

# YEAR 1

## 1. INSPIRED BY THE TROUBLE WITH DRAGONS BY DEBI GLIORI

This beautifully illustrated book provides a fantastic starting point for Year 1 learners. Dragons arrive, bringing their eggs with them. More and more dragons appear, polluting the environment and throwing loud parties. The ice caps start to melt so the other animals get together to persuade the dragons to be more considerate.

**SUGGESTED TOPICS:** *Dragons, Fantasy, Myths and Legends, The Environment, Fire of London*

## 2. INSPIRED BY BRUEGEL'S CHILDREN'S GAMES

This intricately detailed picture is an excellent introduction to pictures from history. It provides an excellent stimulus for discussion about the similarities and differences in children's activities in the past. The busy detail invites the children to keep looking, noticing new things every time they look!

**SUGGESTED TOPICS:** *Myself, Healthy living, Toys, Past Times*

## 3. INSPIRED BY TIDDLER BY JULIA DONALDSON

A fun book, written in rhyme, about a little fish who is often late for school and always has a creative excuse! Axel Scheffler's colourful illustrations provide a rich resource for learning. One day, when dreaming up his next excuse, Tiddler gets caught in a net...how will this adventure end?

**SUGGESTED TOPICS:** *The Sea, Explorers, Adventurers, My School, Story telling*

## 4. INSPIRED BY MR WOLF AND THE THREE BEARS BY JANE FEARNLEY

An interesting twist on a classic, this story invites us to see Goldilocks in a new light! There are plenty of opportunities for learning as Mr Wolf prepares a party for Baby Bear; things don't go quite as planned.

**SUGGESTED TOPICS:** *Traditional Tales, Celebrations, Friends and families, Food*

## 5. INSPIRED BY THE DISGUSTING SANDWICH BY GARETH EDWARDS

A very hungry badger in the local park spots a sandwich, but before he can get to it a squirrel runs off with it. This gorgeously yucky tale takes us on a tour of the creatures and environments in the local park, as the sandwich passes from one creature to another. Imagine the state of the sandwich at the end!

**SUGGESTED TOPICS:** *Parks and playing, Healthy living, Minibeasts, Food Chains, Local environment*

## 6. INSPIRED BY DO NOT ENTER THE MONSTER ZOO BY AMY SPARKES

How would you react if you were invited to run the zoo for a day? Not any ordinary zoo....a monster zoo! Let your imagination run wild as you meet the monsters that need to be fed and cared for.

**SUGGESTED TOPICS:** *Creatures, The jobs people do, Fantasy, Leisure activities*

## 1. INSPIRED BY THE TIN FOREST BY HELEN WARD

Ever wanted to bring place value to life? This module certainly does that. The little old man collects bundles of junk as he tidies up his environment. Compare living and non-living things as you watch the forest grow. This beautiful book, in true Helen Ward style, will hook your children in and motivate them to find out more.

**SUGGESTED TOPICS:** *Change, Forests, The Environment*

## 2. INSPIRED BY LOWRY'S SCENE FROM A NORTHERN TOWN

This busy market scene gives plenty of opportunities to explore the life style of a bygone era. Role play visiting the market and imagine shopping in a bustling street. Capitalise on opportunities to explore other works of art by Lowry or link to present day food shopping.

**SUGGESTED TOPICS:** *Past life, Industry, Markets, The Environment, Town life*

## 3. INSPIRED BY MAN ON THE MOON (A DAY IN THE LIFE OF BOB) BY SIMON BARTRAM

Meet Bob, the man on the moon. His daily work involves keeping the moon clean and tidy as well as entertaining the tourists! A real trip of fantasy! Use this bold, engaging book as a stimulus for exploring what aliens might look like, what might be lurking in a moon crater or simply discussing how different people spend their days.

**SUGGESTED TOPICS:** *Change, Forests, The Environment*

## 4. INSPIRED BY GOOD KNIGHT SLEEP TIGHT BY DAVID MELLING

The knight in this tale is not your ordinary courageous knight. He is helped on his quest by his horse, who is scared of heights and accompanied by a shield that reacts to the situations he encounters. Will he be successful in his quest?

**SUGGESTED TOPICS:** *Knights, Dragons, Castles, Quests, Historical*

## 5. INSPIRED BY THE LIGHHOUSE KEEPER'S PICNIC BY DAVID ARMITAGE

Mr. Grinling is a well known children's book character. He joins in the games and races at the annual village picnic but then he and his wife get stranded by the tide. Mr.Grinling's friend,Sam, helps him get his hands on some tasty snacks and the story ends with a balloon trip. A beautifully illustrated book with many avenues to explore.

**SUGGESTED TOPICS:** *Seaside, Healthy living, Food, People who help us, Village life*

## 6. INSPIRED BY FIVE MINUTES PEACE BY JILL MURPHY

This timeless children's picture book puts an interesting perspective on aspects of family life! A humorous tale of a mother elephant trying to get some peace to read her paper, but her children incessantly pester and follow her – even into the bath! A wonderfully messy breakfast creates numerous opportunities for learning.

**SUGGESTED TOPICS:** *Family life, Changing times, All about me, Homes and Houses*

# YEAR 2

# YEAR 3

## 1. INSPIRED BY THE MAN WHOSE MOTHER WAS A PIRATE BY MARGARET MAHY

Come on a journey with a difference as the man pushes his mother in a wheel barrow, to smell the sea again. Travel from their home in the town, through the countryside to the coast – lots of opportunities to link learning to where you live or to a contrasting environment.

**SUGGESTED TOPICS:** *Pirates, Explorers, Journeys, Seaside*

## 2. INSPIRED BY TOYS IN SPACE BY MINI GREY

This quirky book, in typical Mini Grey style, takes a group of toys on an exciting journey to space. One toy takes a lead to reassure the others and help them through the experience. Use the shelves of toys as a stimulus to ordering numbers and writing labels.

**SUGGESTED TOPICS:** *Space, Toys, Journeys, Responsibility*

## 3. INSPIRED BY PETER SPIERS' CIRCUS

The illustrations in this book provide a rich context for many avenues of exploration. The many performers at the circus come from countries all around the world, offering a starting point for geographical study. Design clown outfits and decide on the key elements of a successful circus.

**SUGGESTED TOPICS:** *Circus, Entertainment, Celebrations, The jobs people do, Animals, Around the World*

## 4. INSPIRED BY THE EMPEROR OF ABSURDIA BY CHRIS RIDDELL

Which is the dream and which is 'reality'? The Emperor lives in a fantastical world that "will haunt the dreamscapes of wide-eyed boys of all ages." (Observer). Calculate the distance up the Pointy tree, investigate the power of language as you follow the Emperor on his dragon hunt.

**SUGGESTED TOPICS:** *Fantasy, Dragons, Dreams, Landscapes, Myths and Legends*

## 5. INSPIRED BY THE WHISPERER BY NICK BUTTERWORTH

An interesting take on the classic Romeo and Juliet story, or West Side Story theme. Two young cats fall in love but their families hate each other. How will they bring their families together? Includes some intriguing place value activities based on coloured rats and reasons to look at an issue from someone else's point of view.

**SUGGESTED TOPICS:** *Pirates, Explorers, Journeys, Seaside*

## 6. INSPIRED BY HARRY AND THE JAGGEDY DAGGERS BY JAN FEARNLEY

Harry the harbour mouse is heartbroken when his boat is dashed and smashed on the dangerous, mean old rocks – the terrible Jaggedy Daggers! But just as the sea brings mischief, it brings surprises too! A story about being brave. Even if you are very small and have only a teacup and a rusty teaspoon.

**SUGGESTED TOPICS:** *Being brave, the Sea, Transport, Community*

## 1. INSPIRED BY THE SCARAB'S SECRET BY NICK WOULD & CHRISTINA BALIT

Come on a journey with a difference as the man pushes his mother in a wheel barrow, to smell the sea again. Travel from their home in the town, through the countryside to the coast – lots of opportunities to link learning to where you live or to a contrasting environment.

**SUGGESTED TOPICS:** *Egypt, Fables, Choices*

## 2. INSPIRED BY CASTLES BY COLIN THOMPSON

What an incredible selection of castles! Colin Thompson's amazing imagination and detailed illustrations bring a new dimension to castles. Spot something new every time you look at this book – the variety of ideas brings a realm of possible avenues to explore.

**SUGGESTED TOPICS:** *Castles, Settlements, Fantasy, Materials, or any history themes that include castles*

## 3. INSPIRED BY FLOTSAM BY DAVID WEISNER

A bright, science-minded boy goes to the beach equipped to collect and examine flotsam—anything floating that has been washed ashore. Bottles, lost toys, small objects of every description are among his usual finds. But there's no way he could have prepared for one particular discovery.

**SUGGESTED TOPICS:** *Pirates, Explorers, Journeys, Seaside*

## 4. INSPIRED BY MEERKAT MAIL BY EMILY GRAVETT

Sunny lives on an arid plain with his extensive and loving meerkat family; they work together, play together and together do their best to stay away from jackals! But Sunny is starting to feel claustrophobic and decides to set off to stay with his mongoose cousins and explore the outside world.

**SUGGESTED TOPICS:** *Changes over time, Families, Communication, Countries outside Europe*

## 5. INSPIRED BY WHERE THE FOREST MEETS THE SEA BY JEANNIE BAKER

When a young boy visits a tropical rain forest, he pretends it is a long time ago and that extinct and rare animals live in the forest, and aboriginal children play there. But how much longer will the rainforest remain, he wonders?

**SUGGESTED TOPICS:** *Environment, Change, Forests or Landscapes*

## 6. INSPIRED BY BLODIN THE BEAST BY MICHAEL MORPURGO

Who will overcome Blodin, a fearsome beast who stalks a timeless, faraway place, breathing fire and razing villages to the ground? Only wise old Shanga, weaving strange carpets, knows how to destroy this monster – but he's too old to cross the mountains that never end. Could a young boy be brave enough to face up to this challenge?

**SUGGESTED TOPICS:** *Quests, Myths and Legends, Different Cultures, Mountain, Forests & deserts, Faith.*

# YEAR 4

# YEAR 5

## 1. INSPIRED BY LEON AND THE PLACE BETWEEN BY ANGELA MCALLISTER

This enchanting book is an absolute delight to work with. The beautiful pictures enhance imagination and the range of text encourages learners to explore the impact of their own writing. Construct regular polygons and explore prime numbers.

**SUGGESTED TOPICS:** Magic, fantasy, travel, entertainment

## 2. INSPIRED BY HOW TO LIVE FOREVER BY COLIN THOMPSON

"The story of a missing book, a child who holds the secret of everlasting life and a library that comes to life... Children and adults will relish it," (Financial Times.) Every time you look at this book you notice something new. Intricate detail invites you to explore this book again and again.

**SUGGESTED TOPICS:** Fantasy, Journeys, Life Cycle, China

## 3. INSPIRED BY GREEK MYTHS BY MARCIA WILLIAMS

The Greek myths are among the greatest, most exciting stories ever told and feature some of the world's best loved heroes and heroines. Each of the tales has been retold with lively text and dramatic cartoon style, making them accessible and fun for young children.

**SUGGESTED TOPICS:** Ancient Greece, Myths and Legends

## 4. INSPIRED BY HOW DINOSAURS REALLY WORK BY ALAN SNOW

The word dinosaur comes from two Greek words – Deinos (terrible) and Sauros (lizard) – but no dinosaur was actually a lizard and only some were terrible.

**SUGGESTED TOPICS:** Dinosaurs, Food Chains, Evolution, Bodies

## 5. INSPIRED BY TRACTION MAN MEETS TURBO DOG BY MINI GREY

Together, Traction Man and Turbodog creep through the underpants and cross the wastes of the Sandpit. But it's not the same without Scrubbing Brush. Where can he be? Traction Man searches everywhere until at last he hears a faint bark coming from the Dark and Terrible UnderWorld of the Bin. Wearing his Airtight Astro-suit with Glass Head-Globe, Traction Man sets out on his greatest rescue mission yet.

**SUGGESTED TOPICS:** Heroes, Change, Inventions, Technology

## 6. INSPIRED BY THE VIEWER SHAUN TAN & GARY CREW

Young Tristan, rescues all sorts of objects from the rubbish dump, finds an old Viewmaster in its box, complete with a set of disks. He finds that these represent the ages of humankind, seen as a cyclical structure in which patterns of growth and decay are repeated. Tristan becomes more and more drawn in to the world of the disks, and eventually disappears.

**SUGGESTED TOPICS:** Pirates, Explorers, Journeys, Seaside

## 1. INSPIRED BY THE RABBITS BY JOHN MARSDEN AND SHAUN TAN

This amazing picture book really puts succinct use of language into action. The strange illustrations stimulate rich discussion and the context draws children in to consider invasion in a new and exciting way.

**SUGGESTED TOPICS:** Invaders, travel, settlements

## 2. INSPIRED BY WESLANDIA BY PAUL FLEISCHMAN

Wesley is a bit of a loner – with no friends to spend his time with he creates his own world. This module provides a wealth of opportunities to really engage and excite year 6 pupils, with obvious links to science and DT.

**SUGGESTED TOPICS:** Civilisations, Leadership, Environment, Food

## 3. INSPIRED BY THE LOST HAPPY ENDINGS BY CAROL ANN DUFFY & JANE RAY

A strange and bewitching tale – with not such a happy ending! The clever tale of Jub and how she deals with a meddling witch.

**SUGGESTED TOPICS:** Traditional Tales, Woodlands, The Environment, Magic

## 4. INSPIRED BY FARTHER BY GRAHAME BAKER-SMITH

A young boy, bewitched by his fathers unrelenting passion to fly, a desperate craving that absorbs his every waking minute, finds himself entranced by the dream. When his father goes to war and does not return it seems the spell is broken.

**SUGGESTED TOPICS:** Inventions, War time, Flight, families

## 5. INSPIRED BY MY SECRET WAR DIARY BY MARCIA WILLIAMS

Follow the exploits of Flossie Albright, aged 9, as she chronicles her life through World War 2. A quirky and often humorous look at a child's life through the war, providing lots of opportunities to investigate elements of the war such as rationing, the war effort, and war statistics.

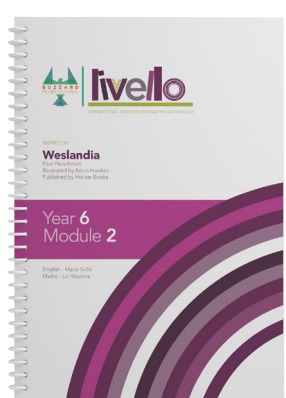
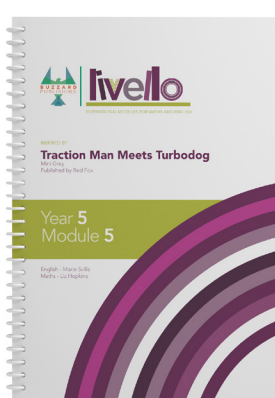
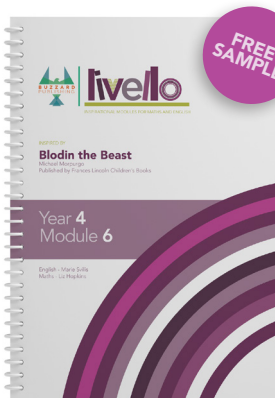
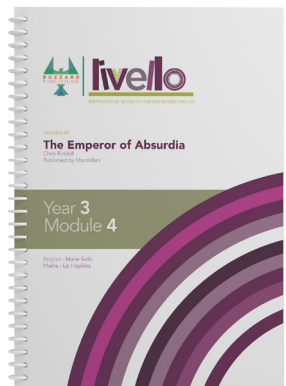
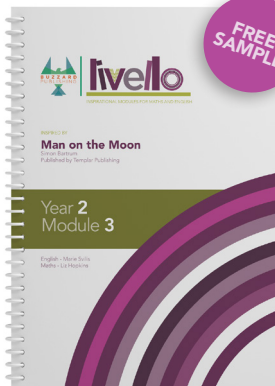
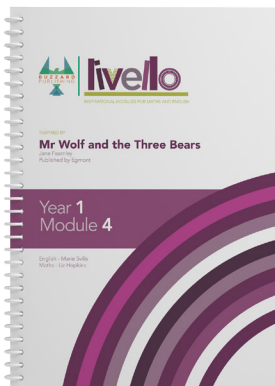
**SUGGESTED TOPICS:** Families, World War, identity, my life, change over time

## 6. INSPIRED BY THE ARRIVAL BY SHAUN TAN

The Arrival is a migrant story told as a series of wordless images that might seem to come from a long forgotten time. It is a story of belonging and belongings, contrasts of despair and hope, and travelling to a new beginning.

**SUGGESTED TOPICS:** Travel, families, migration, war and oppression, identity, non-European Society

# YEAR 6



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