Newtown C of E Primary School

RECOMMENDED READS

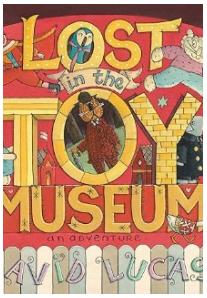


Year 1

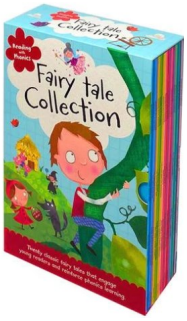
Autumn 2 2026

Classic and Modern Fiction

One night, when the lights go out at the toy museum, everyone runs off and hides. Left all on his own, Bunting, the sensible old toy cat, sets out to look for them. As he follows the trail of clues through the museum, the normally reserved Bunting learns how to have fun in this affectionate picture book.

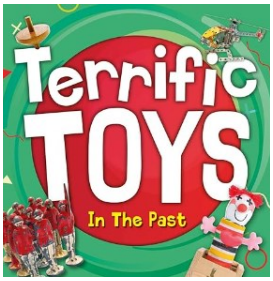


Find your own happily ever after when it comes to phonics with 20 classic fairy tales. This slipcase full of fairy tales includes retellings of Jack and the Beanstalk, Puss in Boots and The Princess and the Pea.. Every fairy tale has a focus sound and once children have read them all they will have a comprehensive library for building up their phonic knowledge.

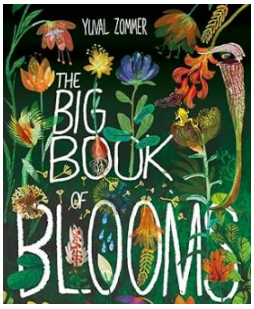


Non-Fiction

This clever book shows that Toys are terrific fun to play with! But have you ever wondered what your toy truck was made of? What about how your doll might have been different 100 years ago? Explore the magic behind the toys you love in this wonderful series!



Introduces children to all kinds of colourful, carnivorous, weird and wonderful flowering plants from around the world. It opens with introductory spreads on how to be a botanist; how to recognise different types of flowers; the life-cycle of a plant; flower anatomy; and the seven types of animal pollinators including bats, birds and beetles. Subsequent spreads, illustrated within various habitats, are dedicated to specific varieties of plants, including the carnivorous Venus flytrap, the giant water lily and the weird and wonderful corpse flower.

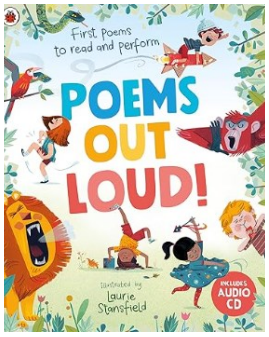


Poetry

From rockets to mermaids and everything in between, there's something for everyone in this diverse and contemporary collection.

These poems can be performed out loud, shared with others or simply read in your head. Featuring award-winning poets, brand new voices, hip-hop artists and spoken-word performers, this is a wonderfully fresh, diverse and relevant new anthology that will get children laughing, thinking, sharing and performing!

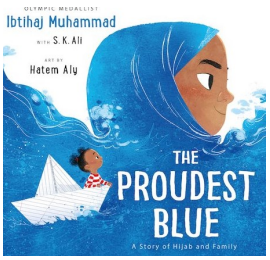
With gorgeous illustrations by Laurie Stansfield, and an accompanying CD that features performances from the poets themselves.







Emotions, Relationships and Diversity



A ground-breaking picture book about religion, sisterhood and identity, Asiya's hijab is like the ocean and the sky, no line between them, saying hello with a loud wave. It's Faizah's first day of school, and her older sister Asiya's first day of hijab – made of a beautiful blue fabric. But not everyone sees hijab as beautiful. In the face of hurtful, confusing words, will Faizah find new ways to be strong? This is an uplifting, universal story of new experiences, the unbreakable bond shared by siblings and of being proud of who you are, from Olympic medallist Ibtihaj Muhammad. 'Stark, spiky silhouettes suggest the impact of casual unkindness, while strong, simple poetic language evokes Asiya's calm determination to ignore intolerance.