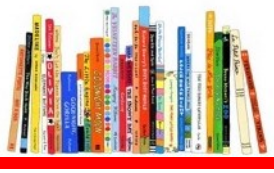
Newtown C of E Primary School

RECOMMENDED READS



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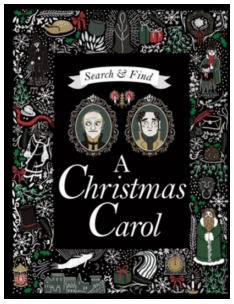
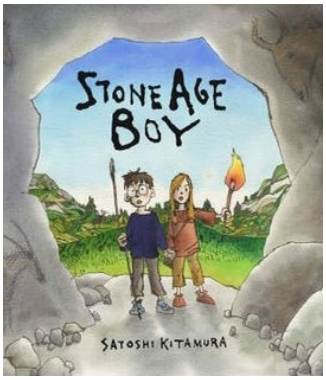
Classic and Modern Fiction



Beginning with a summary of Dickens' famous story, this search and find book takes the reader through the different stages in A Christmas Carol – the arrival of the three ghosts, the Fezziwig's party, Scrooge seeing his own death, the morning of Christmas Day and the change of Scrooge from mean old man to generous, loving benefactor. On each double page spread we get a summary of the events so far, and ten things to look for in the picture.

Non-Fiction

How would it feel to trip over one day and fall into a world that existed 20,000 years ago? Well, that's exactly what happens to the young boy in this book. Far from being distressed by his experience, he makes friends with a young girl and is welcomed into her family camp where he learns how to make fire, make tools, hunt, cook and prepare animal skins - all with implements made of wood, stone and bone. The highlight of his stay is a trip to some distant caves where he sees some amazing cave paintings, meets a ferocious bear....and falls back into the twenty first century! This beautifully illustrated book is packed with fascinating facts about the Stone Age, presented in an accessible and interesting way. Added features include a time line and cave painting style endpapers.



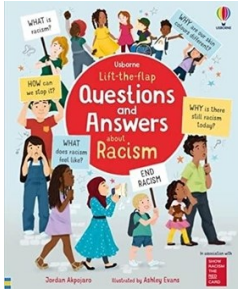
Poetry

This stunning collection of 20 poems explores and celebrates nature, from forests and rivers to gorillas, mollusc shells and even mud. As the introduction points out, poetry can spark interest in things simply through interesting phrasing – such as an otter being an 'underwater thunderbolter' or moss 'a blessing on the forest'. These poems pose questions – does the butterfly miss being a caterpillar? Who swirled the whorls of a shell? – that will make the reader consider nature differently and truly engage with the words on the page.

There are dreamy, beautiful poems, funny and silly poems, and everything in between. Some rhyme and oth-



Emotions, Relationships and Diversity



Split into eight sections, this addition to Usborne's appealing lift-the-flap nonfiction series of books tackles a weighty and yet important issue: racism.

Straightforward and factual in tone, Questions and Answers about Racism begins with flaps that explain succinctly what racism is, what it feels and looks like, and what terms such as ethnicity and heritage mean. Next, it moves onto some 'why?' questions, such as why people move to different places, why our skin colours are different and why not everyone understands racism.