

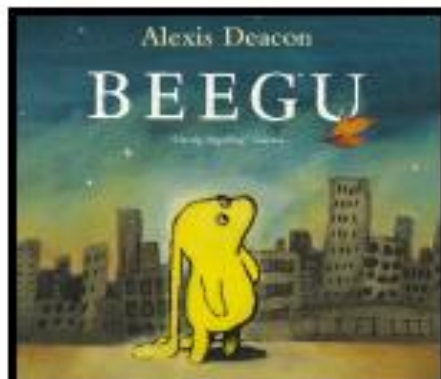


# Guide to Highwood School

## READING PASSPORT 2

### *Years 2-3*



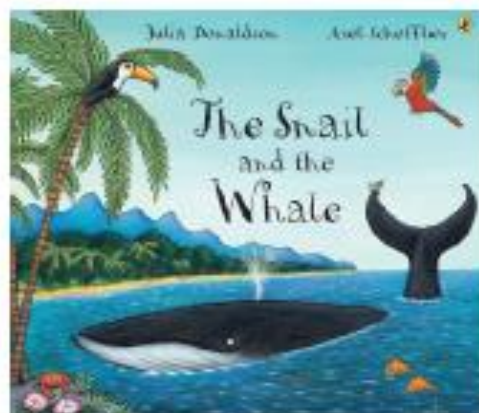


**Beegu, by Alexis Deacon**

Beegu is not supposed to be on Earth. She is lost. She is a friendly little creature, but the Earth People don't seem very welcoming at all. However, so far she has only met the BIG ones. The little ones are a different matter . . .

**What do machines do all day?**  
by Jo Nelson and Alexander Savic

Find out in this fully illustrated book that features more than 100 machines and things that go. Enjoy the amazing illustrations and information about machines in different settings.



**The Snail and the Whale, by Julia Donaldson**

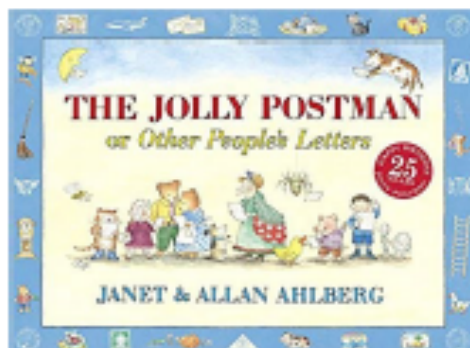
The bestselling classic and delightful tale of adventure and friendship by the unparalleled picture book partnership of Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler, creators of The Gruffalo.

**Katie Morag, Island Stories, by Mairi Hedderwick**

Welcome to the Island of Struay, home of one of the best-loved characters in children's books. Whether she's posting parcels to the wrong addresses, helping Grannie Island with a winning sheep, or dealing with her naughty big boy cousins, Katie Morag is always up to something!







### The Jolly Postman by Janet and Allan Ahlberg

Join the Jolly Postman on his rounds as he delivers cards and letters to various fairy-tale characters. He has a letter of apology for the three bears from Goldilocks, a postcard from Jack for the giant, a solicitor's letter on behalf of Little Red Riding-Hood for the wolf who ate grandma, and more!

### Amazing Grace, by Mary Hoffman

Grace loves stories, whether they're from books, movies, or the kind her grandmother tells. So when she gets a chance to play a part in Peter Pan, she knows exactly who she wants to be. An inspiring story about believing in yourself.



### Asterix the Gaul, by Rene Goscinny

The year is 50BC, and all Gaul is occupied. Only one small village of indomitable Gauls still holds out against the invaders. But how much longer can Asterix, Obelix and their friends resist the mighty Roman legions of Julius Caesar? A hilarious and world-famous cartoon.

### A Bear Called Paddington, by Michael Bond

Paddington Bear had travelled all the way from Darkest Peru when the Brown family first met him on Paddington station. Since then their lives have never been quite the same... for ordinary things become quite extraordinary when a bear called Paddington is involved!



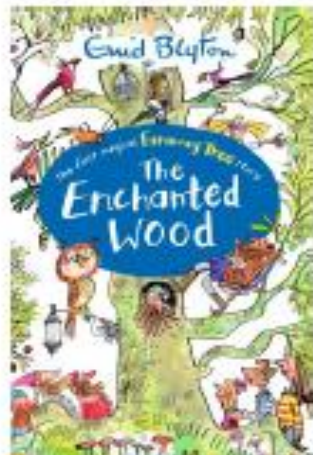


### The Great Big Book of Families, by Mary Hoffman

What is a family? Once, it was said to be a father, mother, boy, girl, cat and dog living in a house with a garden. But as times have changed, families have changed too. Find out about all the different kinds of family there are.

### The Enchanted Wood, by Enid Blyton

When Joe, Beth and Frannie move to a new home, an Enchanted Wood is on their doorstep. And when they discover the Faraway Tree, that is the beginning of many magical adventures! Join them and their friends as they discover which new land is at the top of the Faraway Tree. Will it be the Land of Birthdays, the Land of Toys, or ...?



### Finn Family Moomintroll, by Tove Jansson

It is spring in the valley and the Moomins are ready for adventure. Moomintroll and his friends Snuffkin and Sniff find the Hobgoblin's top hat, all shiny and new and just waiting to be taken home. They soon realize that his is no ordinary hat; it can turn anything—or anyone—into something else!

### The Lost Happy Endings, by Carol Anne Duffy

What would happen if we lost the happy endings to stories - imagine the tears at bedtime! A fantastic and magical tale about what happens when, one night, a wicked witch steals the happy endings to bedtime stories. It is up to Jub, the keeper of the happy endings, to save the day!

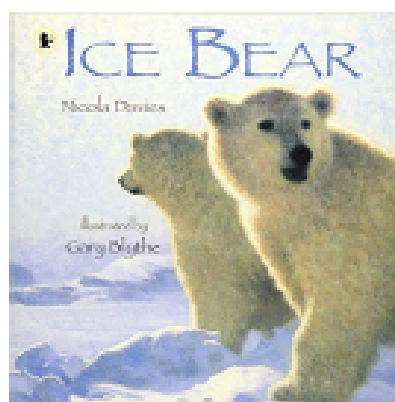
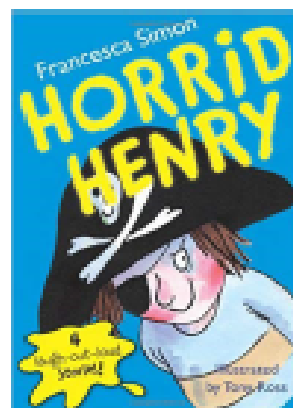






## Horrid Henry, by Francesca Simon

Number One for Fiendish Fun! This book contains **HIDEOUS** behavior, terrible dancing, disgusting **glop** and a trip to France! Utterly hilarious and totally brilliant, with illustrations by Tony Ross. An irresistible introduction to reading for pleasure.

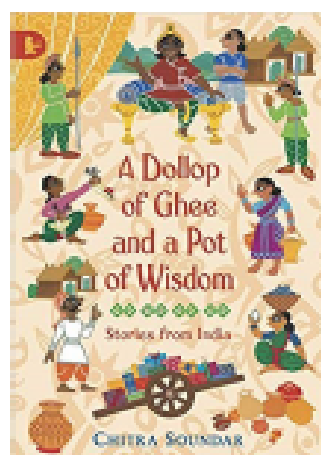


## Ice Bear, by Nicola Davies

An informative, gorgeously illustrated study of the majestic polar bear. Huge, magnificent, alone, a white bear moves through the frozen Arctic. Powerful hunter, tender mother and gentle playmate – she shares this land of ice and snow with the Inuit people, who watch and learn from her. Come on an unforgettable journey into the world of the polar bear...

## Planet Awesome, by Stacy McAnulty

'Hi, I'm Earth! But you can call me Planet Awesome.' In this hilarious and informative book filled to the brim with eye-opening, kid-friendly facts about our planet, you'll find scientifically accurate information from beloved children's book author Stacy McAnulty and vibrant art by award-winning illustrator David Litchfield.

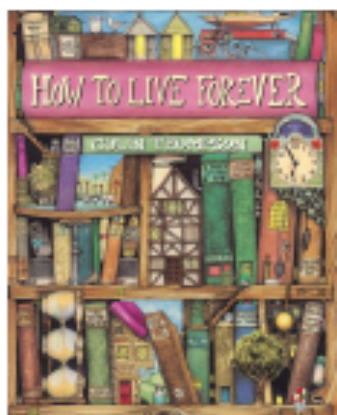


## A Dollop of Ghee and a Pot of Wisdom, by Chitra Soundar

Here is a bunch of dung-dropping, sweet-stealing, luck-jinxing villains! Four stories about young Prince Veera, who, along with his friend Suku, helps his father, the king, solve some of the problems he is having with his subjects. Trickster tales with lots of humour and colour, based on traditional Indian folktales.

### Hermelin, the detective mouse, by Mini Grey

Hermelin is a noticer. He is also a finder. The occupants of Offley Street are delighted when their missing items are found, but not so happy to learn that their brilliant detective is a mouse! What will happen to Hermelin? Will his talents go unrewarded? Amazing illustrations by the author of Traction Man.

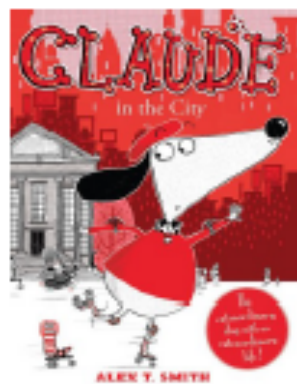


### How to Live Forever, by Colin Thomson

A library that comes to life, a quest for a mysterious book and stunning illustrations you can lose yourself in: How to Live Forever is a strange tale you will find hard to put down.

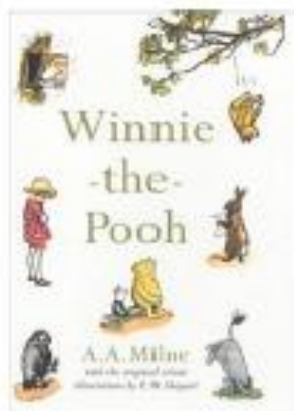
### Claude in the City, by Alex T. Smith

Meet Claude - the ordinary dog with an extraordinary life. When Mr and Mrs Shinyshoes set off for work, Claude decides what adventure he wants to have that day. Today he and Sir Bobblysock go to the city for the very first time.



### The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs, by Jon Scieszka

A hilarious retelling of the Three Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka. You may think you know the story of the Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf - but only one person knows the real story. And that person is A. Wolf. His tale starts with a birthday cake for his dear old granny, a bad head cold and a bad reputation. The rest (as they say) is history.

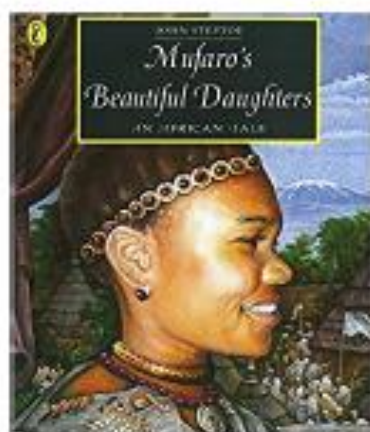


### 'Winnie the Pooh, by A.A. Milne

Once upon a time, a very long time ago now, about last Friday, Winnie-the-Pooh lived in a forest all by himself under the name of Sanders'. Curl up with a true children's classic by reading A.A. Milne's Winnie-the-Pooh.

### The Worst Witch, by Jill Murphy

'Mildred Hubble was in her first year at the school. She was one of those people who always seemed be in trouble.' Hold on to your broomstick for magical mayhem with Jill Murphy's much-loved classic The Worst Witch- the original story of life at a magical boarding school.

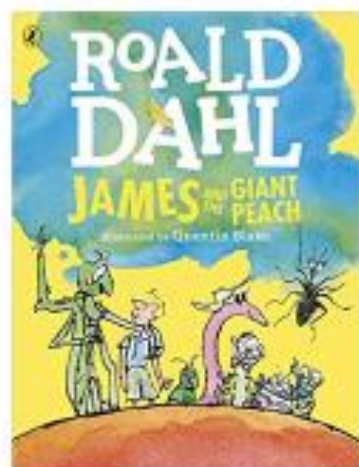


### Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters, by John Steptoe

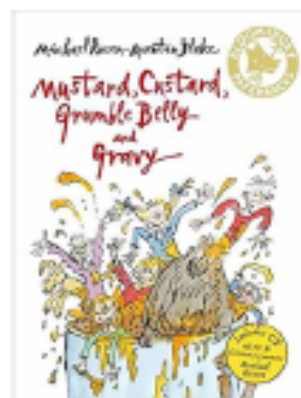
Stunning illustrations will amaze the reader of this traditional African folktale. It is the story of Mufaro, who is proud of his two beautiful daughters. Nyasha is kind and considerate, but everyone—except Mufaro—knows that Man-yara is selfish and bad-tempered.

### James and the Giant Peach, by Roald Dahl

James Henry Trotter lives with two ghastly hags. Aunt Sponge is enormously fat with a face that looks boiled and Aunt Spiker is bony and screeching. He's very lonely until one day something peculiar happens. . At the end of the garden a peach starts to grow and GROW AND GROW.







### Mustard, Custard, Grumble Belly and Gravy, by Michael Rosen

Funny poems are a great way to share a quick read with a child. Michael Rosen captures the funny moments of everyday life. Quentin Blake's illustrations perfectly bring to life the poems.

## How can I help my child with their reading?

Sharing a book with a child is fun - it's a time for closeness, laughing and talking together. It can also give children a flying start in life and help them become life-long readers.

- **Set aside some time.** Find somewhere quiet without any distractions - turn off the TV/radio/computer.
- **Ask your child to choose a book.** Sharing books they have chosen shows you care what they think and that their opinion matters. This means they are more likely to engage with the book.
- **Read to your child.** Although your child will be becoming more confident at reading, they will still benefit greatly from being read to. You can show them how to read with fluency and expression. Reading to your child also gives them the opportunity to concentrate on thinking about the meaning of the story.
- **Encourage your child to re-read a part of the book** if they found it a bit challenging and read it in a faltering way on their first reading. This will help them develop fluency.
- **Encourage your child to talk about the book.** Talking about the characters and their dilemmas helps children understand relationships and is an excellent way for you to get to know each other or discuss difficult issues. Give your child plenty of time to respond. Ask them how a character might be feeling or how the book makes them feel.

**And lastly, above all - make it fun!** It doesn't matter how you read with a child, as long as you both enjoy the time together. Don't be afraid to use funny voices - children love this!