
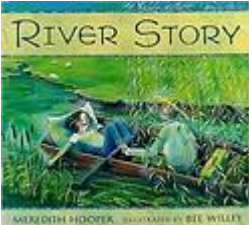


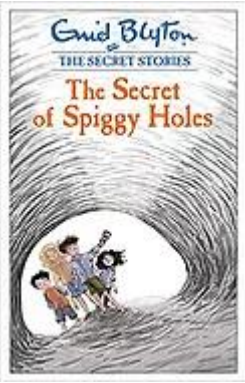
## Texts to support Topics- Key Stage Two

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/geography>

### **Year 3 - Rivers**

	<b>A River</b> Marc Martin	This is a stunning picture book about a girl who observes a river outside her window and imagines where it might go. The book follows the incredible journey of the river through different landscapes, including cities and forests, and there is much to spot in the details of each double-page spread. Highly recommended across both KS1 and KS2
	<b>River Story</b> Meredith Hooper & Bee Willey	This is the winner of the English Association's Non-Fiction Award. It uses clear text and beautiful illustrations to recount the journey of a river from its beginnings in the mountains all the way to the sea.

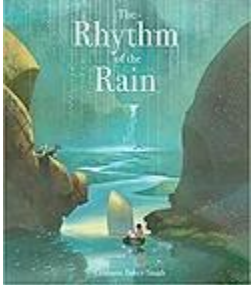
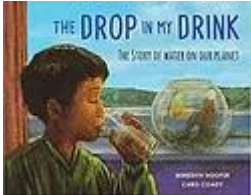
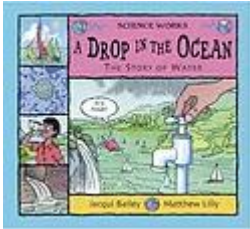
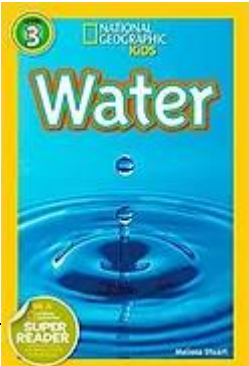
### **Year 3 - Coasts**

	<b>The Secret of Spiggy Holes</b> Enid Blyton	This is part of 'The Secret Stories' adventure series by the classic children's author Enid Blyton. It is the tale of Mike, Peggy, Nora and Jack, who are out exploring a Cornish seaside resort when they discover a secret passage leading to a mysterious old house. This is a great story to read aloud and it contains some excellent descriptions of the beautiful coastal setting as well as a good dose of



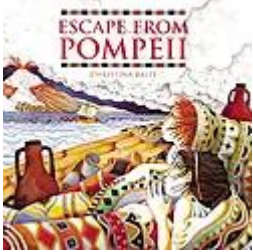
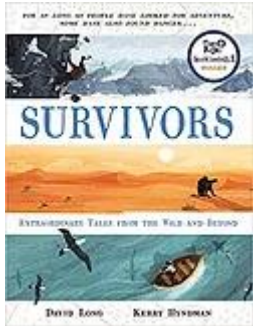
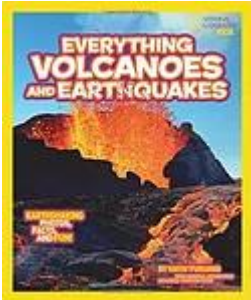

		Blyton-style adventure and mystery.
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### Year 3 - Water Cycles

	<p><b>The Rhythm of the Rain</b> Grahame Baker-Smith</p>	<p>This is a beautiful picture book that explores the remarkable journey of the water cycle. From a few drops of rain in a little boy's jar to the depths of the vast ocean and back to clouds in the sky above, wonderful water is given centre-stage in this gentle narrative that evokes awe at the sheer beauty and scale of nature's systems.</p>
	<p><b>The Drop in my Drink: The Story of Water on Our Planet</b> Meredith Hooper &amp; Chris Coady</p>	<p>This book explores the history of water on our planet. It is a thought-provoking text that enables readers to reflect on the fact that the water in their glass has a very long history before it came out of the tap! Topics covered include the water cycle, ecosystems and erosion.</p>
	<p><b>A Drop in the Ocean: The Story of Water</b> Jacqui Bailey &amp; Matthew Lilly</p>	<p>Part of the popular non-fiction 'Science Works' series, this book uses cartoon-style illustrations and humorous text to explain the water cycle to children. The book also contains an experiment and links to websites to find more information.</p>
	<p><b>Water</b> Melissa Stuart</p>	<p>This information text all about water contains high-quality photographs and accessible text that explains the science of the water cycle. Recommended for lower KS2.</p>



## Year 4 – Volacnoes

	<b>Escape from Pompeii</b> Christina Balit	Escape from Pompeii tells the story of a young boy called Tranio who lives in Pompeii at the time of the famous eruption of Vesuvius in AD 79. This captivating picture book allows readers to follow the footsteps of Tranio and his friend Livia as they come to terms with the destruction of their city and find their own routes to freedom
	<b>Survivors</b> David Long & Kerry Hyndman	This is an exciting non-fiction text containing a collection of captivating real life tales of men, women and children who have survived the most perilous situations against all odds, often in extreme environments like volcanoes or deserts..
	<b>Volcanoes and Earthquakes</b> Kathy Furgang	This non-fiction text is part of the National Geographic 'Everything' series and is full of high quality photographs and incredible facts that will build a picture of just how powerful volcanoes and earthquakes can really be.
	<b>This Little Pebble</b> Anna Claybourne & Sally Garland	A child finds a small pebble and what follows is an explanation of how rocks are formed, how the rock cycle works and the role that rocks play in the geology of our planet.



## Year 4 - Climate Change

	<h3>Floodland</h3> <p>Marcus Sedgwick</p>	<p>This is a gripping novel that is popular with upper KS2 and more confident readers. It tells the story of Zoe, who has to escape her home in Norwich because it has been turned into an island by the rising sea. She is on a quest to find her missing parents, but encounters strange new friends and dangerous enemies along her way. A story of courage and survival in a world brought to chaos through global warming.</p>

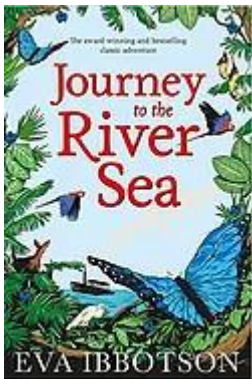
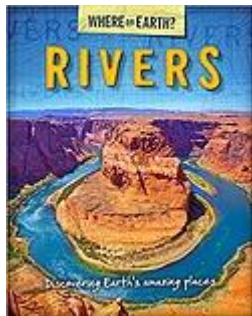


## Year 5 Oceans and Seas

	<p><b>Song of the Dolphin Boy</b> Elizabeth Laird</p>	<p>This new story from award-winning author Elizabeth Laird is a great choice for upper KS2. When young Finn takes a dive in the water near his fishing village, he is delighted to find dolphins to swim with. However, the dolphins face a terrible threat due to the masses of rubbish floating around in their water. It is up to Finn to find a way to save the sea creatures and prevent their natural environment from becoming ruined. This is a highly topical and thought-provoking novel.</p>
	<p><b>Under Earth, Under Water</b> Aleksandra Mizielski &amp; Daniel Mizielski</p>	<p>A highly-recommended non-fiction text all about what lies beneath the surface. The book can be flipped open in two directions, with one side exploring different things that exist underneath the earth and the other side exploring under the sea.</p>
	<p><b>Flotsam</b> David Wiesner</p>	<p>This award-winning wordless picture book offers endless opportunities for discussion and creative writing. A beach-combing young boy finds a washed-up camera on the shore, and when the film is developed it reveals a fantastic new world of creatures from the ocean. Incredible illustrations that speak for themselves.</p>




## Year 5 – Rivers of the World

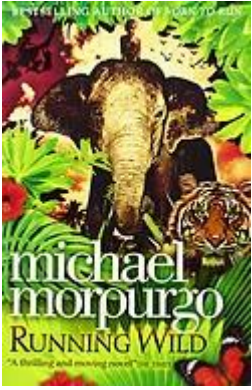
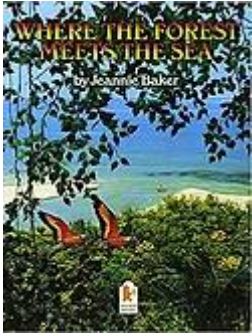
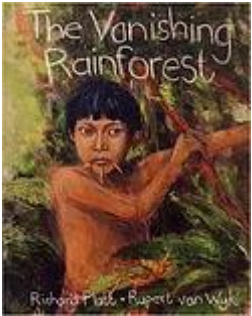
	<p><b>Journey to the River Sea</b> Eva Ibbotson</p>	<p>Winner of the Smarties Book Prize Gold Award, this is a very popular choice for KS2. It tells the story of a small girl called Maia, who journeys down the Amazon River with her strict governess, making friends and enemies along the way</p>
	<p><b>The 'Where on Earth?' Book of: Rivers</b> Susie Brooks</p>	<p>An informative text about different rivers all around the world. Designed for KS2, this non-fiction text answers different questions about rivers, such as 'Who uses rivers as roads?' and 'How long would it take to swim the River Nile?'.</p>



## Year 6 – Rainforests

	<h3>The Great Kapok Tree</h3> <p>Lynne Cherr</p>	<p>This is a colourful and engaging picture book that captures the spirit of the rainforest through its beautifully detailed illustrations.</p>
	<h3>The Explorer</h3> <p>Katherine Rundell</p>	<p>Winner of the Costa Children's Book Award 2017, 'The Explorer' is set in the Amazon and follows the story of Fred, whose plane accidentally crashes into the rainforest canopy.</p>
	<h3>The Shaman's Apprentice</h3> <p>Lynne Cherr &amp; Mark Plotkin</p>	<p>Set deep in the Amazon rainforest, this is a thought-provoking story about preserving cultural values in a changing world. The beautiful illustrations in this picture-book, including its excellent picture glossary, show the immense diversity of rainforest plants.</p>
	<h3>Rainforests in 30 Seconds</h3> <p>Jen Green &amp; Stephanie Murphy</p>	<p>This text is pitched for KS2 and is accompanied by a range of pictures, infographics and glossaries, making it accessible and appealing to children. Topics include biodiversity, conservation, layers of the rainforests and explorers.</p>



	<p><b>Running Wild</b> Michael Morpurgo</p>	<p>This novel, by the popular children's author Michael Morpurgo, is set in the Indonesian Rainforest. It tells the story of Will, who is left fighting for survival in the rainforest with an enchanting elephant called Oona.</p>
	<p><b>Where the Forest Meets the Sea</b> Jeannie Baker</p>	<p>If you are looking for a book to stimulate discussion and debate about the effects human beings can have on the natural world, this is the one for you. The book has won multiple awards and is sparking deep consideration of the past, present and future of the rainforest</p>
	<p><b>The Vanishing Rainforest</b> Richard Platt &amp; Rupert van Wyk</p>	<p>This is the story of a child called Remaema, who belongs to the Yanomami tribe living in the rainforest. Remaema observes what happens when property developers arrive and threaten to destroy part of the rainforest. The book explores some of the emotions and consequences associated with deforestation and it encourages readers to think about whether a solution that benefits everyone may be found to the dilemma faced by the rainforest tribe.</p>



