Reading Lessons Love of Reading What is Art? Is it giant, is it tiny? is it large or small? Is it an unmade bed? Or a toilet on a wall? Is it quiet? Is it loud? How does it sound? Can you even hear it? Where can it be found? Is it crayons? Is it ink? Or spray paint in a can? Is it in a gallery? Or the hallway at my Grans? Is it scribbles on a book? Squiggles on a page? Is art like a wild animal? Or is It tame and cage Can art roar? Can it grow!? Can it sing silent Is art a picture? Do you keep it in a frame? Can art be nature? Can it be the falling rain? I don't know the answers, they are not up to me Art is up to you; it depends on what you see Stig of the Dump, by Clive King. So, keep on looking, keep searching all you want Art is not one thing ... it is everything at once! Barney is a solitary little boy who often wanders off by himself in the countryside. This poem looks at the Exploring an old chalk pit, he finds himself question, 'What is Art?' in a cave where he meets a strange boy who wears a rabbit skin and speaks in grunts. His grandparents don't believe To tie in with our art topic, it Barney when he tells them about his new tries to highlight the fact that cave boy friend - but nevertheless, the art can be a many number of two enjoy plenty of fun together. things. It also shows that art is a personal thing and is down to This lovely story about the unlikely the perception of the friendship between Barney and stone-age individual. Stig has stood the test of time. Although it is now over 50 years old, contemporary children will love reading about the pair's lively adventures. Clive Kings' story is perfectly accompanied by Edward Ardizzone's classic illustrations. Rationale for book selection, strong narrative, development of vocabulary and the book is a recommended read by the Grace the Pirate by James literacy trust. Riordan Grace becomes a pirate when the ship she is travelling on is taken over by Captain Cutthroat and his men. But the men don't like having a woman on board and she is left to fend for herself on a desert island. Months later the ship returns, without the captain. Grace is invited back on board as

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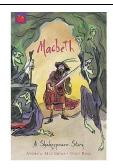
When five siblings - Cyril, Anthea, Robert, Jane and their baby brother, the Lamb - discover a sand-fairy in their gravel pit, they are jolly surprised and a little delighted. Even better, the Psammead is able to grant them wishes, although the magic wears off at the day's end. Unfortunately, all of the wishes the children make go hilariously wrong and they soon learn that their foolish desires are more likely to get them into trouble than



Extract from Cerberus and Ambrus, Greek Mythology.

A brave hero name Ambrus is tasked with defeating the hideous creature, Cerberus, in order to save his village.





Macbeth, by Andrew Matthews.

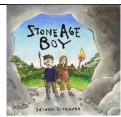
An excellent introduction to Shakespeare for the junior reader.

Rationale for book selection, strong narrative, develop children's vocabulary and to introduce children to the work of William Shakespeare.

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COP26 information leaflet, from The Oddizzi Times.

An information leaflet that tells you everything you need to know about the COP26 summit.



Stone Age Boy, by Satoshi Kitamura

How would it feel to trip over one day and fall into a world that existed 20,000 years ago? Well, that's exactly what happens to the young boy in this book.

Far from being distressed by his experience, he makes friends with a young girl and is welcomed into her family camp where he learns how to make fire, make tools, hunt, cook and prepare animal skins - all with implements made of wood, stone and bone.

The highlight of his stay is a trip to some distant caves where he sees some amazing cave paintings, meets a ferocious bear....and falls back into the twenty first century!

This beautifully illustrated book is packed with fascinating facts about the Stone Age, presented



The Explorer, by Katherine Rundell.

Fred, Con, Lila and little Max's plane is on the way to Manaus when it falls out of the sky. Now, lost in the Amazon rainforest, they must figure out the basics of survival: water, shelter, food. Do they wait for rescue, or find a way to rescue themselves?

As they get bolder and explore further afield, they see more traces of another human inhabitant, too – and then they find the map. Who was here before and where will the map take them?

Rundell's writing is exquisite – simultaneously quiet and loud, and with a wildness that reflects both the children's untamed natures and the forest around them. Fred is practical, Con sharp and thorny, Lila quiet and thoughtful, and Max is a miniature explosion. There is a hidden city, plus sloths and bees and snakes and

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in an accessible and interesting way. Added features include a time line and cave painting style endpapers.

caimans and everything inbetween. There are themes of friendship, the environment and survival, and it is completely, utterly wonderful. Pure adventure.



Winner of the Federation of Children's Book Groups Children's Book Award 2018: Overall Winner and Winner of Younger Reader's category.

Everyone Comes from Somewhere, by Michael Rosen (from the anthology, On the Move) Rationale for choosing this book, strong narrative, child protagonist and linked to future learning in Geography (South America)

A poem about migration.



Amazing Islands, by Sabrina Weiss

Some islands are huge, like Greenland, which is a whopping 2,166,000 square kilometres in size. Some are so tiny that they might never have existed at all, like Sandy Island, sighted by Captain Cook in 1774, which scientists couldn't find in 2012. Some bigger islands are also in danger of disappearing — Kiribati in the Pacific Ocean is under threat from rising sea levels. If climate change continues to cause glaciers to melt, 100,000 people that live

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there on 33 atholls (small islands) will have to leave.

Many famous places that sound like one place, like Venice and the Philippines, are actually a number of islands: Venice is built on 118 islands that are linked together by more than 400 bridges, and the Philippines comprises over 7,600 islands, with 2,000 of them inhabited.

Spanning prison islands, river islands, barrier islands, mystery islands (like Fadiouth in Senegal, which is made entirely from shells), island cultures and many, many other fascinating topics, Weiss and Hyndman's colourful, stylish book is full to the brim with fascinating facts.