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Book Suggestions for KS2

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The Promise

Nicola Davies

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ynMTWupQQJ4>

An allegorical tale of hope takes on new life in this stirring, gorgeously illustrated story.

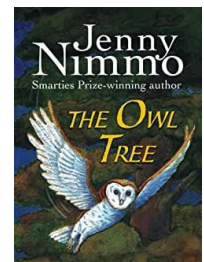


On a mean street in a mean, broken city, a young girl tries to snatch an old woman's bag. But the frail old woman, holding on with the strength of heroes, says the thief can't have it without giving something in return: *the promise*. It is the beginning of a journey that will change the thieving girl's life — and a chance to change the world, for good. Here is the story of a magical discovery that will touch the heart and imagination of every reader, young and old. In an exciting collaboration, author Nicola Davies joins forces with illustrator Laura Carlin to create a contemporary tale inspired by Jean Giono's 1953 story, *L'homme qui plantait des arbres*.

The Owl Tree

Jenny Nimmo

Winner of the Smarties Book Prize, this uplifting short novel tells the story of Joe, who becomes interested in a magnificent tree overhanging into his granny's garden. Compelled by the mystery sighting of an owl, Joe is sure that the tree holds mysteries within its branches and knows that he must act fast when he hears that granny's neighbour is planning to cut it down.



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Bloom

Nicola Skinner & Flavia Sorrentino

This is a stand-out story full of humour and heart, about a packet of 'surprising seeds' that leads to an epidemic causing people to grow flowers out of their heads. Sorrel Fallowfield is a rule follower. Never wishing to cause trouble for her overworked Mum or to break the strict rules of a perfection-demanding headteacher, Sorrel knows that she is in with a good chance of winning when school announces a competition to find the most perfectly-behaved student. Sorrel's luck changes when a mysterious packet of seeds appears in her garden with surprising effects. Before she knows, the power of the seeds has taken root not just in Sorrel's life but also in her whole community. Could nature be fighting back against a town that has eradicated all of its green spaces?

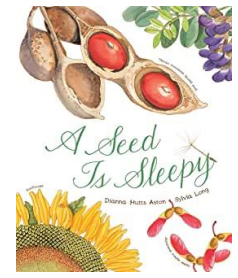


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A Seed is Sleepy

Dianna Aston & Sylvia Long

This beautifully illustrated non-fiction text showcases how amazing seeds are. Each page shows how different types of seeds are perfectly adapted to survive, spread and grow into amazing plants. The text is poetic and the botanical illustrations are beautiful and detailed. If it never occurred to you to appreciate how amazing seeds can be, it will after reading this!



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Under the Canopy

Iris Volant & Cynthia Alonso

A beautifully presented hardback book that tells stories about lots of different trees -from the legend of the Major Oak in Sherwood Forest, to the olive trees of Greece and the blossom in Japan – as well as giving factual information about seasonality, average height and where in the world they grow. A fascinating read for all ages, with brilliant and vibrant illustrations throughout. While it doesn't offer a call for greater care of the environment directly, it shows the importance of trees historically and culturally, and would encourage discussion around their importance with future generations.

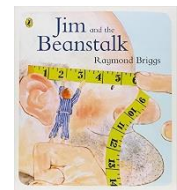


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Jim and the Beanstalk

Raymond Briggs

A retelling of the traditional Jack and the Beanstalk story by the well-loved children's author and illustrator Raymond Briggs (author of 'The Snowman' and 'Ug: Boy Genius of the Stone Age'). In this version, the giant has become weary with old age. When a young boy called Jim discovers a beanstalk, he climbs up it and tries to help the giant by providing him with glasses, false teeth and a wig. But will Jim survive when the giant regains his appetite?

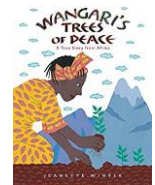


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Wangari's Trees of Peace: A True Story from Africa

Jeanette Winter

This beautiful and factual picture book about Wangari Maathai is inspiring and full of hope. The devastating impact of deforestation is made starkly clear but it is counterbalanced by the actions taken by first Wangari Maathai and then more and more women until millions of trees had been planted and healing began.

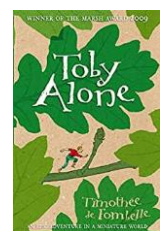


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Toby Alone

Timothee de Fombelle

This is an award-winning children's novel with a positive message about looking after the natural world. Toby is miniature at just 1.5mm tall and he lives in the Great Oak Tree. Toby and his family find themselves cast out of the Oak Tree society when Toby's father attempts to protect the energy source at the heart of the tree from powerful people who wish to use up natural resources for their own gains, even if doing so will eventually destroy their environment.



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Botanicum (Welcome To The Museum)

Kathy Willis & Katie Scott

This impressive hardback is the closest thing you can get to a museum in book form. Exhibited in the pages are all sorts of plants from different habitats around the globe, displayed with beautiful botanical illustrations and informative text explaining the science behind how each plant looks and behaves. This is a beautiful non-fiction text to treasure and to amaze readers with the incredible diversity of the plant world.

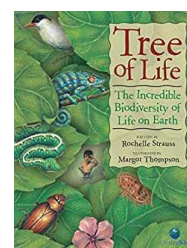


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Tree of Life: The Incredible Biodiversity of Life on Earth

Rochelle Strauss & Margot Thompson

This is a very detailed non-fiction book for children that explores the science behind how living things depend on each other. Find out how plants and trees fit into the big picture of biodiversity on our planet. Packed with facts and lots of scientific vocabulary, this text is most suitable for upper KS2.

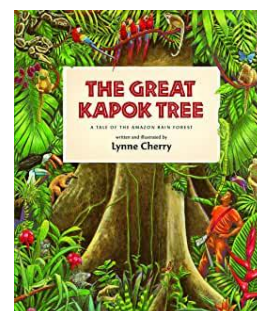


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The Great Kapok Tree

Lynne Cherry

This is a colourful and engaging picture book that captures the spirit of the rainforest through its beautifully detailed illustrations. It has a simple story line that is accessible to less confident readers but a strong message about deforestation and enough depth to captivate older readers too.



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The Boy Who Grew Dragons

Andy Shepherd & Sara Ogilvie

The first in a series of three stories from debut author Andy Shepherd, this hugely entertaining adventure about a small boy and his pet dragon would make a super read-aloud for years 2, 3 or 4. Tomas is busy in the garden with Grandad, planning which fruits to grow that might be turned into delicious jams or tarts. When Tomas stumbles across a strange tree with curious-looking fruit, he never expects that what might emerge from the fruit is a real live dragon! This is an adventure that is humorous at every turn, but also full of heart. Tomas is a great positive role model for showing how young people can apply curiosity and creativity to the process of growing and nurturing plants and see 'magic' in the course.



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I Love This Tree: Discover the life, beauty and importance of trees

Anna Claybourne

An informative information text all about trees. Starting with a simple chestnut tree, this book explores the features of trees, including their life cycles, habitats and anatomy. A highly recommended companion for primary pupils learning about trees.



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Do Plants Really Eat Insects?

Thomas Canavan

Part of the Science FAQs series, this book explores questions and answers all about plants. With questions designed to gain the interest of children (such as 'Do Plants Poo?') and lots of colourful close up photographs, this is a wonderfully appealing non-fiction text to unpick some of the science of plants in an accessible way.

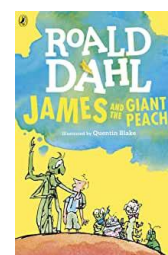


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James and the Giant Peach

Roald Dahl

When a peach at the end of the garden grows and grows, James finds himself inside it along with an odd assortment of insect friends ready to take him on a magical adventure. A fast-paced humorous story from the popular children's author Roald Dahl.

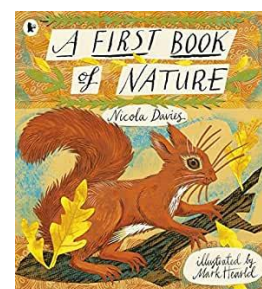


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A First Book of Nature

Nicola Davies & Mark Hearld

This book has a dreamteam of components: Nicola Davies, Mark Hearld, poetry and nature. Together they create something that belongs in multiple genres. It's a poetry book, an art book - Hearld's woodblock prints are one with the words - and an information book. The book guides you through the seasons, and the poems about British wildlife, weather and trees depict how special each one is, while gently informing. In my opinion, an essential addition to any library or classroom, and a fine multi-topic book for any age group.



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Tom's Midnight Garden

Philippa Pearce

Winner of the prestigious Carnegie Medal, this time-slip story is a classic of children's literature. It follows the story of Tom, who yearns for a garden while he is staying with his aunt in a small and boring flat. When the clock strikes thirteen, he discovers a magical and beautiful garden full of wonders and enchanting children.



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Alison Brownlie

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Carol Inskipp

Freedom Song – The Story of Nelson Mandela

Neil Tonge

Rescue Mission: Planet Earth

David Woollcombe

Biography: Nelson Mandela

Laaren Brown

A Life like Mine

Jemima Khan

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David J Smith

