

**Tune in Friday's at 10:30AM. Simply register in advance and install Zoom on your computer.**

You can submit your questions and school shout-outs by emailing [PuffinSchools@penguinrandomhouse.co.uk](mailto:PuffinSchools@penguinrandomhouse.co.uk).

# PUFFIN VIRTUAL VISITS

## SCHEDULE

Please submit your questions by the Tuesday before the event and include the author's name in the subject line.

Share photos of your class watching  
@PuffinBooks #VirtualVisits



**FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

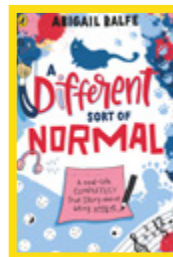
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**TAMZIN MERCHANT**

**FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

**10.30AM**



**ABIGAIL BALFE**

**FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER**

**10.30AM**



**RACHEL MORRISROE  
& STEVEN LENTON**

**FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**10.30AM**



**YASSMIN ABDEL-MAGIED**

**FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**10.30AM**



**JACQUELINE WILSON**

**FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**10.30AM**



**JEFF KINNEY**

**FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**10.30AM**



**MADDIE MOATE**

**FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER**

**10.30AM**



**NICK SHARRATT**



Dear teachers, librarians, readers and dreamers,

## **We are so excited that you're joining us for a Puffin Virtual Visit this autumn. Let the adventure begin!**

Pupils will hear from wonderful writers and illustrators and gain a behind-the-scenes look at their books, characters and inspiration for writing. Puffin authors will be beaming into classrooms all over the country. Puffin Virtual Visits are the perfect opportunity to encourage reading for pleasure in your school, introduce new books and authors and inspire a love of reading in even the most reluctant of readers. Taking part will support pupils' literacy, creative writing and encourage the habit of reading widely and often.

We've put together this reading for pleasure pack full of ideas and activities to help you:

- Get more from the Virtual Visit
- Support your pupils' reader development
- Inspire pupils' creativity and imagination

It's so easy to join the fun; make sure you've registered online and installed Zoom before the event. Pupils should have pen and paper at the ready for any challenges the authors set. Books featured in the show are available from all brilliant bookshops and you can support your local bookshop by ordering from [Bookshop.org](http://Bookshop.org)

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We can't wait for you to join us!

Puffin

### **How to use this pack**

To help you create long-lasting reading memories, we've put together this pack full of ideas to support pupils during the visit and carry on the inspiration even after the visit has ended. Use these activities to prompt further discussion about the visit, the author and their book, and support communication skills through book talk.

#### **This pack contains**

1. **Autumn schedule**
2. **Booklist**  
Discover more about the books in this series of Virtual Visits
3. **Letter to send to parents**
4. **Activities with extracts**  
Introduce your class to the books and download the first chapter of each title and try out the accompanying activity, all including learning objectives
5. **Watch Along page**  
A template for pupils to use whilst watching the visit
6. **Puffin Debuts Book List**  
A book list featuring Puffin Debuts for 2021 with links to themes for class discussions
7. **Resources**  
A set of printable resources to help celebrate reading for pleasure in your class





Let your school community know that you've arranged a Puffin Virtual Visit for pupils. Here's some wording you could include in letters or emails home. Fill in the blanks with the details of the event.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are taking part in Puffin's Virtual Visits. While authors can't come to the school in person, we're excited to be tuning into a live Zoom session with schools across the country.

Your child will be attending a Puffin Virtual Visit from .....,  
author of ..... on Friday ..... at 10.30am.  
The author will be sharing their creative writing secrets and pupils will have a chance to ask questions.

Often pupils are very inspired to read the author's book after such a visit. If you would like to get a copy of the book you can purchase from <https://peters.co.uk/puffin-virtual-visits>.

**Research shows that author events in schools inspire children and help them on their journey to a love of reading.**

'The impact of an author visiting shouldn't be underestimated. These are the types of things that people talk about when you ask them what they remember about school.'

*Times Educational Supplement*

'Writers visiting schools can make a significant difference to a child's attitudes to and enjoyment of writing, offering new perspectives on writing and what it can do.'

*The Arts Council*

**We hope your child will enjoy this visit and come away with a few ideas for stories of their own.**



# PUFFIN VIRTUAL VISITS



## READING LIST

Find out more about the books written by our Virtual Visit Authors! To get pupils really excited ahead of the visit, you can download extracts from all the books from the Puffin website.

### KS1



#### How to Grow a Unicorn

Written by Rachel Morrisroe  
Illustrated by Steven Lenton

**Genre:** fantasy

**If you like:** unicorns and a lot of magic

**Great for:** exploring rhyme and word-play

**The story:** Live your own hilarious unicorn fantasy in this rip-roaring adventure where Sarah thinks she's discovered the perfect gift for her garden-loving grandma, but before you can say GARDEN FULL OF UNICORNS, things grow wildly out-of-hand.



#### Oh No! A Shark in the Snow

Written and illustrated by Nick Sharratt

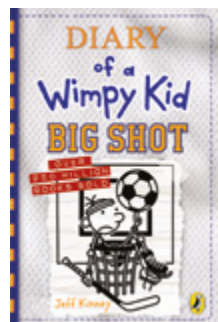
**Genre:** adventure

**If you like:** sharks, funny stories

**Great for:** exploring rhyme and Christmas fun

**The story:** Timothy Pope is back and guess what he can see with his telescope?! Wait, is that a SHARK? Turn the page to find out, if you dare! With its funny rhyming text, die-cut holes to peep through, this jawesome adventure is the perfect way to say Snappy Christmas!

### KS2



#### Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Big Shot

Written by Jeff Kinney

**Genre:** humour, diary writing

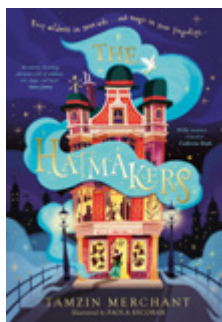
**If you like:** funny stories about school

**Great for:** facing and overcoming challenges

**The story:** Join Greg Heffley for more mis-adventures as this time he tries his hand at basketball. Greg is sure he won't make the cut, but unexpectedly lands a spot on the worst team. Their chances of winning even a single game look slim. When everything is on the line and the ball is in Greg's hands, will he rise to the occasion? Or will he blow his big shot?

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### KS2



#### The Hatmakers

Written by Tamzin Merchant

**Genre:** fantasy

**If you like:** magic and hats! (And Harry Potter)

**Great for:** exploring world-building through stories

**The story:** Enter a spellbinding world of magic and wonder set in a wonderfully imagined Georgian London. Meet Cordelia, who comes from a long line of magical Maker milliners, weaving alchemy and enchantment into every hat. Only a few special Maker families remain and with Cordelia's father is lost at sea, and war brewing between Makers, Cordelia has a lot to do to save the kingdom!



#### The Primrose Railway Children

Written by Jacqueline Wilson

**Genre:** Adventure

**If you like:** stories about families

**Great for:** understanding families and relationships

**The story:** inspired by E. Nesbit's timeless classic, this is a heart-warming story of family secrets and new adventures. When Dad mysteriously disappears, Phoebe, Perry, Becks and their mum must leave everything behind and move to a small cottage in the middle of nowhere. Struggling to feel at home and missing her Dad terribly, it's only when the family discover the thrilling steam trains at the railway station that suddenly, every day is filled with adventure.



#### Stuff

Written by Maddie Moate

Illustrated by Paul Boston

**Genre:** non-fiction, science, history

**If you like:** fascinating facts, recycling and upcycling

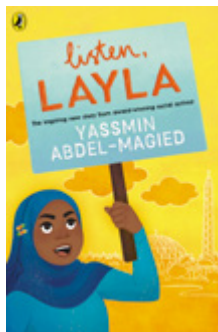
**Great for:** supporting learning about recycling and how things are made

**The story:** Do you ever wonder where your stuff comes from, and what happens to it when you're finished with it? This book is full of mind-bursting facts and extraordinary stories of the ingenious ways people around the world, and across history, have made, used and re-used the stuff around them.



## READING LIST

KS2/3



### Listen, Layla

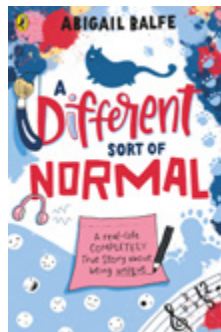
Written by Yassmin Abdel Magied

**Genre:** contemporary, growing-up

**If you like:** stories about real-life

**Great for:** understanding the diaspora experience, activism

**The story:** Layla's going to spend her summer holidays getting her inventions ready for the grand design competition. But when her grandmother falls ill and her family must rush to Sudan to be with her, Layla feels like she's being pulled in many different directions. Family, friends, home, inventions - there's a lot to navigate. With big protests looming in Sudan, could Layla save the day with her revolutionary ideas?



### A Different sort of normal

Written by Abigail Baife

**Genre:** biography, neurodiversity

**If you like:** inspiring stories about people

**Great for:** understanding neurodiversity

**The story:** The beautiful true story of one girl's journey growing up autistic – and the challenges she faced in the 'normal' world. Told through the author's remarkable words, and just as remarkable illustrations, this is the book for those who've never felt quite right in the 'normal' world.





## ACTIVITIES OVERVIEW

These activities will support pupils' reader development and creative writing. They are each based on Chapter One of the relevant title, extracts which you can download and share with pupils prior to completion. The activities will support the Virtual Visits and also learning in creative writing, literacy, PSHE and reader development.

### Activity

Magical hat recipe



### The Hatmakers by Tamzin Merchant

#### Learning Objective:

- to develop creative writing and writing informative instructions
- to develop illustration skills

Pupils will use their imaginations to create their own magical hat, writing out a recipe for it with magical ingredients and then illustrating their ideas.

### A Different Sort of Normal by Abigail Balfe

#### Learning Objective:

- to develop understanding of neurodiversity
- to develop sensory perception skills and understand the impact of sensory overload

Pupils will read the extract and map out a sensory journey in order to 'experience' what sensory overload might be like. They will develop empathy and understanding as they complete their map and discover how to help someone struggling with sensory overload.



### Activity

My sensory journey



### Activity

Grow your own!



### How to Grow a Unicorn written by Rachel Morrisroe and illustrated by Steven Lenton

#### Learning Objective:

- to develop creative writing and writing informative instructions
- to develop illustration skills

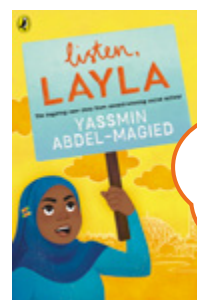
Pupils will create their own magical plant inspired by the extract, illustrating their ideas and then developing their writing skills through creating a set of 'how to grow and look after your plant' instructions.

### Listen, Layla by Yassmin Abdel Magied

#### Learning Objective:

- to develop vocabulary, writing and communication skills
- to consider the purpose of inventions and create an idea for their own invention

Pupils will discuss what revolutionary means and think about why inventions are made. They will then create their own invention that can meet a specific need or challenge, with the aim of 'saving the day', like Layla hopes to.



### Activity

Incredible invention



## ACTIVITIES OVERVIEW

### The Primrose Railway Children by Jacqueline Wilson

#### Learning Objective:

- to practice comprehension and inference skills
- to develop writing techniques

Pupils will read the extract and discover as much information about Phoebe's Dad's character and personality in order to create a missing persons file for him, practicing their comprehension and inference skills in the process.



Activity  
Gone missing!

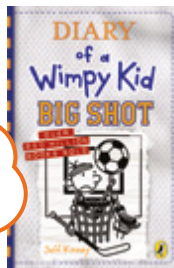
### Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney

#### Learning Objective:

- to improve inference skills using simple sentences to explain ideas
- to develop illustration skills

Pupils will analyse the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series book covers, exploring how the design entices the reader in to the book. They will then practice their own inference and design skills by creating their own book covers.

Activity  
Wimpy book  
cover challenge



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### Stuff by Maddie Moate illustrated by Paul Boston

#### Learning Objective:

- to develop environmental awareness and understand the importance of recycling
- to develop creativity through upcycling an object and identifying a new use for it

Pupils will consider why recycling and upcycling is important. They will develop their creativity and imagination through choosing an everyday object to recycle and describing what its new use will be.



Activity  
This to That



### Oh No! Shark in the Snow! by Nick Sharratt

#### Learning Objective:

- to develop imagination and creativity
- to develop illustration skills

Pupils will imagine what they might see through the telescope just like Timothy Pope. They will think about what the shark-fin shape might be part of and consider what other things could be found in the park, in the snow.

Activity  
What do you see?



# ACTIVITY: MAGICAL HAT RECIPE



Read the extract from **The Hatmakers**.

Cordelia comes from a family of magical milliners, who make hats full of magic – like the Moonbloom Nightcap that helped Cordelia sleep; or hats to give focus like the one for the King. Each hat has special, magical ingredients gathered from ingredient-seeking adventures across the world.

Imagine you are a magical milliner just like Cordelia. What kind of magic hat would you make? How would it help the wearer? What magical ingredients would you use? What would it look like? What would you call it?

Write your recipe below. Don't forget to include the name of your magical hat!

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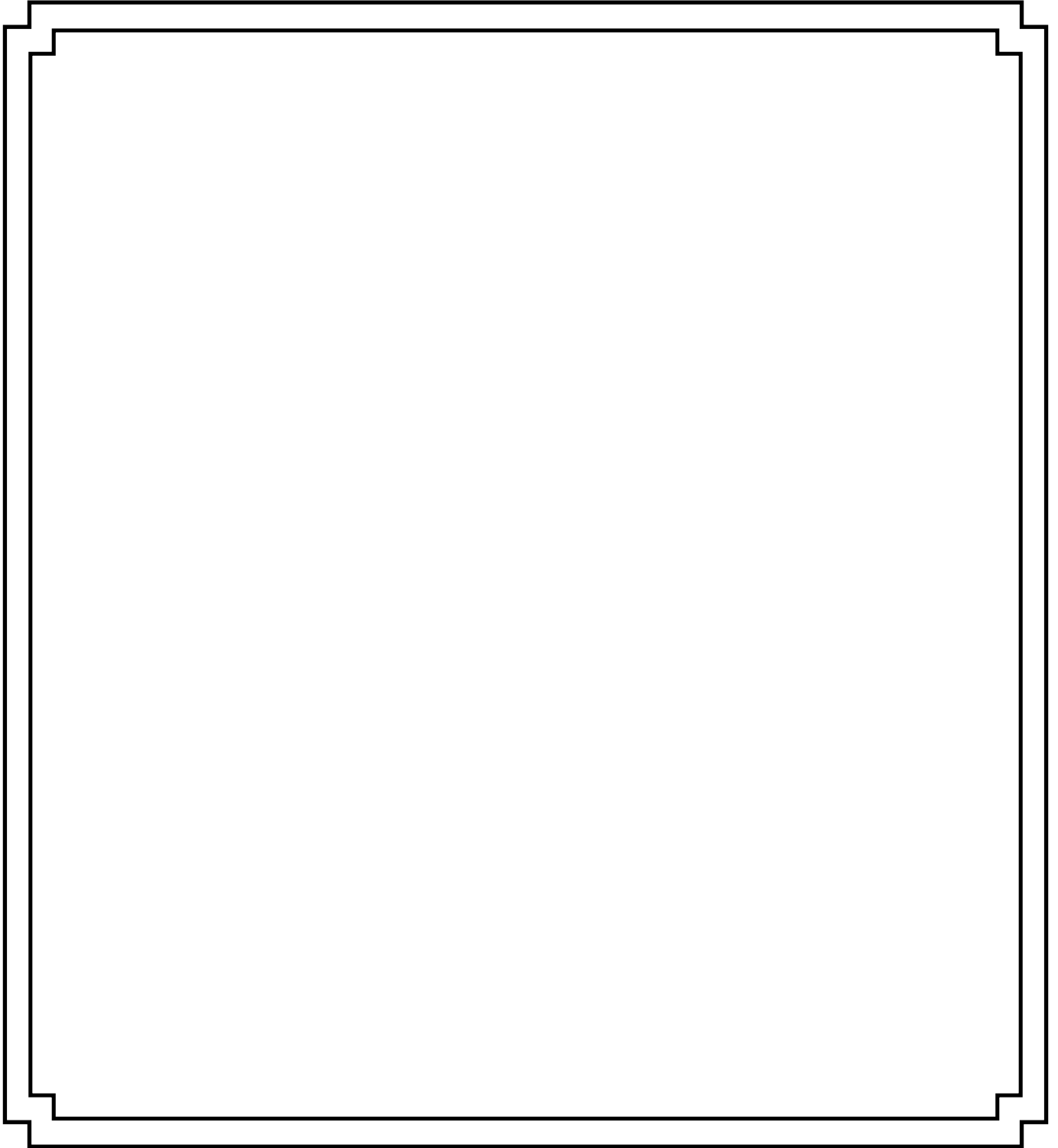
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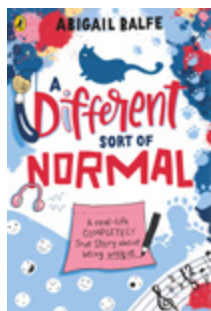
# ACTIVITY: MAGICAL HAT RECIPE



Now draw your magical hat.



# ACTIVITY: SENSORY JOURNEYS



Read the first chapter for **A Different Sort of Normal**.

Abigail shares how some days she finds herself with a 'sensory overload' – where there is too much 'information' coming at her senses.

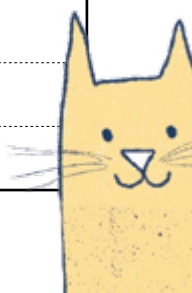
Sensory overload can sometimes make people feel anxious and sad because they find it difficult to join in with things that cause it.

Can you think of a situation when you might have felt 'sensory overload'? Or perhaps this has not happened to you before. Let's see what it's like. You are going to map a sensory 'journey' just like Abigail does in her story. (It may be helpful to reread page 6 of the extract here to help you).

1. Choose a period of time when there is a lot going on such as getting ready for school, your journey to school, a visit to the shops, or lunchtime in the school playground, and write it in the space next to My Sensory Journey.
2. Using the table below, map out all the things you could see/hear/smell/touch/taste over the course of no more than 15 minutes.
3. Can you identify your emotion at the same time? How did the things you could see/hear/smell/touch/taste make you feel? If you can, add your emotion to the table – it could be happy, sad, angry, excited.

**My Sensory Journey** .....

TIME	SEE	HEAR	SMELL	TOUCH	TASTE	EMOTION





## ACTIVITY: GROW YOUR OWN!



### Read the extract from **How to Grow a Unicorn**

Mr Pottifer's Parlour of Plants sells the most wondrous of plant-creatures, from dazzling unicorns to tap-dancing cats and boxing fox-gloves. As Sarah discovers, all you need is a magical packet of seeds and to follow the planting instructions!

If you were to grow your own magical creature, what would it be? And how would you have to grow it? Think about the amazing plants Sarah discovered in Mr Pottifer's shop and draw your own magical plant-creature in the space provided below. Don't forget to give it a name!

A large rectangular area with a double-line black border, intended for drawing a magical plant-creature. On the left side, there is a decorative blue vine with swirls and leaves, ending in a small pink pot at the bottom left corner.

# ACTIVITY: GROW YOUR OWN!



Now think about how to grow and look after your plant. What special instructions would you need? If it was a milk-squirting cow-slip, you might need to 'feed' it with milk! Or if it was a wild bird of paradise you might need to plant it in a nest!

Use your imagination and write four instructions for your plant in the space below. Think about where you plant it, what you plant it in and what it likes to eat and drink!

## How to grow and look after your plant



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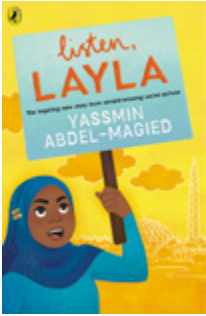
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# ACTIVITY: INCREDIBLE INVENTION



Read the first chapter for **Listen, Layla**.

*"I am Layla Kareem Abdel-Hafiz Hussein, the greatest Sudanese Australian inventor the world has ever seen!"*

Layla is a determined character with dreams of travelling the world and building incredible inventions. But with family, friends, home, inventions – there's a lot to navigate. Later in the story, big protests are looming in Sudan: can Layla save the day with her revolutionary ideas?

Do you know what 'revolutionary' means? Discuss this with your classmates and if you are not sure, look it up in a dictionary!

## Why do people invent things?

Write down three reasons in the space below – use the ideas bank to help you

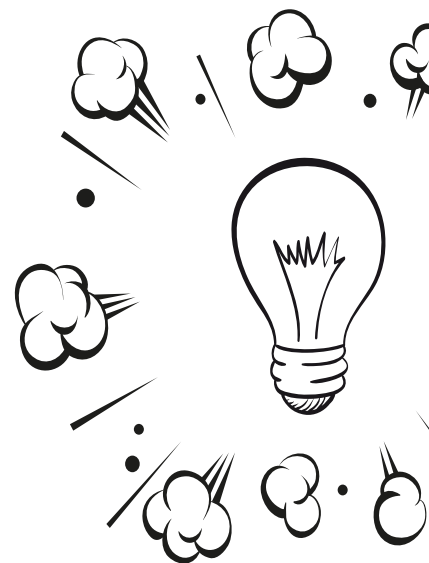
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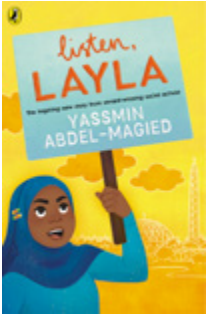
## IDEAS BANK

problem	curiosity	inspiration
help	challenge	need
discovery	learn	creativity
science	explore	change





# ACTIVITY: INCREDIBLE INVENTION

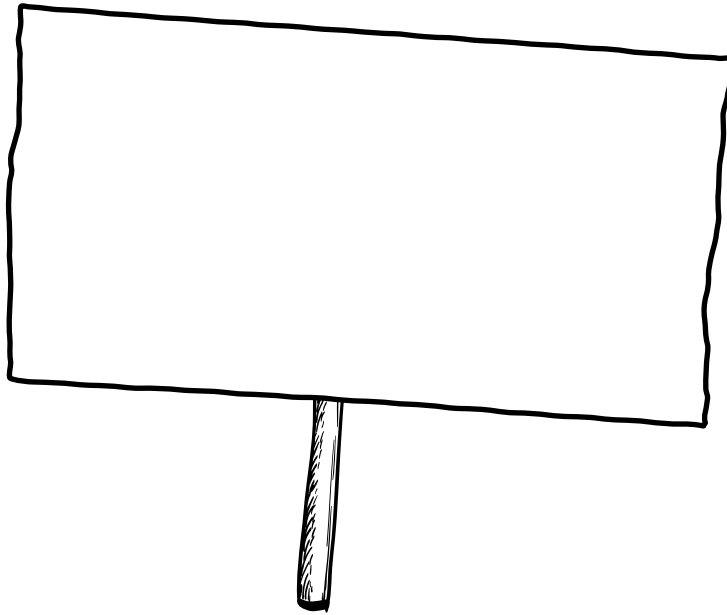


If you could create ONE incredible invention, that helped SAVE THE DAY like Layla hopes to, what would it be and why? Think about:

- What your invention will do
- Why it is needed
- Who will it help

Write your ideas in the space below, illustrating them if you would like to.

Remember you're going to save the day with your invention so THINK BIG and be revolutionary like Layla! Give your invention a name and write it on the placard.



## About my revolutionary invention

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# ACTIVITY: GONE MISSING!



Read the first chapter from **The Primrose Railway Children**.

Phoebe's Dad has disappeared. She has no idea where he has gone. Phoebe loves her Dad and has a great relationship with him. How can she help find him? You are going to create a missing person's file for Phoebe's Dad, using the information and descriptions of him in the extract to help you. A missing person's file needs as much information as possible to make it really useful.

Think about how Phoebe describes him and what his personality is like. Think about how her siblings describe him. What clues can you find to help you? Think about the things he and Phoebe do together to help you. For example:

*"Dad and I danced together to old rock music instead"* This tells you Phoebe's Dad likes dancing!

There are suggested page numbers next to each section to get you started, but you will need to read the whole extract to find all the information you need and then turn that into a description for your file!



## MISSING PERSON'S FILE

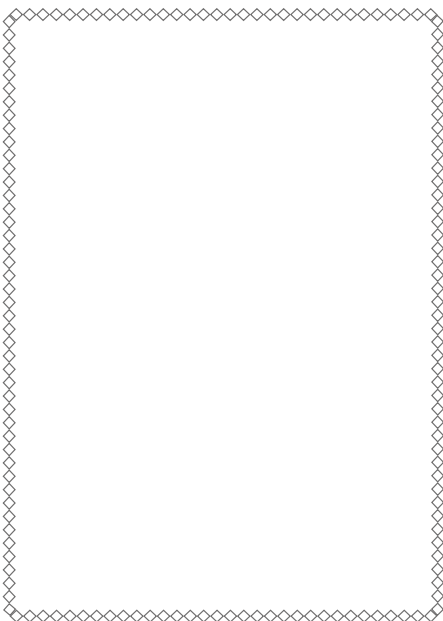
**Name:** (clue – page 6) .....

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**Family:** (clue – page 3) .....

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**Picture:**  
(clue page 11)



**Description:** (clues - pages 3, 5, 6, 7 to name a few!)

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# ACTIVITY: WIMPY KID COVER CHALLENGE



Make a record of what you see when you look at the **Wimpy Kid** covers.

Take a look at the Wimpy Kid book covers below and consider how they are designed to entice the reader. Record your findings in the chart on the next page then use the information to help you design your own Wimpy Kid cover.







# ACTIVITY: WIMPY KID COVER CHALLENGE



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MY COVER				

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**ACTIVITY: WIMPY KID COVER CHALLENGE**



**DIARY**  
**of a**

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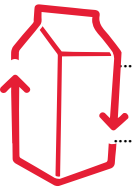
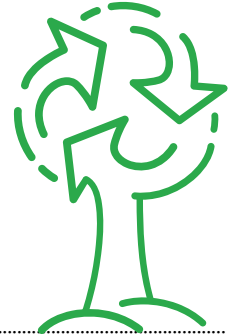
# ACTIVITY: THIS TO THAT



Read the extract from Stuff.

Stuff takes you on an amazing journey round the world showing how everyday items are made in really creative and caring ways. From elephant poo paper to floating bins to magic ink, you see how stuff can be made without harming the environment and how important recycling is. And it's not just recycling, it's upcycling too – taking something that might be thrown away and making it into something new.

Why do you think recycling and upcycling are both important?  
Write your ideas in the space below



# ACTIVITY: THIS TO THAT



If you could choose an everyday object to upcycle, what would it be? Perhaps like Maddie suggests, a Bumblebee and B out of an old flowerpot, a t-shirt bag out of an old t-shirt or a reusable cup out of an old glass jar!

Think about an object you use every day and then throwaway. Look at the images below to help you:



What would you make it into? Draw your ideas for upcycling your object in the space below and then describe what it is for.

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# ACTIVITY: SHARK ACTIVITY



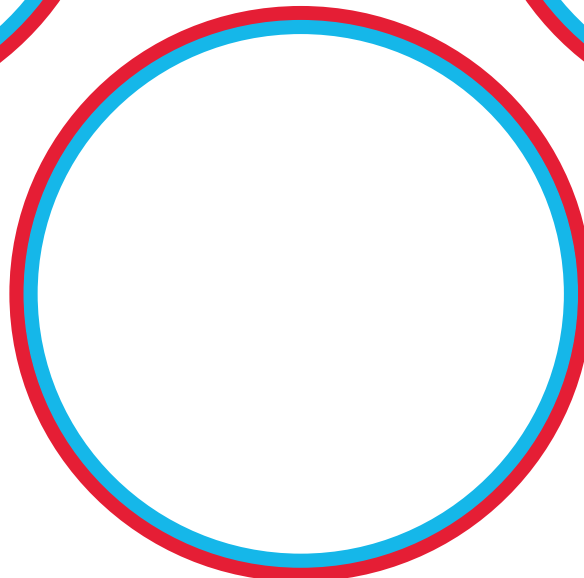
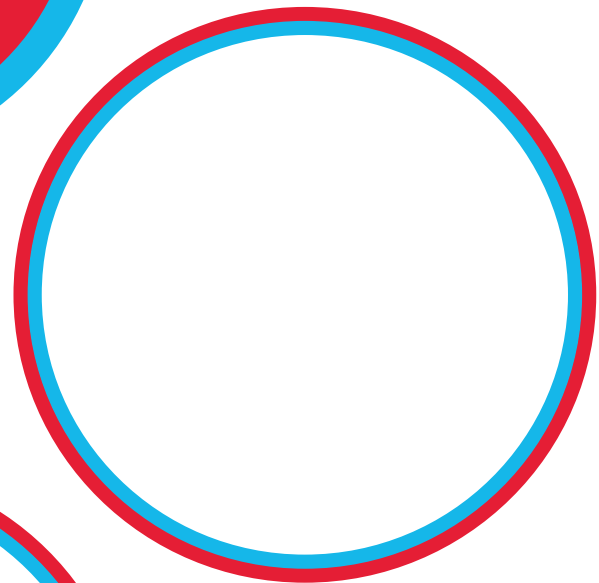
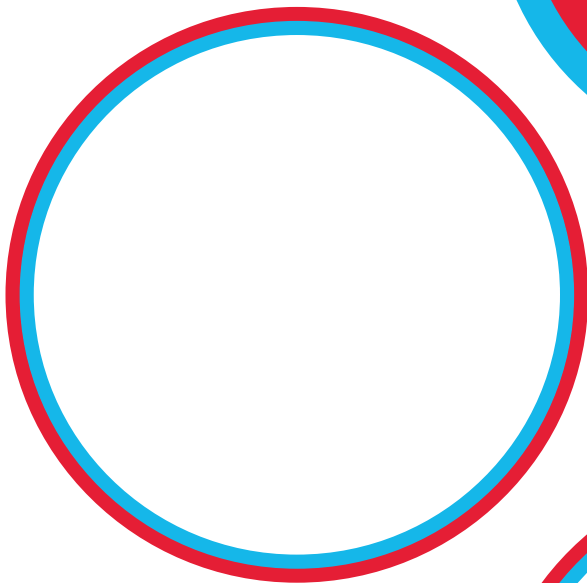
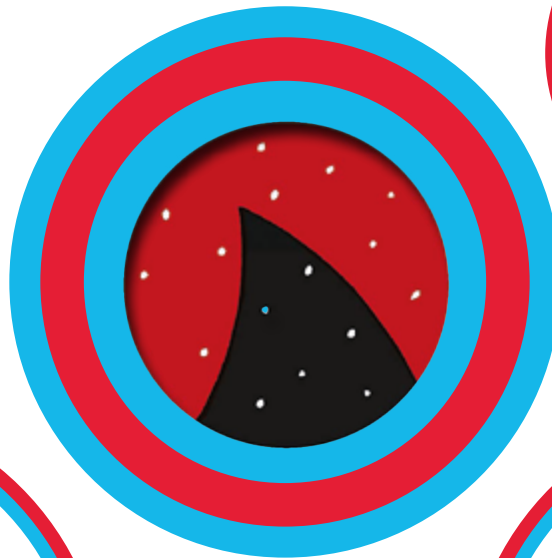
Read the extract from **Oh No! Shark in the Snow**

Timothy Pope looks through his telescope and sees a shark fin!

But it's not actually a shark; sometimes it's a hat, sometimes it's the top of a tree and sometimes is an ice skate!

What would you see through the telescope? What else could be in the park that might get muddled-up with a shark?

Draw your ideas in the telescope sights below:



# ACTIVITY: MAKE A READING HAT!



Get the party started with a reading hat to wear whilst you join in the Virtual Visit

Use our template to design and make your hat, decorate it with your favourite book characters, or illustrate your favourite stories. Or design it to show what you love about books and stories!

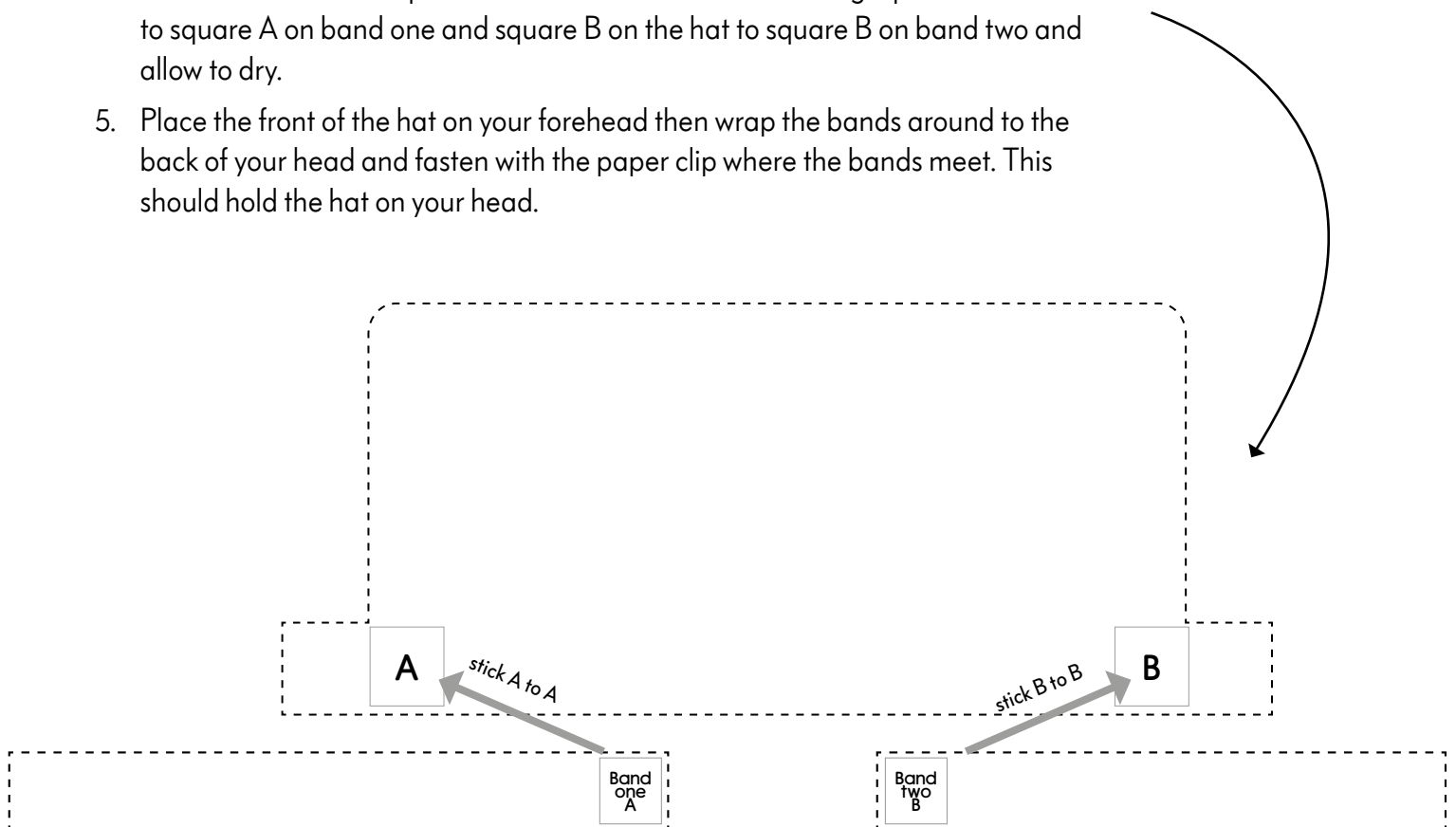
You could even have a reading hat parade and hold a competition for the best hat!

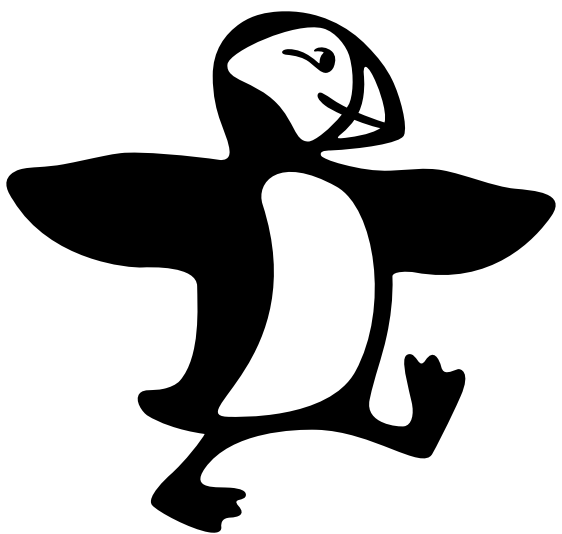
## What you will need:

- Coloured pencils, paints or pens - or collaging materials
- Glue or double sided sticky tape
- Scissors
- Hat template from the next page
- A paper clip or fastener

## Making your hat:

1. Color-in, paint or collage your design on the hat template.
2. Stick the top of the hat onto card if you'd like a firmer hat (don't stick the hatband pieces onto card as these need to stay flexible to wrap around your head!)
3. Ask a grown-up for help cutting out the hat along the dashed lines of the template.
4. Stick the two hatband pieces to the back of the hat matching square A on the hat to square A on band one and square B on the hat to square B on band two and allow to dry.
5. Place the front of the hat on your forehead then wrap the bands around to the back of your head and fasten with the paper clip where the bands meet. This should hold the hat on your head.





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B

Band  
one  
A

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# PUFFIN VIRTUAL VISITS



## WATCH ALONG PAGE

Who was the author/illustrator who virtually visited your school?

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What book did they write?

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What top tips did the author / illustrator share?

1: .....

2: .....

3: .....

Doodle, draw and write - complete your author challenge here

### MEMORABLE MOMENT

What was the most memorable thing the author/illustrator said?





**NAME:**

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**IS CURRENTLY  
READING:**

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# PUFFIN DEBUTS 2021



Check out these brilliant new books publishing in 2021! These books are great for reading for pleasure and to inspire pupils to explore creative writing in many forms, from rhyming stories and diary writing to world-building and to support conversations in PSHE lessons.

## KS1 Picture Books for Young Puffins 5+



### Fidget the Wonder Dog

Written by Patricia Forde and illustrated by Rachael Saunders

**If you like:** four legged friends

**Genre:** animal stories

**Great for:** talking about pets and friendship

An epic tale of love, loss, reunion and adventure on the high seas told through the friendship of a girl and her beloved dog, Fidget. This is a book that combines humour and heart with a faultless read-aloud rhythm.



### The Magic Crayon

By Amy Sparkes and Ali Pye

**If you like:** magical adventures – and drawing!

**Genre:** fantasy

**Great for:** looking at telling stories through illustration

When Chloe's silvery crayon develops magical powers, it sparks a thrilling chase through a fairy tale world – an unbelievable adventure where her drawings spring to life! Can Chloe use all her creativity and inventiveness to rescue her brother and save the day?



### My Daddies!

By Gareth Peter and Garry Parsons

**If you like:** bedtime stories

**Genre:** family, diverse voices

**Great for:** talking about diverse families

Set off on a series of incredible adventures with an adorable family as the stories they read burst into colourful life. Battle dragons, dodge deadly dinosaurs, explore the world in a hot air balloon, before winding down in a wonderfully cosy bedtime ending. Perfect for introducing children to the different kinds of family there are in the world today.



### Hey You!

By Dapo Adeola + 18 illustrators

**If you like:** stories of hope and inspiration

**Genre:** diverse voices

**Great for:** exploring diversity

A lyrical, inspirational picture book exploring the experiences Black children face growing up with systemic racism, as well as providing hope for the future, delivering a powerful message to a new



generation of dreamers.

### Little Echo

By Al Rodin

**If you like:** stories about friendship

**Genre:** friendship

**Great for:** thinking about dealing with feelings and making friends

A stunning picture book celebrating friendship, courage and finding your own voice. Little Echo lives alone in a cave. Shy, she hides away, echoing the noises around her. But she's lonely and when Max comes to the cave one day, in search of treasure, Little Echo starts to discover that maybe she has a voice of her own...



### Weirdo

Written by Zadie Smith and Nick Laird

Illustrated by Magenta Fox

**If you like:** stories about being brave

**Genre:** animal stories

**Great for:** talking about being different

*Weirdo* is an endearing story about the quiet power of being different featuring Maud: a guinea pig who inexplicably wears a judo suit - and not everyone understands or approves. And it takes Maud making brave decisions to find her place and embrace her individuality.



### How to Grow a Unicorn

Written by Rachel Morrisroe and illustrated by Steven Lenton

**If you like:** unicorns and a lot of magic

**Genre:** fantasy

**Great for:** exploring rhyme and word-play

Live your own hilarious unicorn fantasy in this rip-roaring adventure where Sarah thinks she's discovered the perfect gift for her garden-loving grandma, but before you can say GARDEN FULL OF UNICORNS, things grow wildly out-of-hand!



### A Year on Adam's Farm

By Adam Henson and illustrated by Rachael Saunders

**If you like:** all the fun of the farm!

**Genre:** farming, non-fiction

**Great for:** lessons about food and farming

The UK's most-loved farmer, Adam Henson, and his trusty sheepdog Peg takes readers on a fascinating journey around the farm, in



KS2 Illustrated Fiction 7+



this interactive non-fiction book, with over 40 flaps, you can discover where food comes from, peek inside a combine harvester, and uncover incredible facts about popular farm animals.

**The Worries: Sohal Finds a Friend**

By Jion Sheibani

**If you like:** funny stories that stop you feeling worried

**Genre:** humour, family

**Great for:** exploring emotions

Sohal worries about a lot of things: the dark, mutant sheep, being alone – you name it, he worries about it! So one night he tries drawing his worries to make himself feel better. But then wakes up the next morning to find a set of funny, furry friends at the end of his bed! Now Sohal must work out how to keep his worries under control – and have some fun while he’s at it!



**The Worries: Jaz and the New Baby**

By Jion Sheibani

**If you like:** feeling better about worries

**Genre:** humour, family

**Great for:** exploring emotions

The Worries are back and this time its Jaz they are hounding! Her Mum is about to have a baby and Jaz is SO excited but the Worries are intent



on causing mischief. Can Jaz keep her worries to herself and be the Big sister she’s always wanted to be?

**The Dream Team: Jaz Santos vs. the World**

By Priscilla Mante

**If you like:** stories about sport, girl power

**Genre:** sport

**Great for:** talking about equality and being a team Olá! I’m Jasmina Santos-Campbell (but you can call me Jaz). Forming the Bramrock Stars was my genius idea – you see I need to prove to Mãe (that’s my mum!) that I’m a football star so she’ll want to come back home. We are the DREAM TEAM and we’re going to show the world that girls CAN play football!



**Aldrin Adams and the Cheese Nightmares**

By Paul Howard and illustrated by Lee Cosgrove

**If you like:** cheese...cheese. And laughing, a lot.

**Genre:** humour, fantasy

**Great for:** exploring what it means to be a superhero

Aldrin Adams is an ordinary boy with an extraordinary superpower. When he eats cheese, just before he goes to sleep at night, he can enter into other people’s dreams. . . and their nightmares! But why has he, of all people, been given this ability? What is he supposed to do with it? Join Aldrin Adams on an unforgettable adventure as he steps into a world of mystery and magic and cheeses that SERIOUSLY pong!





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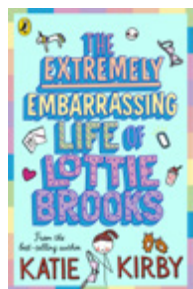
**The Hatmakers**

Written by Tamzin Merchant and illustrated by Paola Escobar

**If you like:** magic and hats! (And Harry Potter)

**Great for:** exploring world-building through stories

Enter a spellbinding world of magic and wonder and meet Cordelia, who comes from a long line of magical Maker milliners, weaving alchemy and enchantment into every hat. Only a few special Maker families remain and when Cordelia's father is lost at sea, Cordelia sets out to find him – and why someone is trying to start a magical Maker war!



**The Extremely Embarrassing Life of Lottie Brooks**

Written by Katie Kirby

**If you like:** school stories and lots of laughs

**Genre:** humour

**Great for:** talking about friendships and family

Lottie Brooks is 11 ¾ and her life is already officially over – not only is she about to start high school without any friends or glamorous swooshy hair, she's just discovered she's too flat-chested to wear A BRA! Lottie navigates the many perils of growing up in this fantastically funny new illustrated series filled with friendship, embarrassing moments and plenty of lols.



**The Accidental Diary of BUG**

By Jen Carney

**If you like:** diaries, doodles and... biscuits

**Genre:** humour, diary

**Great for:** conversations about diverse families, and friendships

Meet Billie Upton Green in a new diary series with laugh-out-loud observations and doodles! Billie takes it upon herself to show the new girl at school around, teach her the Biscuit Laws, and remind her that yes, two women can get married (after all, Billie's mums' wedding is the event of the year). But then suspicion sets in and Billie starts to wonder if the new girl is not as nice as she seems...



**A Different sort of normal**

Abigail Baife

**If you like:** inspiring stories about people

**Genre:** contemporary, disability

**Great for:** understanding disability

The beautiful true story of one girl's journey growing up autistic – and the challenges she faced in the 'normal' world. Told through the author's remarkable words, and just as remarkable illustrations, this is the book for those who've never felt quite right in the 'normal' world. Very important, very funny and very informative. This is the book the world needs right now.



**The Ice Whisperers**

By Helenka Stachera

**If you like:** magical adventures in snowy landscapes

**Genre:** fantasy

**Great for:** uexploring world-building and family relationships

When Bela's mother dies, she is summoned to deepest Siberia to stay with an uncle she's never met. Exploring his strange scientific workshop, she uncovers a secret she was never meant to find – a doorway that opens an to icy land, frozen in time and full of legends come to life. But this frozen land is in danger, and it's up to Bela to find a way to save it...





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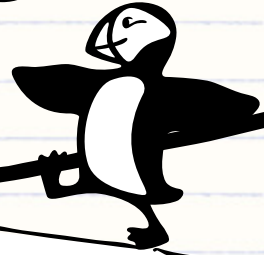


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