



BookSpace's Lockdown Learning

A booklist for KS1 pupils

Reading for Pleasure Booklist

Key Stage 1

Over the last year, with so much time spent at home, our children's favourite books have been read and re-read more than ever before. If you feel it's time to try something new, but with libraries and bookshops closed you're not sure where to start, we hope our Lockdown Booklist will be helpful.

The BookSpace team have worked their way through all the lists of recommended books published in 2020 and selected the ones that we think are most likely to capture children's imaginations and become their new favourites.

Where possible we've also provided a link to activities which can be used to support your child's reading experience but, as with the book choices themselves, we've focused on resources which are fun and engaging. We've also provided a link, where available, to listen to the author reading an extract from their book which is a good way of your child checking out if it's the book for them.

If you have any feedback, we'd be delighted to hear from you.

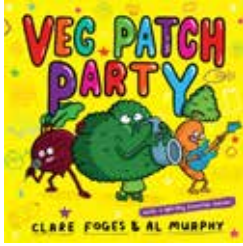
Best wishes,

The BookSpace Team

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Veg Patch Party

by Clare Foges and Al Murphy

Ages 4 to 7 years

Glastonbury with veg! From the bestselling picture book team behind Kitchen Disco. The vegetables start waking up They stretch and rise and shine - They set up lots of stages, Cos it's VEGGIE PARTY time! Mud, rain, vegetables. A winning combination!

Watch an extract online:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CuCjdoShYMI>



The Pirates are Coming!

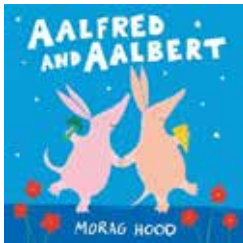
by John Condon and Matt Hunt

Ages 3 to 5 years

Tom has a VERY important job; every day he climbs to the top of the hill and watches for pirate ships. But when he rings his bell and shouts! "PIRATES!" a few too many times – and there's NO pirate ship – the villagers begin to get tired of hiding. So what will happen when the pirates really do show up?

Activity sheets:

<https://nosycrow.com/resource/the-pirates-are-coming-activity-sheets/>



Aalfred and Aalbert

by Morag Hood

Ages 3 to 5 years

"It's refreshing to have a love story, even if it is between aardvarks. The picture book is by the rising star author-illustrator Morag Hood, who has also written Colin and Lee, Carrot and Pea, I Am Bat and The Steves. Aalfred and Aalbert's sleep cycles are different and they are doomed never to meet but eventually, an accidental meeting gives them a happily-ever-after ending". The Independent

Activity sheets:

https://peachtree-online.com/pdfs/Activity_Event/AalfredandAalbertActivitySheets.pdf



One Fox

by Kate Read

Ages 3 to 5 years

One famished fox with two sly eyes is on the prowl ... three plump hens had better watch out!

The rich, close-up illustrations take the reader to the heart of the drama in this exciting story set in a moonlit farmyard. With something different to count in every picture, learning numbers from one to ten has never been so much fun, while the story will keep everyone gripped to the last, hugely satisfying page.

Activity sheets:

https://peachtree-online.com/pdfs/Activity_Event/OneFoxActivityKit.pdf

Listen to the author reading their book:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2fvf6PFzISo>



Astro Girl

by Ken Wilson-Max

Ages 4 to 7 years

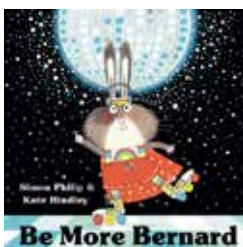
Astrid has loved the stars and space for as long as she can remember. "I want to be an astronaut!" she says to everyone who will listen. While her mama is away, Astrid and her papa have fun acting out the challenges an astronaut faces on a space mission — like being in zero gravity ("I can do that all day long!" she says), eating food from a kind of tube, and doing science experiments with the help of cookie sheets. When at last it's time to meet Mama at the air base, Astrid wears her favourite space T-shirt to greet her. But where exactly has Mama been?

Activity sheets:

<https://www.brighthubeducation.com/elementary-school-activities/space-book-and-games-astro-girl-by-ken-wilson-max/>

Listen to the author reading their book:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bPM_KSFpH7Q



Be More Bernard

by Simon Philip and Kate Hindley

Ages 4 to 7 years

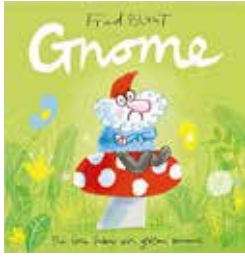
When the other bunnies bounced, I bounced. When they hopped, I hopped. When they slept, I did too. Like them, I dreamed. But MY dreams weren't the same. They were less ... rabbit. Bernard has decided that he's not going to be like all the other bunnies any more. He's not going to twitch his nose and prick his ears. And while others might dream of carrots, Bernard's dreams are altogether more... disco!

Activity sheets available:

<https://www.tes.com/teaching-resource/be-more-bernard-drawing-activity-12192848>

Watch the illustrator:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQXPf2QVtEc>



Gnome

by Fred Blunt

Ages 4 to 7 years

Mr Gnome isn't exactly the politest gnome that has ever lived. In fact, he's pretty rude. So when Miss Witch asks Mr Gnome to stop fishing in her pond, it's no surprise that he refuses - but Miss Witch has a pretty conclusive method for dealing with rudeness...

Listen to the author reading their book:

<https://www.facebook.com/257412850975907/videos/547258905977795>



Clean up

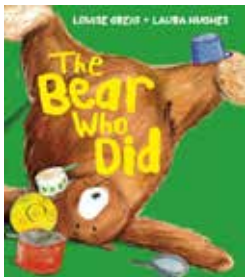
by Nathan Bryon and Dapo Adeola

Ages 4 to 5 years

When Rocket goes for a holiday to visit her grandparents, she's shocked by the pollution that is spoiling their island home and putting the local sea life at risk. Can she think of a way to save the day?

Activity sheets:

<https://learning.edbookfest.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Clean-Up-Activity-Sheets-Puffin.pdf>



The Bear Who Did

by Louise Greig and Laura Hughes

Ages 4 to 5 years

Who stole the honey? Follow the bear who did in this action-packed, rhyming picture book. A rollicking rhyming story about two bears, a jar of honey and the consequences of not sharing. When one bear with a very rumbly tummy steals a jar of honey from the other, it sparks a hilarious trail of events that lead to an epic and calamitous conclusion.

Will Poulter reads:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=vTF3shE4Ycg>



Ten Minutes to Bed: Little Dinosaur

By Rhiannon Fielding and Chris Chatterton

Ages 3 to 5 years

Muddy puddles, tropical birds, erupting volcanos... the jungle is full of so many exciting things, how can Rumble the dinosaur possibly go to sleep? Weaving a journey from lively beginning to gentle end, the ten-minute countdown to bed is at the heart of this adorable, heartwarming story.

Listen to the author reading their book:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=72Lv7y9WKbs>