

## Topic: Our Planet

This half term we will be sharing the following books in class and using them in our Literacy lessons and to inspire our learning across the curriculum.

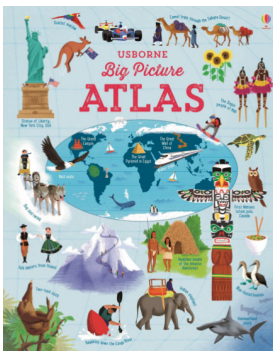


Below our suggestions for you to read at home with your child that will focus on our topics. These books are just some ideas. Any books of a similar topic/talking point will be beneficial in helping your child's understanding of the topics we are covering in class.

### Ten top tips for reading stories to your child:

1. Make reading to your child feel like a treat. Introduce each new book with excitement.
2. Make it a special quiet time and cuddle up so both of you can see the book.
3. Show curiosity in what you're going to read: Oh no! I think Arthur is going to get even angrier now.
4. Read the whole story the first time through, without stopping too much. If you think your child might not understand something, model an explanation: Oh I think what's happening here is that...
5. Chat about the story: I wonder why he did that? Oh no, I hope she's not going to... I wouldn't have done that, would you?
6. Avoid asking questions to test what your child remembers.
7. Link stories to your own experiences: This reminds me of... Do you remember when we...
8. Read favourite stories over and over again. Get your child to join in with the bits they know.
9. Read with enthusiasm. Don't be embarrassed to try out different voices. Your child will love it.
10. Read with enjoyment. If you're not enjoying it, your child won't!

### Suggested Reading for Spring 1



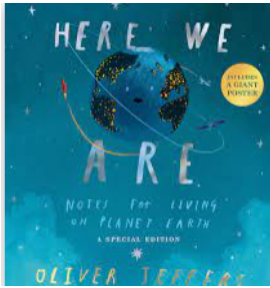
#### *Big Picture Atlas* Usborne Books

*A stunning atlas with 15 beautifully illustrated maps for children to pore over. Young explorers can discover the countries, continents, oceans, mountains and ice caps of our amazing planet and learn where different animals and people live. There are fascinating facts about each country, plus flags and capital cities and an index of place names.*



**Sharks and Dolphins**  
National Geographic KIDS

*These books from non-fiction favorite National Geographic, (there are 25 different titles available) bringing nature off the page. Bursting with vivid, beautiful photographs, amazing facts, and lots of science vocabulary. These titles are a great way to help your students expand their understanding of the world.*



**Here We Are: Notes for Living on Planet Earth**  
Oliver Jeffers

*Our world can be a bewildering place, especially if you've only just got here. Your head will be filled with questions, so let's explore what makes our planet and how we live on it. From land and sky, to people and time, these notes can be your guide and start you on your journey. And you'll figure lots of things out for yourself. Just remember to leave notes for everyone else... Some things about our planet are pretty complicated, but things can be simple, too: you've just got to be kind.*

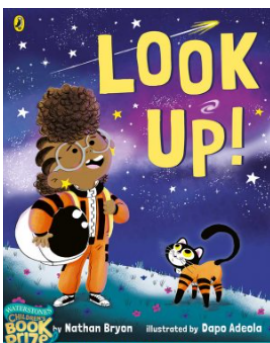


**What A Waste: Rubbish, recycling and protecting our planet.**

Jess French

*In this informative book on recycling for children, you will find everything you need to know about our environment. The good, the bad, and the incredibly innovative. From pollution and litter to renewable energy and plastic recycling.*

*This educational book will teach young budding ecologists about how our actions affect planet Earth and the big impact we can make by the little things we do.*



**Look Up!**  
Nathan Bryon

*Meet hilarious, science-mad chatterbox, Rocket - she's going to be the greatest astronaut, star-catcher, space-traveller that has ever lived! But... can she convince her big brother to stop looking down at his phone and start LOOKING UP at the stars? Bursting with energy and passion about science and space, this heart-warming, inspirational picture book will have readers turning off their screens and switching on to the outside world.*



**One Day On Our Blue Planet...In The Ocean**

Ella Bailey

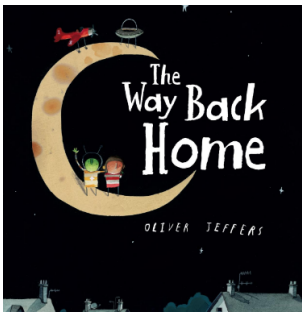
*The fourth in the series of charmingly illustrated children's books teaching little ones about the natural world. This series, focused on the way our young animal friends spend a day, continues with an adventurous bottlenose dolphin calf, as she explores the vast Pacific Ocean with her mother and meets the many wonderful water-dwelling creatures that live there.*



**One Day On Our Blue Planet...In The Antarctic**

Ella Bailey

*From breakfast to dinner, dusk to dawn, children will love spending the day with this curious penguin chick. In the latest volume of Ella Bailey's picture book exploration of the daily lives of baby animals, we head to the ice shelf to meet a young penguin chick. What does she and her family eat? How many brothers and sisters does she have? What do they do for fun?*



**The Way Back Home**

Oliver Jeffers

*Once there as a boy, and one day, he found an aeroplane in his cupboard. He didn't remember leaving it in there, but he thought he'd take it out for a go right away. At first, all went well and the plane flew higher and higher and higher until suddenly, with a splutter, it ran out of petrol. The boy was stuck on the moon and he was not alone.*



**Somebody Crunched Colin**

Sarah Roberts

*Colin is no ordinary flower. Colin smells appealing – just like the other flowers around him. The only trouble is, he crackles and crunches and flutters in the wind. He can't seem to find where he belongs, but he smells so delicious that all the animals want to eat him...But Colin is a crisp packet! A beautifully illustrated picture book with a powerful message about plastic pollution and the benefits of recycling from environmental expert Sarah Roberts.*



**Meet The Oceans**

Caryl Hart

*This bold, bright follow-up to the acclaimed picture book Meet the Planets is packed with sea creatures from dolphins and beluga whales to turtles and manatees. The ocean is a vast treasure-house, threatened by plastic waste and pollution, and this picture book is the ideal introduction to the importance of caring for it. Combining STEM learning with a rhyming twist, it's perfect for all would-be explorers!*



**The Big Book of the Blue**

Yuval Zommer's

*This beautiful new book provides the answers to these and many more fishy questions. His wonderfully quirky illustrations show off all kinds of slippery, shimmery and surprising sea creatures, including sea turtles, whales, sharks, rays and seahorses. Chatty, funny and full of amazing facts, it will be devoured by children eager to find out about the most exciting creatures from the deep blue.*