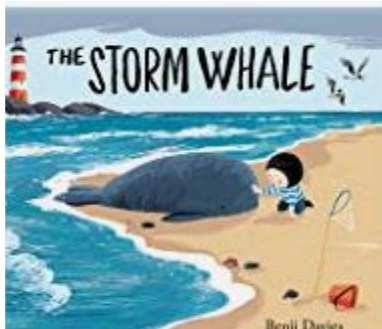


# Books to read...

*A selection of recommended books from different genres that every Dalmain child should read by the end of Year 1!*

Noi and his father live in a house by the sea. Noi's father works hard as a fisherman, and Noi often has only their six cats for company. So when, one day, he finds a baby whale washed up on the beach after a storm, Noi is excited and takes it home to care for it.



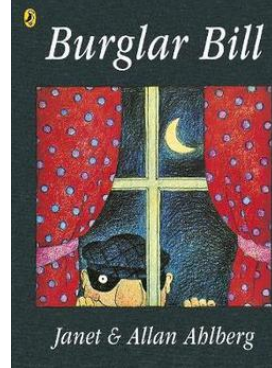
He tries to keep his new friend a secret, but there's only so long you can keep a whale in the bath without your dad finding out.

*"The master of animal adventures" DISCOVERED ON SUNDAY*

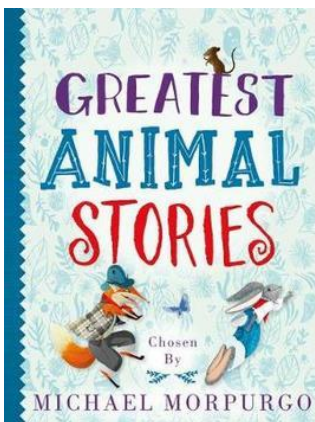


**Sophie's Snail**  
DICK KING-SMITH  
*Illustrated by Hannah Shaw*

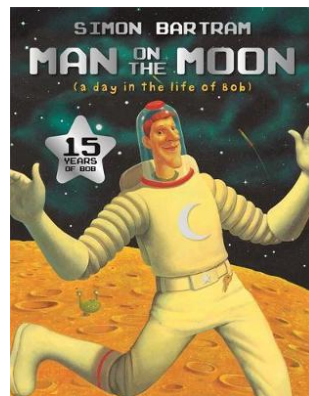
Sophie loves animals of all kinds, but how will she grow up to be a farmer if she is not allowed any of her own? She goes looking for creatures to keep in her menagerie, but all she seems to find is trouble – yikes!



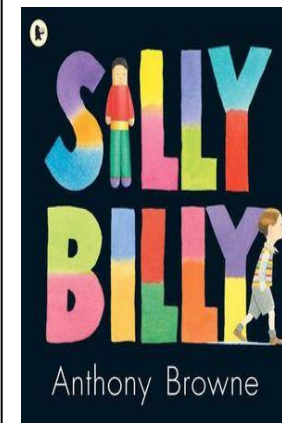
Everything in Burglar Bill's life is stolen, from the toast, marmalade and coffee he has for breakfast to the bed he sleeps in. One night when he is out burgling, he comes across a box with holes in the lid on a doorstep. He picks it up of course and when he gets home he discovers, to his horror, that he has stolen a baby!



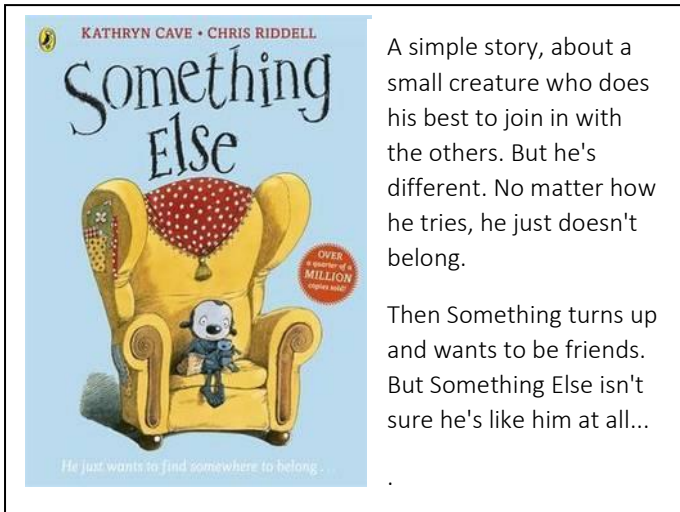
Award-winning children's writer and former Children's Laureate Michael Morpurgo has collected his greatest animal stories from all around the world and put them into this beautiful book. From brave mice to hungry wolves, and mischievous spiders to ingenious cats, this is a timeless collection to treasure forever.



Bob has a special job - looking after the moon. He keeps it clean and entertains passing space tourists as well as giving guided tours. He knows everything about the moon and that there is definitely no such thing as aliens!

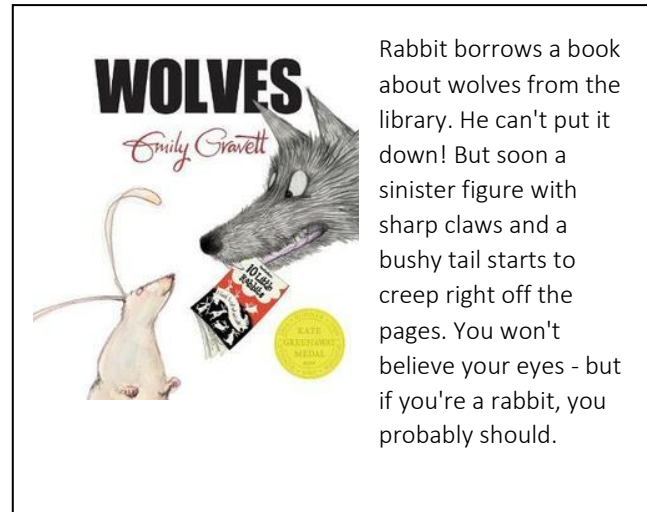


Billy is a bit of a worrier. He worries about hats and shoes. He worries about clouds and rain and giant birds. Most of all he worries about staying at other people's houses. His mum and dad try to help, but still Billy worries ... until a visit to his grandma's shows him how to overcome his fears with the aid of his imagination – and some tiny worry dolls.



A simple story, about a small creature who does his best to join in with the others. But he's different. No matter how he tries, he just doesn't belong.

Then Something turns up and wants to be friends. But Something Else isn't sure he's like him at all...

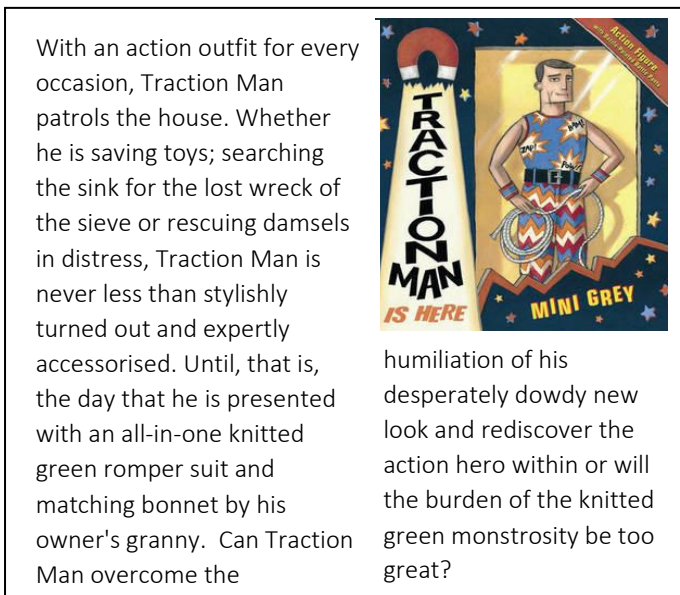


Rabbit borrows a book about wolves from the library. He can't put it down! But soon a sinister figure with sharp claws and a bushy tail starts to creep right off the pages. You won't believe your eyes - but if you're a rabbit, you probably should.



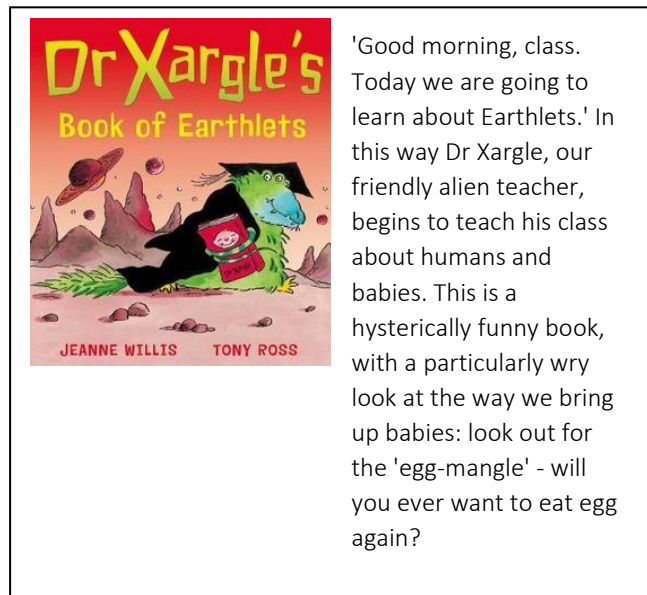
Sunny is a meerkat who is feeling a bit down in the dumps, so he heads off to visit his mongoose cousins. But from the watery world of the Marsh Mongoose to the nocturnal lifestyle of the Malagasy Mongoose, Sunny

just doesn't fit in. And who's that shadowy figure who seems to be following him around?

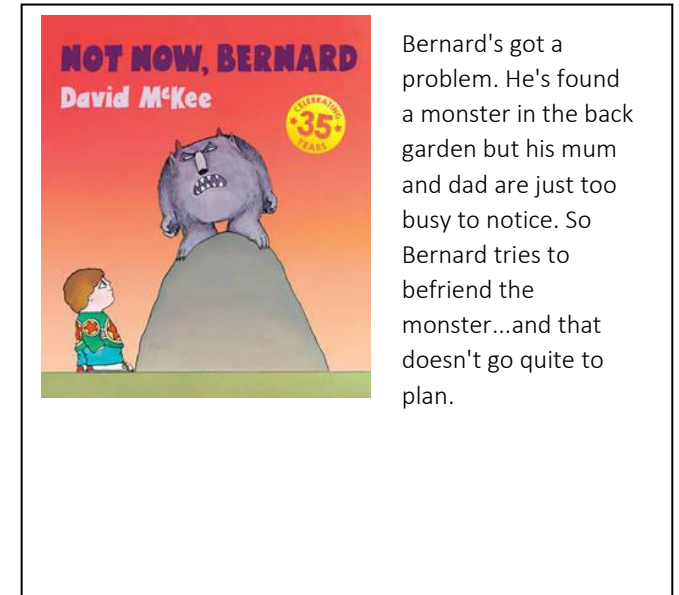


With an action outfit for every occasion, Traction Man patrols the house. Whether he is saving toys; searching the sink for the lost wreck of the sieve or rescuing damsels in distress, Traction Man is never less than stylishly accessorised. Until, that is, the day that he is presented with an all-in-one knitted green romper suit and matching bonnet by his owner's granny. Can Traction Man overcome the

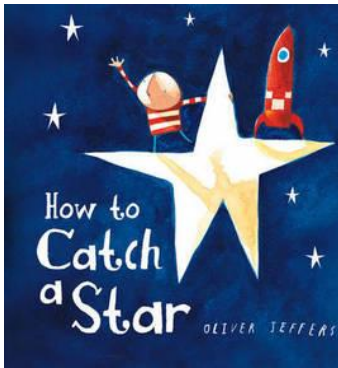
humiliation of his desperately dowdy new look and rediscover the action hero within or will the burden of the knitted green monstrosity be too great?



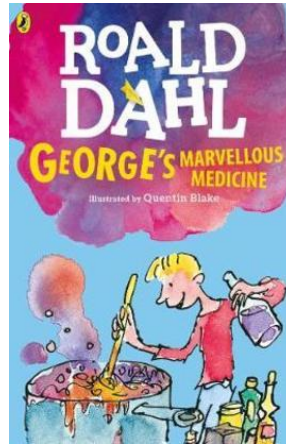
'Good morning, class. Today we are going to learn about Earthlets.' In this way Dr Xargle, our friendly alien teacher, begins to teach his class about humans and babies. This is a hysterically funny book, with a particularly wry look at the way we bring up babies: look out for the 'egg-mangle' - will you ever want to eat egg again?



Bernard's got a problem. He's found a monster in the back garden but his mum and dad are just too busy to notice. So Bernard tries to befriend the monster...and that doesn't go quite to plan.



Once there was a boy who loved stars so much that he wished he had one of his very own. Every night he watched the stars in the sky from his bedroom window and dreamed of how he could be their friend and how they could play hide-and-go-seek together. So, one day, he decided to set about catching a star of his very own...

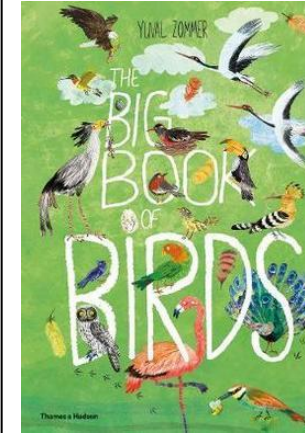


George Kranky's Grandma is a miserable grouch. George really hates that horrid old witchy woman.

One Saturday morning, George is in charge of giving Grandma her medicine.

So-ho! Ah-ha! Ho-hum! George knows exactly what to do.

A magic medicine\* it will be. One that will either cure her completely . . . or blow off the top of her head.



Why is a flamingo pink? Can a parrot talk? Is a bald eagle really bald? The Big Book of Birds answers these questions and many more. Explaining how to recognize different bird's eggs, the bird family tree, why different species of birds have different beaks and feathers, and why some birds migrate and travel vast distances every year.