

Celebrate Kindness Booklist

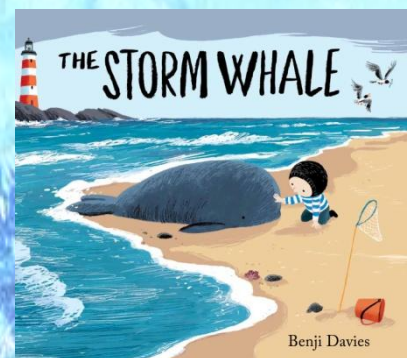
Celebrate acts of kindness and share a culture of anti-bullying using these book recommendations shared by teachers including CLPE staff.

Inspired by Kindness Day 2015 - an initiative created by Anti-Bullying Ambassadors and partnered by Penguin Random House which engages adults and children around the world to celebrate and spread kindness in their schools, workplaces and communities - these books will appeal to primary children in Foundation Stage, KS1 and KS2. Featured on this list is the bestselling novel *Wonder* by R J Palacio, a story of kindness, acceptance and friendship which inspired the creation of Kindness Day.

Foundation Stage

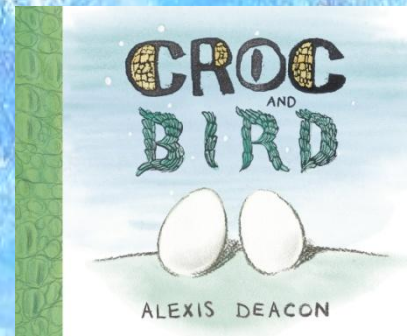
***The Storm Whale* by Benji Davies**
Simon & Schuster 9781471115684

Noi lives a self-sufficient life with his dad by the sea in an isolated home reminiscent of the fishing huts at Hastings. One day he finds a little whale washed up on the sand and takes tender care of it until his dad persuades him that they need to return it to its aquatic home. The picture where they do this is especially striking. Two small figures are side by side clad in yellow coats and sou'westers in a tiny fishing boat on a wide and choppy sea, with the whale's tail seemingly waving farewell to them.



***Croc and Bird* by Alexis Deacon**
Red Fox 9780099451228

Croc and Bird hatch out from eggs lying side by side on the sand and assume that they are brothers. They nurture and shelter each other but the day comes when they realise that they are not brothers after all. Will they follow nature's course or allow the behaviour they have learned from each other and the interdependency of their early lives to influence what happens?



Alexis Deacon is a Power of Pictures author/illustrator. Find out more about the project here

***Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers**
HarperCollins 9780007150366

This endearing picture book begins with the simple statement 'Once there was a boy and one day he found a penguin at his door.' His anxiety that the penguin seems to be lost leads the boy to find a way to return his friend to the South Pole, only to discover that the reason for the penguin's sadness is not what he supposed at all. In the wide, well-designed pages, the focus is entirely on the central figures of the boy and the penguin.



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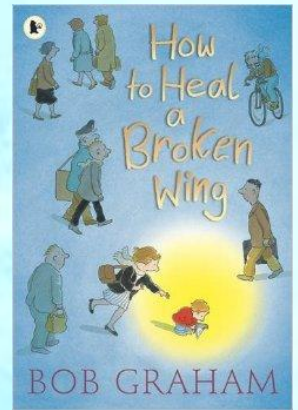
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Key Stage 1

***How to Heal a Broken Wing* by Bob Graham**

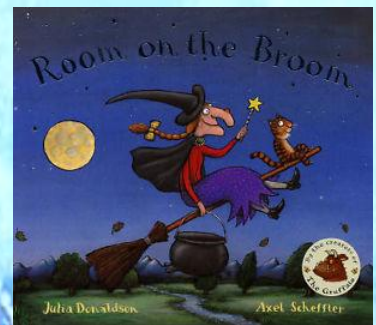
Walker 9781406325492

This story of how an injured bird is found on a city street and cared for by a small boy is told with the minimum of words but using wonderfully expressive illustrations in a layout which uses comic strip conventions. The message about caring for other creatures and helping to restore their freedom is beautifully conveyed in pictures in which the eye is skilfully drawn to the most significant elements.



***Room on the Broom* by Julia Donaldson. Illustrated by Axel Scheffler**
Macmillan 9780333903384

A witch takes several animals that have helped her find lost things up on her broom as passengers. In a climactic moment, the frog jumps for joy and the broomstick snaps in two, putting the witch in unexpected danger. With the aid of the witch's companions, a resolution is reached in this rollicking rhyme.

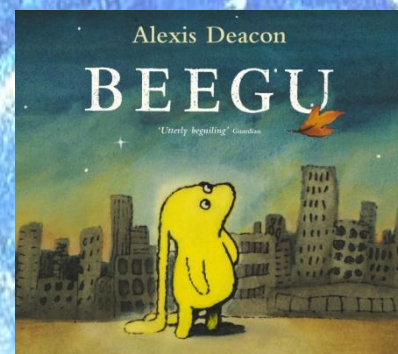


Hear and see Julia Donaldson performing poetry on Poetryline [here](#).

***Beegu* by Alexis Deacon**

Red Fox 9780099417446

A small creature from outer space lands on Earth accidentally. She finds the Earth creatures unfeeling and unfriendly, until she finds a box of unwanted puppies, and then a school playground full of small creatures who 'seemed hopeful'. Empathy is evoked by both the brief text and the distinctive illustrations which portray Beegu against the background of a stark and empty urban landscape.



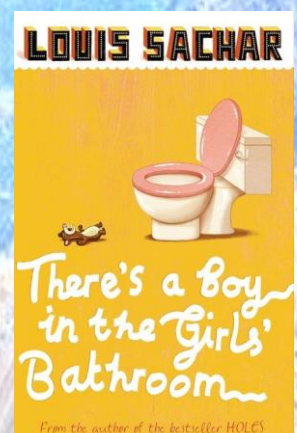
A free teaching sequence is available for Beegu. Download it from [here](#).

Key Stage 2

***There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom* by Louis Sachar**

Bloomsbury 9780747589525

Bradley Chalkers is the boy no-one wants to sit next to in class. His only friends are a collection of animal ornaments in which he confides. When he visits Carla, the new school counsellor, Bradley's life starts to change in this tender and funny story.



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Wonder by R J Palacio

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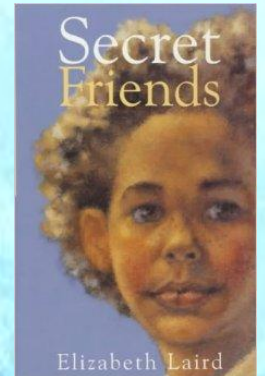
Ten year old August is going to school for the first time. His mother has home schooled him up till now because he has a congenital facial disfigurement. How will he cope day to day? How will other children respond to him? Will they be able to see beyond his outward appearance? This moving and ultimately uplifting novel tells the story of August's first school year switching between his own voice and those of people significant to him during that time.



Secret Friends by Elizabeth Laird. Illustrated by Jason Cockcroft

Hodder 9780340664735

Tragedy strikes unexpectedly in this well-written short novel that deals sensitively with the serious subject of bullying amongst girls. The themes of loyalty and the sometimes negative influences of peer pressure could provoke much fruitful discussion.

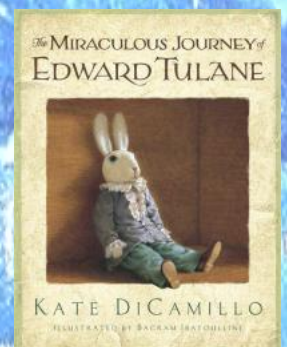


Elizabeth Laird will be running a workshop called *Seeing Yourself in Stories* at the This is Reading conference. Find out more about the conference [here](#).

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo. Illustrated by Bagram Ibatoulline

Walker 9781406360660

Edward Tulane is a much-loved china rabbit who falls overboard on a sea voyage, and there follows a picaresque narrative in which our hero falls into many different hands, learning to love as well as being loved on the way, until he reaches a satisfying conclusion to his journey. The illustrations add to the air of a reinvented old-fashioned story.

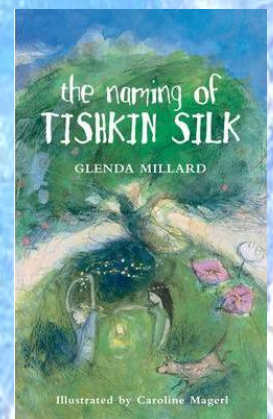


The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane is a Power of Reading recommended text. Find out more about the project [here](#).

The Naming of Tishkin Silk by Glenda Millard Illustrated by Caroline Magerl

Phoenix Yard 9781907912245

The first title in a series of short novels known as the Kingdom of Silk by Australian writer Glenda Millard. She has a genius for letting the plot unfold so that the reader gradually comes to an interpretation of what is going on and an understanding of the characters and their motives. Griffin and his five older sisters, known as the Rainbow Girls, are part of a loving and welcoming family who are not afraid to behave unconventionally and show their feelings. The stories deal with emotional subjects in ways which touch the heartstrings but avoid false sentimentality.



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Some other great suggestions from teachers received via Twitter:

Norris the Bear who Shared by Catherine Rayner

The Present by Bob Gill

The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein

The Smartest Giant in Town by Julia Donaldson

Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister

The Lost Thing by Shaun Tan

Love Monster and the Last Chocolate by Rachel Bright

Cowboys Can be Kind (Marvellous Manners) by Timothy Knapman and Jimothy Oliver

I Want a Friend by Tony Ross

What Friends Do Best by Jonathan Emmett

The Key That Swallowed Joey Pigza (Joey Pigza 5) by Jack Gantos and David Tazzyman



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