

Whole Book Class Reading Suggestions

Year Six, Spring term: CONSERVATION

Earth Heroes by Lily Dyer, illustrated by Jackie Lay, published by Nosy Crow

From David Attenborough and Greta Thunberg to William Kamkwamba and Yin Yuzhen, this book tells the stories of real-life environmental activists and innovators from around the world. Monochrome portraits and inspirational quotations accompany twenty biographical chapters. *Narrative non-fiction*

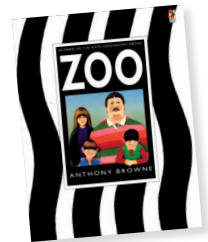
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Zoo by Anthony Browne, published by Red Fox

A family outing to the zoo disappoints everyone when the animals are not behaving as expected. This sophisticated picturebook raises complex, hard-hitting questions about how we treat animals, and our relationship to the natural world. *Picturebook*

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Where the River Runs Gold by Sita Brahmachari, published by Orion

A futuristic adventure set in a post-climate-crisis world in which bees are extinct and children must labour to pollinate the crops. Shifa knows that her brother Themba won't survive the harsh routine. They must find their way back home, but more depends on their escape than Shifa realises. *Middle-grade fiction*

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The Honey Hunter by Karthika Nair, illustrated by Joelle Jolivet, published by Little Gestalten

Deep in a mangrove forest in the Bay of Bengal, an environmental crisis drives a hungry boy to disrespect the ancient laws and steal from bees. Shonu makes amends by spending all summer as a flowering tree, but what will we do? This book's dramatic storytelling and arresting artwork were inspired by its genesis as a dance performance, and command attention in the classroom. *Picturebook with substantial text*

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The Fate of Fausto by Oliver Jeffers, published by HarperCollins

Fausto is a businessman who thinks he owns everything. A flower, a tree, a lake, a mountain – all must submit to his arrogance and power. But what will the sea do? Fausto may be no match for its enigmatic depths. Illustrated with spare, arresting lithographs, this modern fable has much to say about human attitudes and the damage they cause. *Picturebook*

