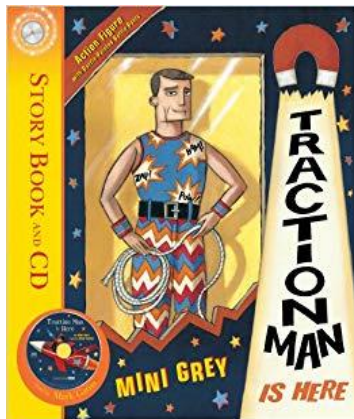


## Brilliant Books to Share with Your Year 2 Child and Questions You Can Ask

We have compiled a list of books that you might like to read with your child. We have taken inspiration from books recommended by the leading literacy expert, Pie Corbett. In Year 2, it is important to start to move from sharing picture books to sharing chapter books, encouraging your child to use their imagination. All of these books are available from major book stores. We recommend that you spend **between 10 and 20 minutes** per day reading with your child.



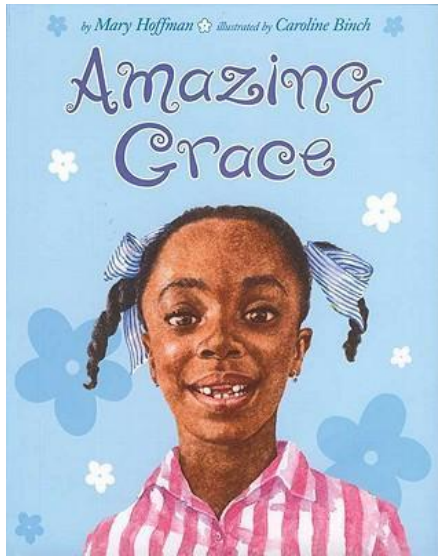
### **Traction Man is Here** Mini Grey (Random House)

- With your child, look for details in the pictures.
- Discuss together any difficult words and talk about how the characters might be feeling.
- Can your child invent further adventures for Traction Man and Scrubbing Brush?
- Ask if your child thinks the adventures are real.



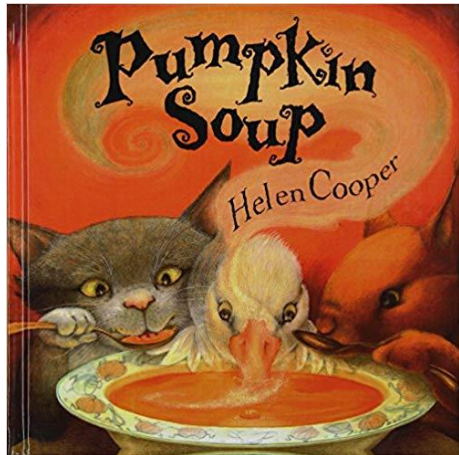
### **Meerkat Mail** Emily Gravett (Macmillan)

- Do some research on meerkats and other animals, like jackals, with your child.
- Together you can draw a map of the story.



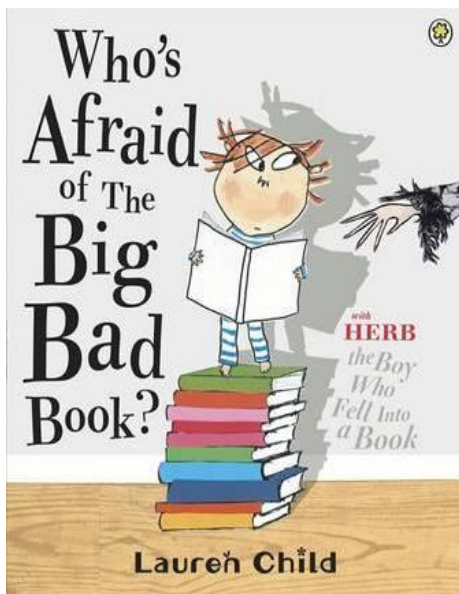
### **Amazing Grace** Mary Hoffman (Frances Lincoln)

- Find out about the other stories and characters mentioned, such as Joan of Arc, Anansi, The Wooden Horse, Hannibal, Treasure Island, Hiawatha, Mowgli, Aladdin and Dick Whittington.
- Ask your child what sort of person they think Grace is. How do they know?
- Do they think Raj and Natalie are right?



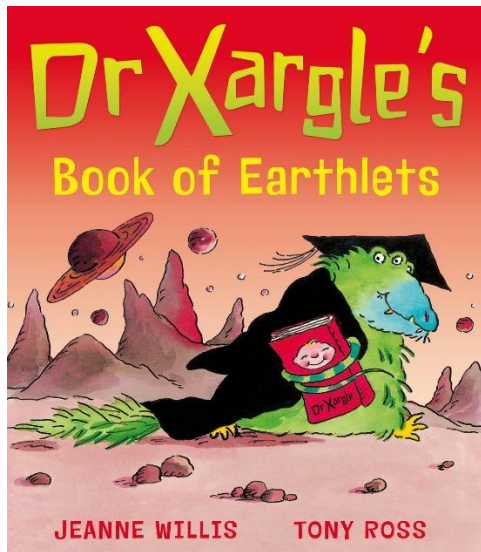
### **Pumpkin Soup** Helen Cooper (Corgi)

- Together with your child, read the story and enjoy the images.
- Ask the children what they think causes the argument and who they think was right? Discuss how Cat and Squirrel's feelings change.
- Ask your child when are they happiest and why.



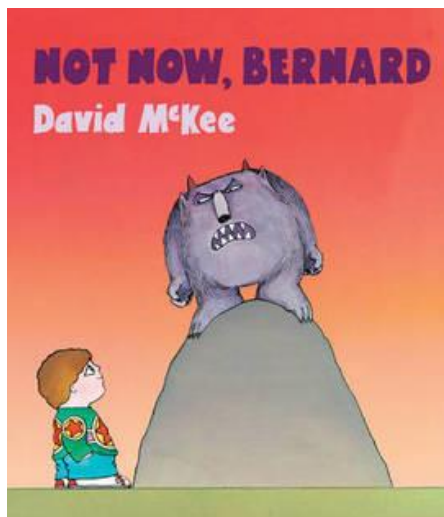
### **Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Book?** Lauren Child (Orchard Books)

- Talk to your child about the stories of Goldilocks, Rapunzel, Dick Whittington and Cinderella.
- Can your child fall 'into a book' and become a character in a well-known fairy tale, but then change what happens?
- Your child can draw characters and objects onto photos, using Lauren Child's collage technique.



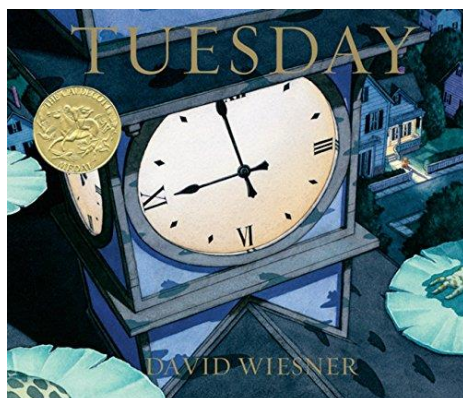
**Dr Xargle's Book of Earthlets** Tony Ross  
(Andersen Press)

- Read and enjoy the story and discuss the funny bits, asking your child what makes them amusing.
- Collect some of the strange words that Dr Xargle uses and give them definitions, such as 'eggmangle', 'earthlet', 'hairdo of a sheep'.
- Ask your child what other strange things might aliens not understand if they came to earth? Together, make a little book of such misunderstandings.



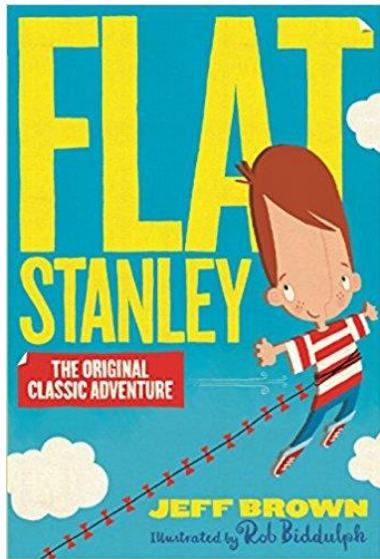
**Not Now Bernard** David McKee (Andersen Press)

- Read this book a few times with your child. What does your child think about the parents, the child and the monster?
- Who in the story does your child think is naughty?
- Does your child think the parents are kind?
- Discuss with your child what they think the monster stands for.
- When do we feel or behave like monsters?



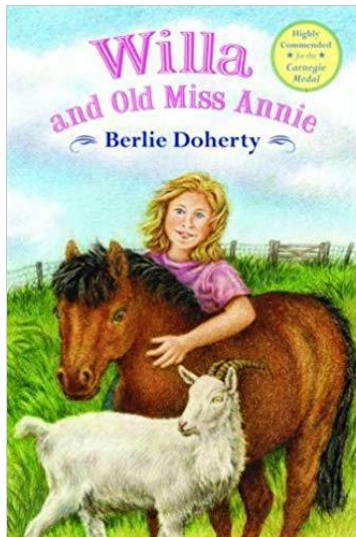
**Tuesday** David Wiesner (Andersen Press)

- Ask your child what the frogs remind them of (Flying saucers) and why does the last frog look so grumpy.
- Can your child interview the man in pyjamas and write up a police report?
- What happens the next Tuesday at 7.58pm?



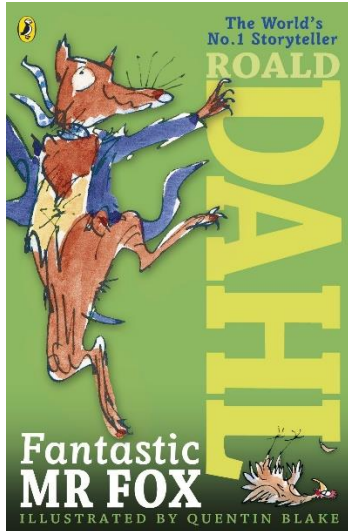
### **Flat Stanley** Jeff Brown (HarperCollins)

- Ask your child what the family is like and how do we know?
- What would be the good things about being flat?
- Help your child to write the police report for Chapter 2 and the invite from Thomas.
- How do the boys feel in chapter 5?
- With your help, can your child write another adventure for Stanley?



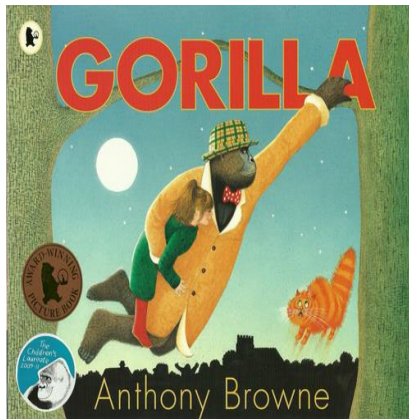
### **Willa and old Miss Annie** Berlie Doherty (Catnip)

- This lovely book contains three linked stories that should be discussed with your child and thought about.
- When you've read the first two pages, ask your child who Joshua is and how will they all become friends.
- Ask more questions of your child as you read through the book, such as: Who is lost? What is 'Joshua' about in one word?
- When you've read 'The Bony' discuss the rights and wrongs. What would your child say to Silas and Molly?



## **Fantastic Mr. Fox** Roald Dahl (Penguin)

- With your child, do some research on foxes.
- Help your child to write letters to the farmers from the crowd at the end of chapter 7.
- Before reading Chapter 9 ask your child what they think Mr. Fox's plan will be.
- After reading chapter 12, ask your child if they think the other animals right.
- After reading chapter 14, ask them if they think stealing is right in this case.



## **Gorilla** Anthony Browne (Walker Books)

- With your child, read through the story a couple of times and discuss, looking carefully at the pictures.
- Talk about the Dad and the Girl and their relationship.
- Ask your child which is the most important picture and why?