

Bloomsbury Readers (for Key Stage 2) and **Bloomsbury Young Readers** (for Key Stage 1) are a perfect way to get children excited about reading. The series features books by brilliant authors like Julia Donaldson, Patrice Lawrence, Ben Bailey Smith, Zanib Mian and Sarah Crossan and covers a wide range of genres, from relatable real-life stories like *Pet Quest*, *Sports Day* and *Granny Ting Ting* to pirates (*Eye, Eye, Captain!*), dinosaurs (*Big Bad Biteasaurus*), animal stories (*Tiger Troubles*), reworked folk tales, fairy tales and legends (*Pumpkin Power*, *Pandora's Box*) and madcap magical adventures like *The Chocolate Unicorn*, *Manju's Magic Wishes* and *Maggie and the Moonbird*.

The series also includes stories which tackle a variety of big topics like chronic illness (*My Other Life*), the experiences of refugees (*My Friend the Alien*), and the foster care system (*Ruby Ali's Mission Break Up*) in an engaging, age-appropriate and accessible way. With a diverse, inclusive and likeable cast of characters written by authors from a variety of backgrounds, there's something here to appeal to every young reader.

The books are all illustrated throughout (in full-colour for KS1 and black and white for KS2), with a fresh, modern layout and attractive design. Whether it's the graphic style of award-winning picture book illustrator Sav Akyüz (*Crumbs!*), the action-packed comedy of Erica Salcedo (*The Friendly Pirates*) or the delightfully colourful and energetic work of Nicola Colton (*Fizzy and Bandit*, *Fizzy and the Party*) the artwork helps bring the stories to life.

The text is divided into chapters to encourage children who are gaining confidence in their reading and all the books have been reviewed and book-banded by literacy experts to make sure they are exactly the right level to help children progress. Written with child engagement in mind, this series is ideal for independent reading practice at home or in school.

All the KS1 titles feature advice for adults reading with children on the inside of the front cover, including flagging words which children might find difficult and giving ideas to prompt discussion about the story and its context. The inside back cover gives ideas for follow up to help children engage with the story further – from suggestions for writing or creative activities to discussion of what the children think about the story and the writer's craft. The KS2 books have a 'Reading Zone' section at the end which includes a variety of activities and discussion points to take children's learning further.

Bloomsbury Readers are also great for classroom use. Audio for the KS1 titles is available for the KS1 titles and all the books have also been quizzed for Accelerated Reader. Free guided reading notes are available for all titles at www.bloomsburyguidedreading.com. These are written by experts from the Centre for Literacy in Primary Education (CLPE), a charity which has an outstanding reputation for excellent literacy training and teaching resources. The downloadable pdfs are packed with engaging discussion material and brilliant ideas for activities, helping you to put high quality books at the centre of your teaching.