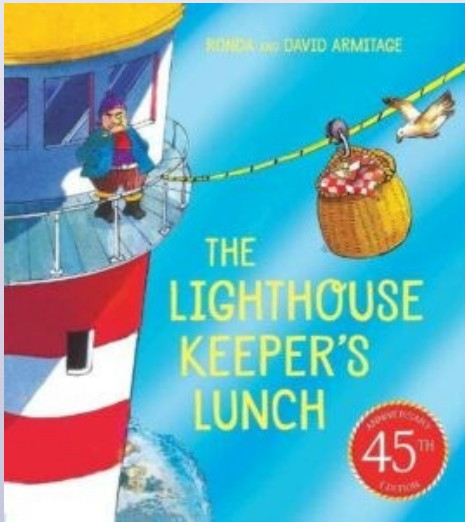




# EYFS Book Recommendations



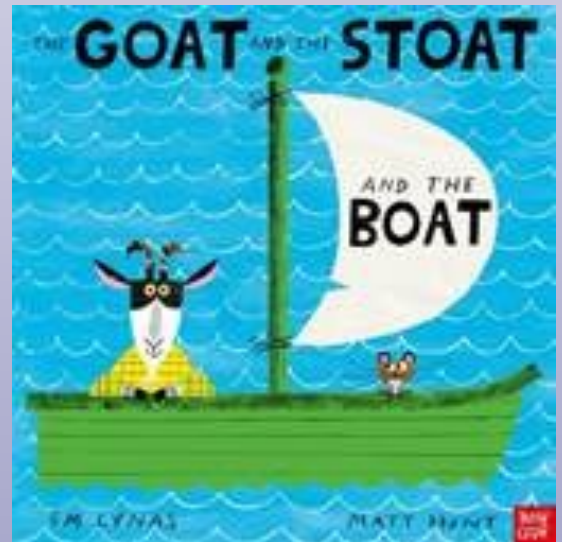
## The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch by Ronda Armitage

A classic picture book featuring the story of the lighthouse keeper Mr. Grinling and his attempts to receive his lunch before it is eaten by the pesky seagull.

## The Goat the Stoat and the Boat by Em Lynas

This brilliantly fun picture book is a rollicking adventure involving a stoat, a boat, and a goat in a fancy yellow coat.

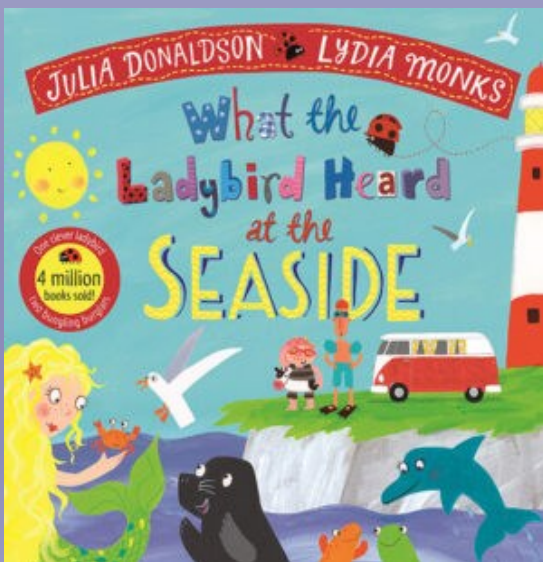
Stoat is floating in his favourite boat until he is disturbed by a goat who rather fancies a float in the boat! But Stoat is not at all happy – this is Stoat's boat and it's certainly no place for a goat! A chaotic and wibbly wobbly battle begins as Goat tries everything possible to climb aboard Stoat's boat. Can Goat and Stoat stay afloat? More importantly, can Goat and Stoat find room for them both?



## What the Ladybird Heard at the Seaside by Julia Donaldson

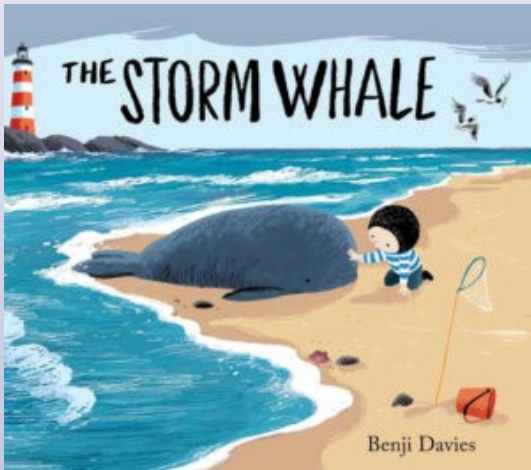
The What the Ladybird Heard series is a huge favourite amongst pre-schoolers, parents and teachers. With everything from farm animals and minibeasts to sneaky crooks and fantastic lilted rhymes, this brightly illustrated story from national treasure Julia Donaldson is a clear winner for story times in the Early Years.

In this story, the loveable ladybird takes a trip to the seaside and outwits the baddies once again in a shimmering adventure involving a mermaid, a host of sea creatures and a beautiful coastal setting.





# Key Stage 1 Book Recommendations



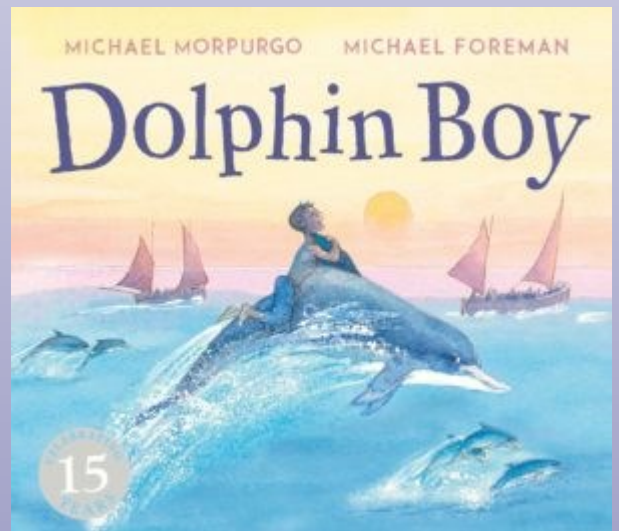
## The Storm Whale by Benji Davis

Noi lives by the sea with his fisherman father and life there can feel pretty lonely sometimes. When Noi discovers a little whale washed up on the beach, he takes it home to care for it in his bath tub. But there are two problems; the first is that keeping it a secret from his dad will be tougher than he thinks and the second is that whales really belong in the depths of the sea.

## Dolphin Boy by Michael Morpurgo

A longer illustrated story from Michael Morpurgo and illustrated by Michael Foreman, all about a boy from a Cornish fishing village who helps a beached dolphin find its way back into the sea.

This heart-warming story tells of the special bond between children and animals, which is characterised by unconditional love and loyalty.



## Beside the Seaside: Seaside Holidays Then and Now

An introduction to the history and geography of life beside the seaside. This non-fiction book compares what it would have been like to go on holiday to the seaside in the past with modern seaside holidays today. Readers are encouraged to explore what has changed and what has stayed the same, including the places we stay, beach activities and the clothes we wear.

# Key Stage 2 Book Recommendations

## The Boy Who Made Monsters by Jenny Pearson



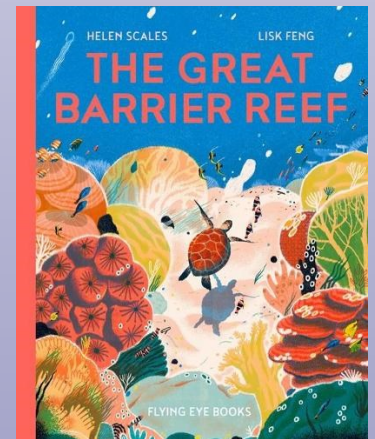
A one-of-a-kind tale of love, loss, laughter and hope, from award-winning author Jenny Pearson.

Benji McLaughlin is a visionary. He believes in things other people think are impossible, like that he and his brother Stanley will be happy living with their uncle, and that the Loch Lochy monster is real, and that his parents will come home safely one day.

So when he finds out that Uncle Hamish's holiday business is struggling, Benji's not worried. He has a visionary plan. Together with his new friends, Murdy and Mr Dog, he sets off to prove that the Loch Lochy monster exists, and bring tourists flooding in.

## The Great Barrier Reef by Helen Scales

A captivating illustrated introduction to The Great Barrier Reef, With nearly 400,000 square kilometres of dazzling colour, intricate ecosystems and unique creatures large and small, The Great Barrier Reef is one of the great natural wonders of our world. Learn all about how the reef came to be, its place in the world, and perhaps most importantly, what we can all do to help ensure that The Great Barrier Reef will be around for countless future generations to discover!



## The Kingdom by the Sea by Zohra Nabi

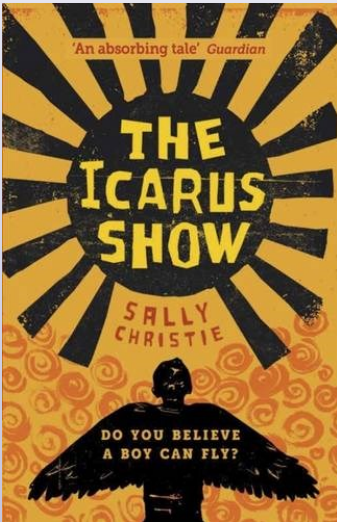
When Yara's mother passes away, she leaves behind a letter and a strange set of instructions. Yara must travel from the home she has always known to a place that is not on any map – Zehaira, a world of sorcerers, alchemists and simmering magic. But Zehaira is not the land it used to be. The practice of magic has been outlawed, the Sultan's alchemists are plotting a sinister scheme – and the answers Yara is searching for seem to be out of reach.

Yara must summon all of her courage to discover the truth about her mother's past and her own identity . . . and to find her place in this magical new world. An unputdownable magical adventure for intrepid young explorers everywhere.





# Key Stage 3 Book Recommendations

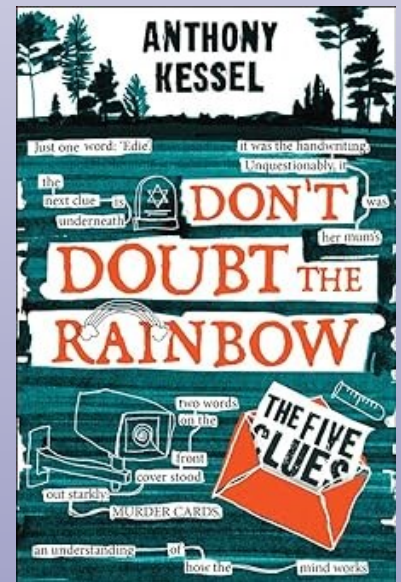


## The Icarus Show by Sally Christie

Alex has worked out a fool proof way to avoid being picked on. Don't React. It's so simple, it's brilliant! David does react and becomes an outcast, nicknamed Bogsy. He's branded a weirdo and Alex is determined to avoid the same fate. But one day, Alex gets a note in his bag that forces him out of his safe little world. Who sent the note? And is it true - will a boy really fly? A powerful story about friendship, loneliness and a strange kind of genius.

## Don't Doubt the Rainbow by Anthony Kessel

Walking back from her mother's grave, 13-year-old schoolgirl Edie Marble finds a note in a pocket of the sheepskin coat that she hasn't worn since the day, a year earlier, when she received the awful news of her mother's death. The note is from her mother, who had been looking into a corporate human rights violation and had become fearful for her life after receiving death threats. She trusts only Edie – because of their special bond and Edie's intelligence – and has laid a trail of clues for Edie to find that will help her to shed light on the violation and uncover the mystery around her death.



# Key Stage 4 Book Recommendation

## The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

When nine-year-old Liesel arrives outside the boxlike house of her new foster parents at 33 Himmel Street, she refuses to get out of the car. Liesel has been separated from her parents, "Kommunists", forever, and at the burial of her little brother, she steals a gravedigger's instruction manual, which she can't read. It is the beginning of her illustrious career. In the care of the Hubermans, Liesel befriends blond-haired Rudy Steiner, a neighbour obsessed with Jesse Owens, and the mayor's wife, who hides from despair in her library. Together, Liesel and Rudy steal books - from Nazi book-burning piles, from the mayor's library, from the rich people for whom her foster mother does the ironing. In time, they take in a Jewish boxer, Max, who reads with Liesel in the basement. By 1943, the Allied bombs are falling, and the sirens begin to wail. Liesel shares her books in the air-raid shelters. But one day in the life of Himmel Street, the wail of the sirens comes too late.

