

## Year 2 Term 2 Book Warmer

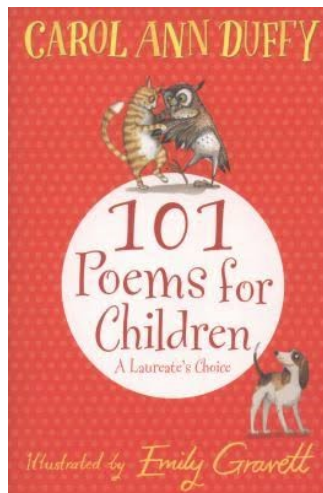
### The Tear Thief by Carol Ann Duffy



Why does the magical Tear Thief catch children's tears as they fall? You will be finding out in class about this moving tale and how we express our feelings.

What can you do to help yourself if you are feeling sad?

Other books by Carol Ann Duffy that you might like to read together at home:



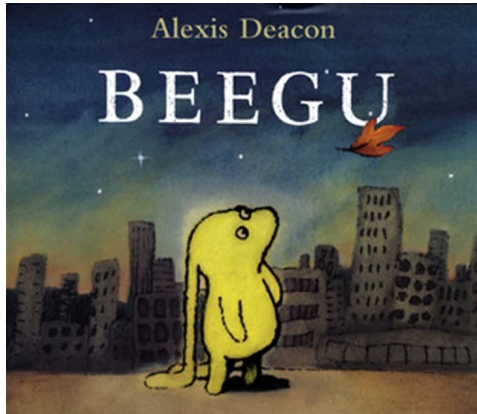
Scan this code to watch some videos to learn more about our feelings:



Can you make someone smile today?

Scan the code to play the game, 'Guess the Feeling'.





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### Beegu by Alexis Deacon

Beegu is from another world and somehow gets lost on Earth. Lonely and confused, she wanders off to a nearby city to find some friends. But the only friendly people she comes across are the children, while the big Earth creatures just don't seem to understand.

Alexis Deacon wrote Beegu.



He has also written these books which you might like to read:

*Croc and Bird*

*A Place to Call Home*

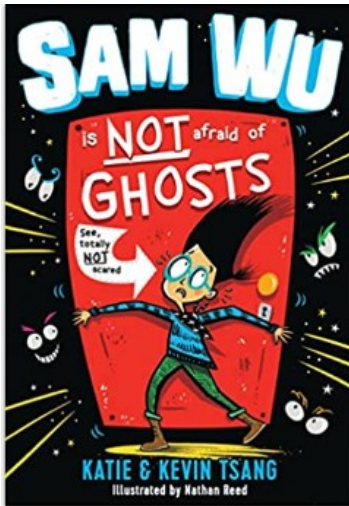
*Slow Loris.*

Make a model of Beegu's spaceship. You could use paper plates or bowls, bottle tops, foil or anything else you can find in your recycling box. You could even include a picture or a model of Beegu! This model has been made using two paper plates, foil-covered milk bottle tops, a plastic food tray and some Lego. Beegu has been made from White Tack, coloured yellow with a felt tip, but you could also use plasticine or playdough.



Follow Alexis Deacon's instructions to draw the main character—Beegu.





## Year 3 Term 2 Book Warmer

### 'Sam Wu isn't Afraid of Ghosts' by Katie and Kevin Tsang



'Sam Wu is NOT Afraid of Ghosts' is written by Katie and Kevin Tsang. They are a husband and wife team who have written a series of books about Sam Wu.

*Sam Wu is NOT afraid of anything. Well, maybe some things. Like ghosts, sharks, the dark, spiders, zombies . . . but who isn't?*



#### Vocab Check

A 'scaredy cat' is a somebody who is scared really easily.

The phrase scaredy cat first appears in print in Dorothy Parker's *The Waltz*, published in 1933.

#### Learn more!

In 'Sam Wu is NOT afraid of ghosts', the authors use font styles in different ways to keep the reader interested.

Have a look at this website and try finding the most appropriate fonts for words like: spooky, shiny, rough, scared, space blasters.



Sam Wu is an adventure book, find out about other genres of stories by scanning the code.

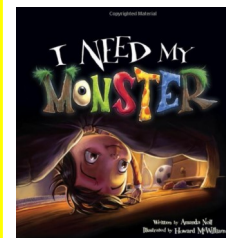


**More books by Katie and Kevin Tsang**

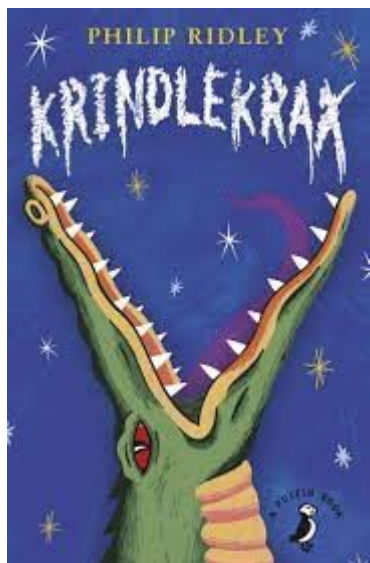


#### If you like the genre you may enjoy:

I Need My Monster by Amanda Noll or *Scream Street* by Tommy Donbavand







## Year 4 Term 2 Book Warmer

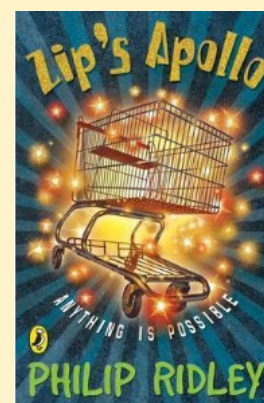
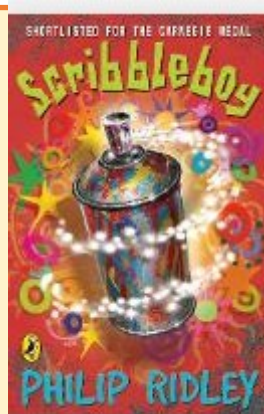
### Krindlekrax by Philip Ridley



Krindlekrax is a very funny school story with weird and wonderful characters. It discusses issues around friendship and bullying.

Can you think of a time when you've had to be really brave?

Also by Philip Ridley:



'Draw with Rob' gives you step-by-step instructions on how to draw your own dragon! Scan the code to have a go...

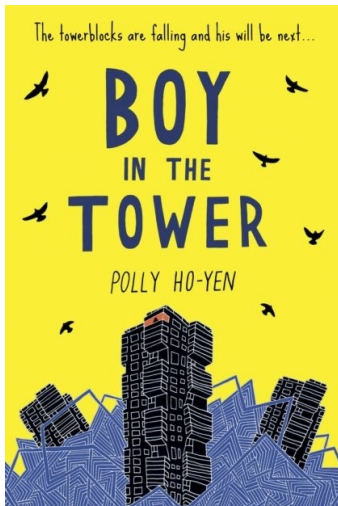


Have a listen to this friendship poem:



With a grown-up, explore these resources about Anti-bullying:





## Year 5 Term 2 Book Warmer

### The Boy in the Tower by Polly Yo Hen



This book is a book about friendship, loyalty and bravery, beautifully told in the voice of a lonely young boy struggling to make sense of all that is going on around him - from the extraordinary events he sees from his window, to his mother's illness.

**Young carer**—a young carer is a child who looks after an adult usually because they are unwell. Watch this video to learn more about being a young carer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?>



#### Vocab Check:

**Tower Block** — a tall modern building containing numerous floors of offices or flats. Here are a few examples:

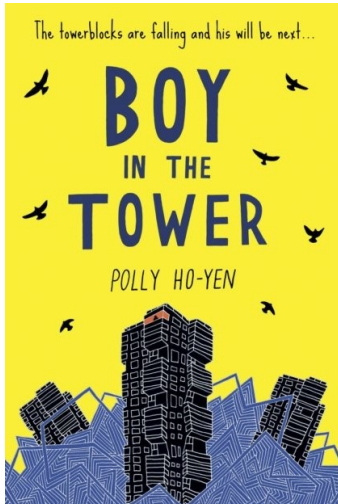
*Find out what it is like living in a tower block, from a child's perspective:*



You might like to have a go at creating your own terrarium...

*(Terrariums are miniature gardens housed inside small - and usually sealable - glass containers )*





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### The Boy in the Tower by Polly Ho Hen



Palace Wood  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



The Daily Telegraph reported (September 2020) that an experimental green housing project in a Chinese megacity promised future residents life in a "vertical forest", with manicured gardens on every balcony.

The project in Chengdu's Qiyi City Forest was built in 2018, with every private balcony designed to provide space for plants to grow, according to local media reports.

The problem? The mosquitoes love the plants too.

Only a handful of families have moved into Garden because of an infestation, state media have reported.



Investigate how to make a strong and sturdy tower—what factors do you have to think about?

Scan the code to challenge yourself:



Check out this  
'I am Brave' poem:

