**A perfect book to inspire young people about the magnificence of the world around them. Captivating illustrations engage the reader every step of the way.**



Age 6+

**English Hubs**  
Witham St Hughs English Hub



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# Mixed

Written and illustrated by Arree Chung

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In the beginning, there were three colours living together side by side.

Until one day, Red declared

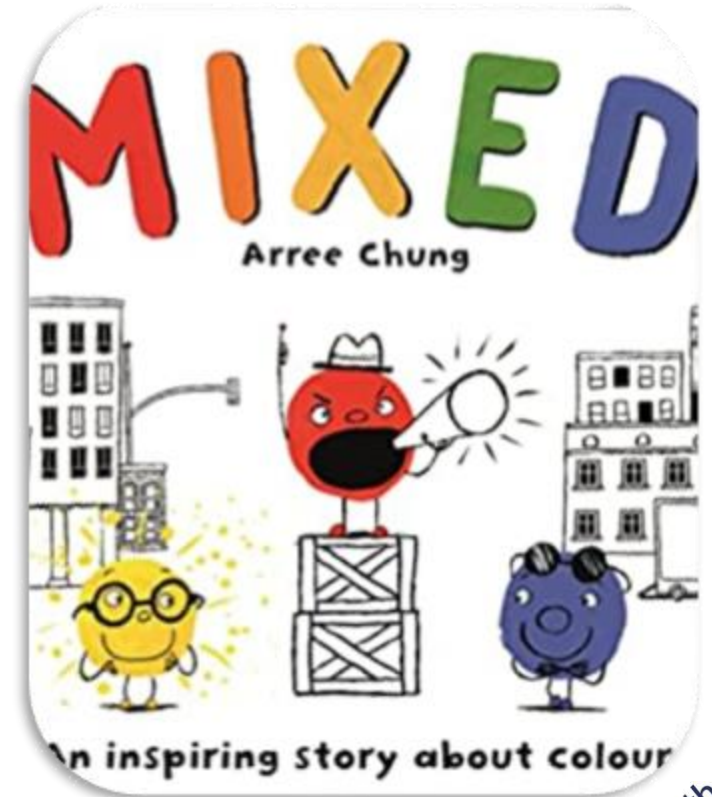
**"Red's are the best!"**

They continued to argue and decided to live separately. Will the blossoming love between Blue and Yellow unite the colours again?

**A wonderfully witty, subtle and sensitive way of introducing the concept of celebrating different races and accepting everyone for who they are.**



Age 1+



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# This Rock That Rock

Written by Dom Conlon and Illustrated by Viviane Schwarz

Have you ever given space much thought? This collection of poems enables you to explore space, your imagination, and your emotions via the use of many poetic forms, including haiku, sonnets, acrostics, shapes, short poems, and long poems.

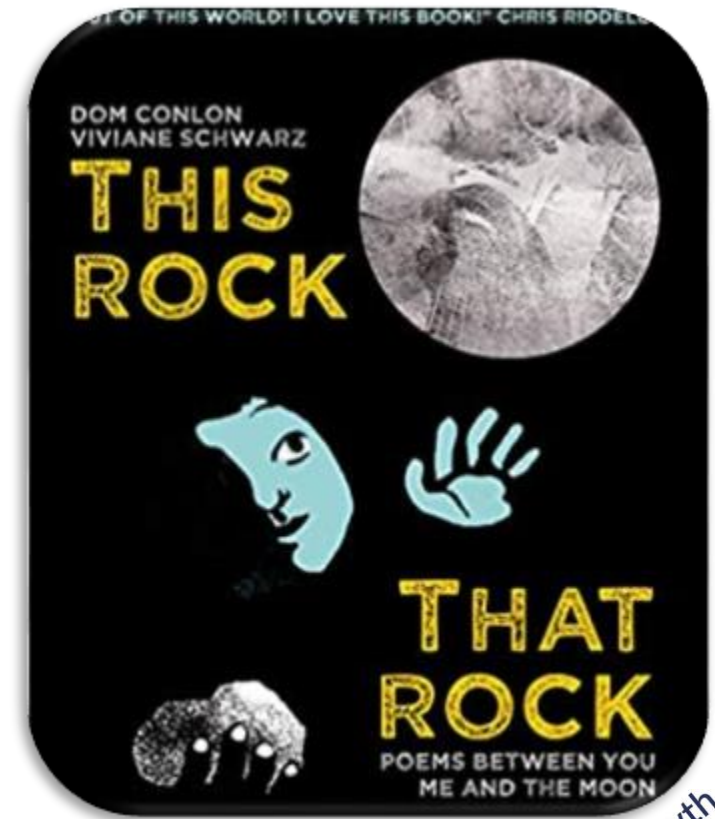
**A witty and thought provoking array of fantastic space themed poems. Not just a book of poems, Dom and Viviane together engage the reader, encouraging and guiding them to create their own too.**



Age 7+

## English Hubs

Witham St Hughs English Hub



Hungry for more space related stories? Read Dom's book How to Pee in Zero G.





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# Dare

Written by Lorna Gutierrez and Illustrated by Polly Noakes

## English Hubs

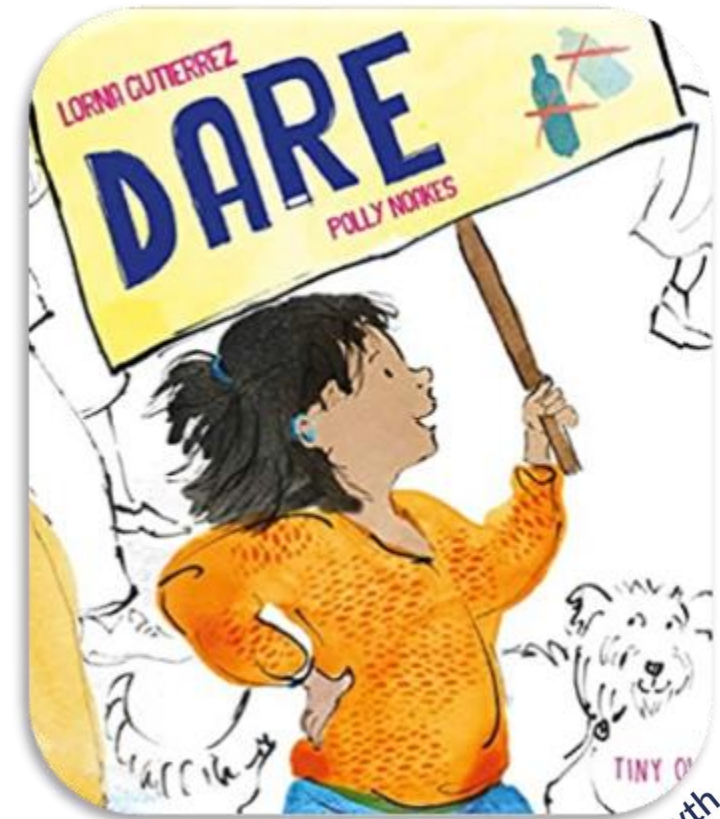
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A delightful poem about children daring to challenge themselves and encouraging others to do the same, no matter how big or small. Dare to be who you truly are.

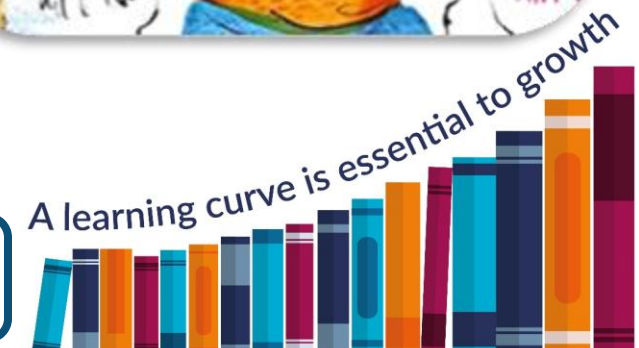
**A motivational poem showing that you can make a difference.**  
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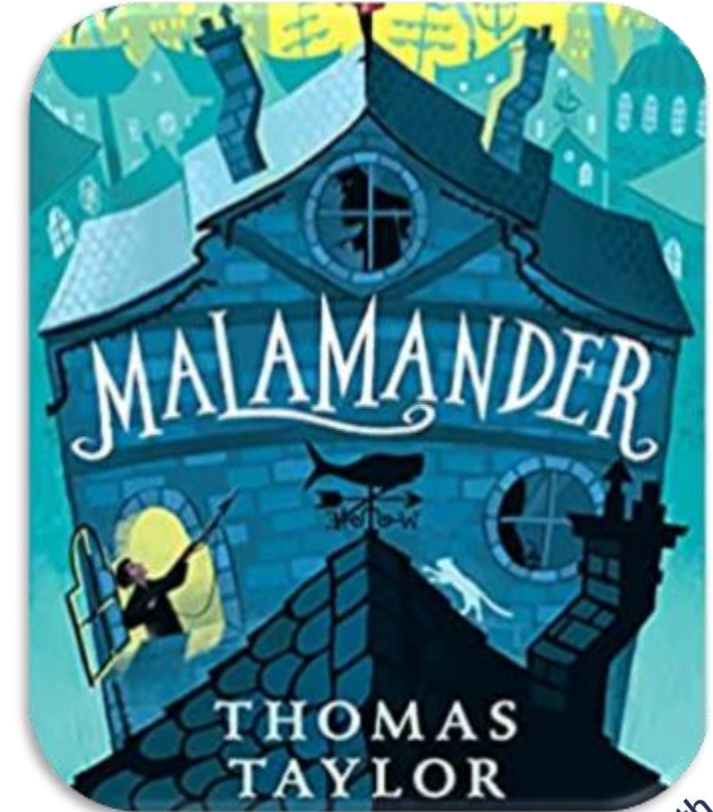
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