

Annex 2. Primary school book list – books for children

This is an initial set of book suggestions that might work in schools in a range of ways:

- For children to develop an understanding, through high quality fiction, of the beauty and fragility of our planet
- For children to read independently about climate change

The selection does not presume that they are the best in the field, but they have content that is interesting, lively, and should enable our children to develop cultural capital in understanding and valuing our planet and its fragility.

NON-FICTION GEOGRAPHY, SCIENCE AND CROSS CURRICULAR THEMES, POETRY AND FICTION		
Name of book	Age group – broadly Book type	Why it has been included
Broom, J, 2015, <i>Wonder Garden</i> , Aurum Press, London	KS2 – content KS1 – visuals and key text Non-fiction	Wander through five habitats to discover 80 amazing animals Sharing book!
Daykin, C, <i>Fire Girl, Forest Boy</i>	KS2 Fiction	An adventure in the Peruvian rainforest that also explores environmental and economic issues.
Hughes, E, 2013, <i>Wild</i> , Flying Eye, London	KS1 Fiction Visual images to talk about!	This tells the story of a child who knows nothing but nature since birth.
Ignotosfsky, R 2019 <i>The Incredible Ecosystems of Planet Earth</i> , Hodder & Stoughton,	KS2 – although younger children will appreciate some of the illustrations Non-fiction	An illustrated journey through the world's ecosystems, exploring the plants and animals that live here and explaining how they, and Planet Earth work.
Lerwill, B, Hobday, H, 2020, <i>Wild Cities</i> , Puffin, London	KS2 Non-fiction	Looking for the wildlife in cities. It includes information on cities too and their history / geography.
Macfarlane, R & Morris, J 2017, <i>The Lost Words</i> , Penguin, London <i>20 postcards that include the key paintings and some text can be purchased separately –</i>	KS2 Extended vocabulary Poetry Visual theatre	This is more than a book, it is a resource that is beautiful, playful, and engages all ages in with the natural world in Britain. Nature poems that can be spoken aloud.

<i>could be used easily then with KS1</i>		Shared book!
Martin, m, 2016, <i>A River</i> , Templar, London	KS1 Fiction	Independent read for younger children. illustrations could be used as a starting point for discussion, story writing, etc.
Radeva, S, 2019 <i>Charles Darwin's On the Origin of Species</i> ,	Upper KS2 and especially Y6 Non-fiction	Ideas around evolution, challenging vocabulary.
Sis, P 2003, <i>The Tree of Life</i> , Macmillan, New York	Upper KS2 – and especially Y6 Non-fiction	Based around the life of Charles Darwin – enchanting visuals.
Tan, S, 2018, <i>Tales from the Inner City</i> , Walker, London	KS2 Extended vocabulary Fiction and fact!	Reflections on being and the urban relationship with animals Stories to read to children, stories older children can read to themselves, and illustrations to enjoy!
Williams, R, 2020 <i>Slow Down</i> , Magic Cat Publishing, Surrey	KS1 and early KS2 Wonderful illustrations Non-fiction	Nature's everyday events told in story form with the invitation to go out and see it! Nature and mindfulness

CLIMATE EDUCATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE NON FICTION AND FICTION		
Name of book	Age group – broadly Book type	Why it has been included
Bryon, N and Adeola, D, 2020, <i>Clean Up</i> , Penguin, London	EYFS and KS1 Fiction	Holiday time – the children clean up the beach.
Butterworth, J, <i>Swimming Against the Storm</i> ,	KS2 Fiction	Chapter book about rising sea levels and how a child takes action to protect the habitat.
Kirby, L, 2020, <i>Old Enough to Save the Planet</i> , Magic Cat Publishing, Surrey	KS1/KS2 Non-fiction	Examples of children who have taken action against climate change
Layton, N, <i>A Climate in Chaos</i> , Wren and Rook, London	EYFS, KS1 and early KS2 Non-fiction	Information, particularly on climate, and how to help save the planet
Morland, F, 2019 <i>World in Danger</i> DK, London	KS1 but could easily be used in EYFS	Facts, song, activity about climate change – written by a child.

Peppa Pig, 2020, <i>Peppa Loves the Planet</i> , Penguin, London	EYFS and Y1 Fiction	Story about how Peppa looks after the planet through everyday activities
Readman, J, Roberts, L, 2006, <i>George saves the World by Lunchtime</i> , Random House, London	EYFS and KS1 Fiction and non-fiction	Story of George's morning, but with additional factual information on how to protect the planet.
Thomas, I, 2020, <i>This book will (help) cool the climate</i> . Hodder and Stoughton, London	KS2 Non-fiction	Facts, activities, challenges and information.

BOOK COLLECTIONS - Environment and Climate change	
Suggested collections:	Website
'Best Environmental Books for Kids' (The school run)	https://www.theschoolrun.com/best-environmental-books-for-children
10 books on climate change for children (The Guardian)	https://www.theguardian.com/books/2019/jul/09/from-greta-thunberg-to-sally-morgan-10-books-to-help-kids-come-to-grips-with-climate-crisis