

Tune in Friday's at 10:30AM. Simply register in advance and install Zoom on your computer.

You can submit your questions and school shout-outs by emailing PuffinSchools@penguinrandomhouse.co.uk.

PUFFIN VIRTUAL VISITS

SCHEDULE

Please submit your questions by the Tuesday before the event and include the author's name in the subject line.

Share photos of your class watching
@PuffinBooks #VirtualVisits



FRIDAY 28TH MAY

10.30AM



CHARLIE HIGSON



Activity

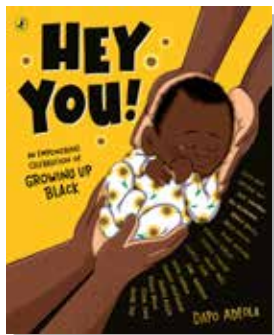
Being Brave
Bucket List

FRIDAY 11TH JUNE

10.30AM



DAPO ADEOLA



Activity

Family
Photo Wall

FRIDAY 18TH JUNE

10.30AM



**DAVID O'DOHERTY
& CHRIS JUDGE**



Activity

Shockplosions!
Playing with words

FRIDAY 25TH JUNE

10.30AM



PAUL HOWARD



Activity

Creative Writing –
Dream School Dinner

FRIDAY 2ND JULY

10.30AM



JEN CARNEY



Activity

Brilliant Biscuit
Adverts



Dear teachers, librarians, readers and dreamers,

We are so excited that you're joining us for a Puffin Virtual Visit this summer. Let the adventure begin!

Pupils will hear from wonderful writers and illustrators and gain a behind-the-scenes look at their books, characters and inspiration for writing. Puffin authors will be beaming into classrooms all over the country.

Puffin Virtual Visits are the perfect opportunity to encourage reading for pleasure in your school, introduce new books and authors and inspire a love of reading in even the most reluctant of readers. Taking part will support pupils' literacy, creative writing and encourage the habit of reading widely and often.

We've put together this reading for pleasure pack full of ideas and activities to help you:

- Get more from the Virtual Visit
- Support your pupils' reader development
- Inspire pupils' creativity and imagination

It's so easy to join the fun; make sure you've registered online and installed Zoom before the event. Pupils should have pen and paper at the ready too for any challenges the authors set. Books featured in the show are available from all brilliant bookshops and you can support your local bookshop by ordering from Bookshop.org

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We can't wait for you to join us!
Puffin

How to use this pack

To help you create long-lasting reading memories, we've put together this pack full of ideas to support pupils during the visit and carry on the inspiration even after the visit has ended. Use these activities to prompt further discussion about the visit, the author and their book, and support communication skills through book talk.

This pack contains

1. **Summer schedule**
2. **Booklist** Discover more about the books in this series of Virtual Visits
3. **Letter to send to parents**
4. **Activities with extracts**
Introduce your class to the books and download the first chapter of each title and try out the accompanying activity, all including learning objectives
5. **Watch Along page**
A template for pupils to use whilst watching the visit
6. **Puffin Debuts Book List**
A book list featuring Puffin Debuts for 2021 with links to themes for class discussions





Let your school community know that you've arranged a Puffin Virtual Visit for pupils. Here's some wording you could include in letters or emails home. Fill in the blanks with the details of the event.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are taking part in Puffin's Virtual Visits. While authors can't come to the school in person, we're excited to be tuning into a live Zoom session with schools across the country.

Your child will be attending a Puffin Virtual Visit from,
author of on Friday at 10.30am.
The author will be sharing their creative writing secrets and pupils will have a chance to ask questions.

Often pupils are very inspired to read the author's book after such a visit. If you would like to get a copy of the book you can support our local independent bookshops by buying a copy of the book from bookshop.org.

Research shows that author events in schools inspire children and help them on their journey to a love of reading.

'The impact of an author visiting shouldn't be underestimated. These are the types of things that people talk about when you ask them what they remember about school.'

Times Educational Supplement

'Writers visiting schools can make a significant difference to a child's attitudes to and enjoyment of writing, offering new perspectives on writing and what it can do.'

The Arts Council

We hope your child will enjoy this visit and come away with a few ideas for stories of their own.

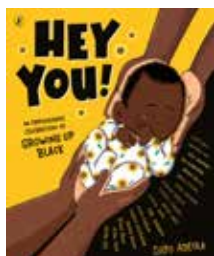




READING LIST

Download free first chapter samples on the event page on PuffinSchools.co.uk

KS1/2



Hey You!

Written by Dapo Adeola

Genre: growing-up, black narratives

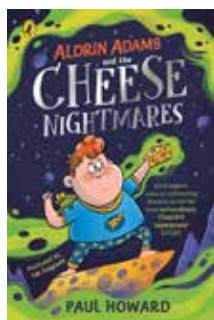
If you like: picture books with incredible illustrations

Great for: exploring the experience of growing up black

HEY YOU! is a ground-breaking, lyrical, inspirational exploration of growing up Black, addressing – honestly, yet hopefully – the experiences Black children face growing up with systemic racism, as well as providing hope for the future, delivering a powerful message to a new generation of dreamers.



KS2



Aldrin Adams and the Cheese Nightmares

Written by Paul Howard

Illustrated by Lee Cosgrove

Genre: humour, fantasy

If you like: cheese...cheese. And laughing, a lot.

Great for: exploring ideas about what it means to be a superhero

Aldrin Adams is an ordinary boy with an extraordinary superpower. When he eats cheese, just before he goes to sleep at night, he can enter into other people's dreams... and their nightmares! But why has he, of all people, been given this ability? What is he supposed to do with it? Join Aldrin Adams on an unforgettable adventure as he steps into a world of mystery and magic and cheeses that SERIOUSLY pong!



KS2/3



The Summer I Robbed a Bank

Written by David O'Doherty

Illustrated by Chris Judge

Genre: humour, family

If you love: funny stories, family, madcap adventure

Great for: exploring how to deal with change and transition

A laugh-out-loud, heart-warming tale about Rex, who is not only facing his parents separation, and moving to secondary school, but also spending his summer holiday with his strange Uncle Derm, on a remote island - with lots of unruly sheep for company. Things get even stranger when his Uncle announces his plan to rob the local bank... and he needs Rex to help! A madcap robbery and a summer of discoveries come together in this hilarious adventure.



Worst. Holiday. Ever

Written by Charlie Higson

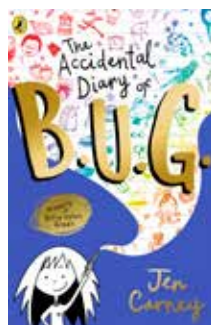
Illustrated by Warwick Johnson-Cadwell

Genre: humour

If you like: laughing -out-loud

Great for: conversations about dealing with anxiety

A brand new, laugh-out-loud middle-grade comedy from bestselling author, actor and screen writer Charlie Higson. It's a witty and hilarious coming-of-age story about fathers and sons, facing fears and dealing with worries, in which Charlie has perfectly captured the voice of a shy kid on the cusp of adolescence, and created an Adrian Mole for a new generation.



The Accidental Diary of B.U.G

Written by Jen Carney

Genre: humour, diary

If you like: diaries, doodles and biscuits

Great for: conversations about diverse families, and friendships

The Accidental Diary of B.U.G. is the first in a fresh, funny and inclusive middle-grade series which marks the arrival of Jen Carney, a major new author-illustrator talent. Illustrated throughout, B.U.G. introduces readers to the hilarious world of Billie Upton Green and her whip-smart, silly and laugh-out-loud observations on life in her doodled-up diary.



ACTIVITIES OVERVIEW

These activities will support pupils' reader development and creative writing. **They are each based on Chapter One of the relevant title, extracts which you can download and share with pupils prior to completion.** The activities will support the Virtual Visits and also learning in creative writing, literacy, PSHE and reader development.

Activity

Being Brave
Bucket List



Worst. Holiday. Ever. by Charlie Higson

Learning Objective:

- to explore the idea of being brave and understand we all feel fear about different things
- to summarise and share ideas in the form of a list

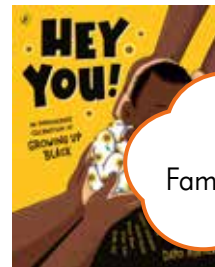
Pupils will explore the idea of being brave and feeling afraid, thinking about the things they have always wanted to do, and what they fear, through creating a bucket list.

Hey You! by Dapo Adeola

Learning Objective:

- to develop understanding of different relationships
- to develop self-awareness of being loved and identify those loved through illustrations

Pupils will consider who the people in their lives they love and who loves them through creating a family photo wall of illustrations.



Activity

Family Photo Wall

Activity

Shockplosions!
Playing with words



The Summer I Robbed a Bank by David O'Doherty

Learning Objective:

- to develop comprehension skills responding to questions about the text
- to develop creative literacy through word-play

Pupils will consider what happens to Rex at the start of the story and how it turned out better than he thought. Pupils will identify words to describe how this might feel and using creative literacy will make a new word to share their ideas.

Aldrin Adams and the Cheese Nightmare by Paul Howard

Learning Objective:

- to think about their favourite food and write creatively about it
- to develop vocabulary through descriptive writing

Pupils will develop their creative writing through a descriptive piece about their dream school dinner.



Activity

Creative Writing – My
Dream School Dinner



Activity

Brilliant Biscuits
Adverts



The Accidental Diary of B.U.G. by Jen Carney

Learning Objective:

- to develop writing for a specific purpose in the form of instructions
- to think creatively and invent their own biscuit
- to develop illustration skills and descriptive writing

Pupils will write instructions for eating their favourite biscuit and invent their own new biscuit, drawing it and then describing it.

ACTIVITY: Being Brave Bucket List



Read the extract from **Worst. Holiday. Ever.**

Like Stan in the story we all have things that make us afraid. But we all have things we've always wanted to do too. Write your own Being Brave Bucket List of 12 things you'd like to do before you get to 50!



My Being Brave Bucket List

Braveometer – rate your 12 things in order of how brave you need to be to do them!

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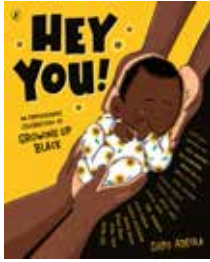
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ACTIVITY: Family Photo Wall

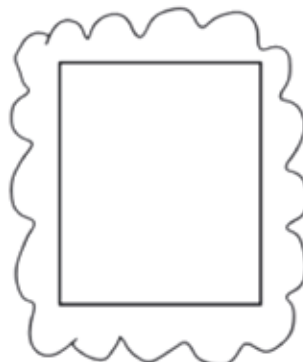
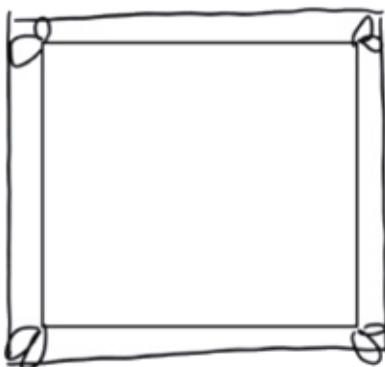
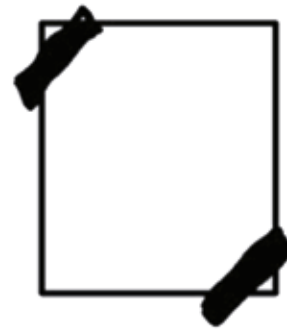
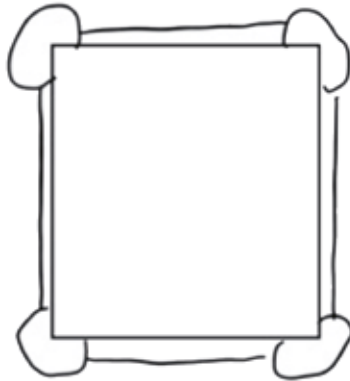
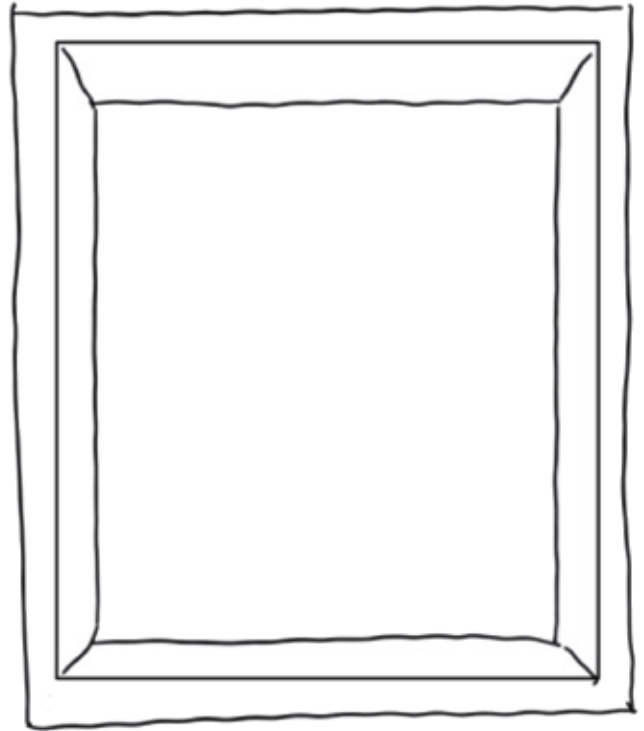
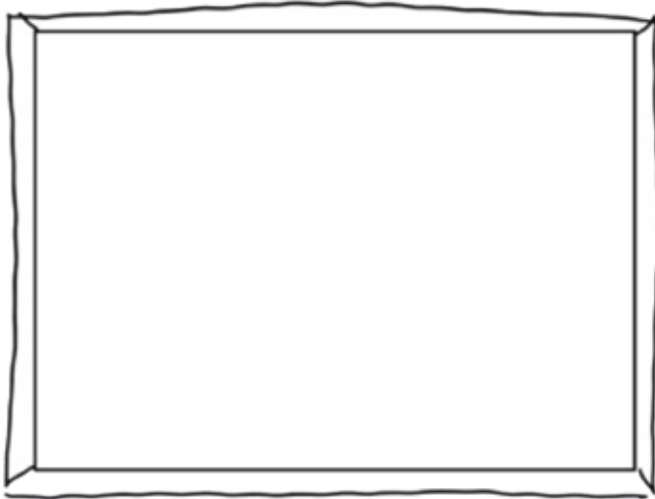


Read the extract from **Hey You!**

Think about the people around you, your friends and your family. Who do you love and who loves you?

Fill in the empty frames with their faces and create your own picture gallery of people who love you just for being you!

Get a full resource pack for this book on the Puffin Schools website!





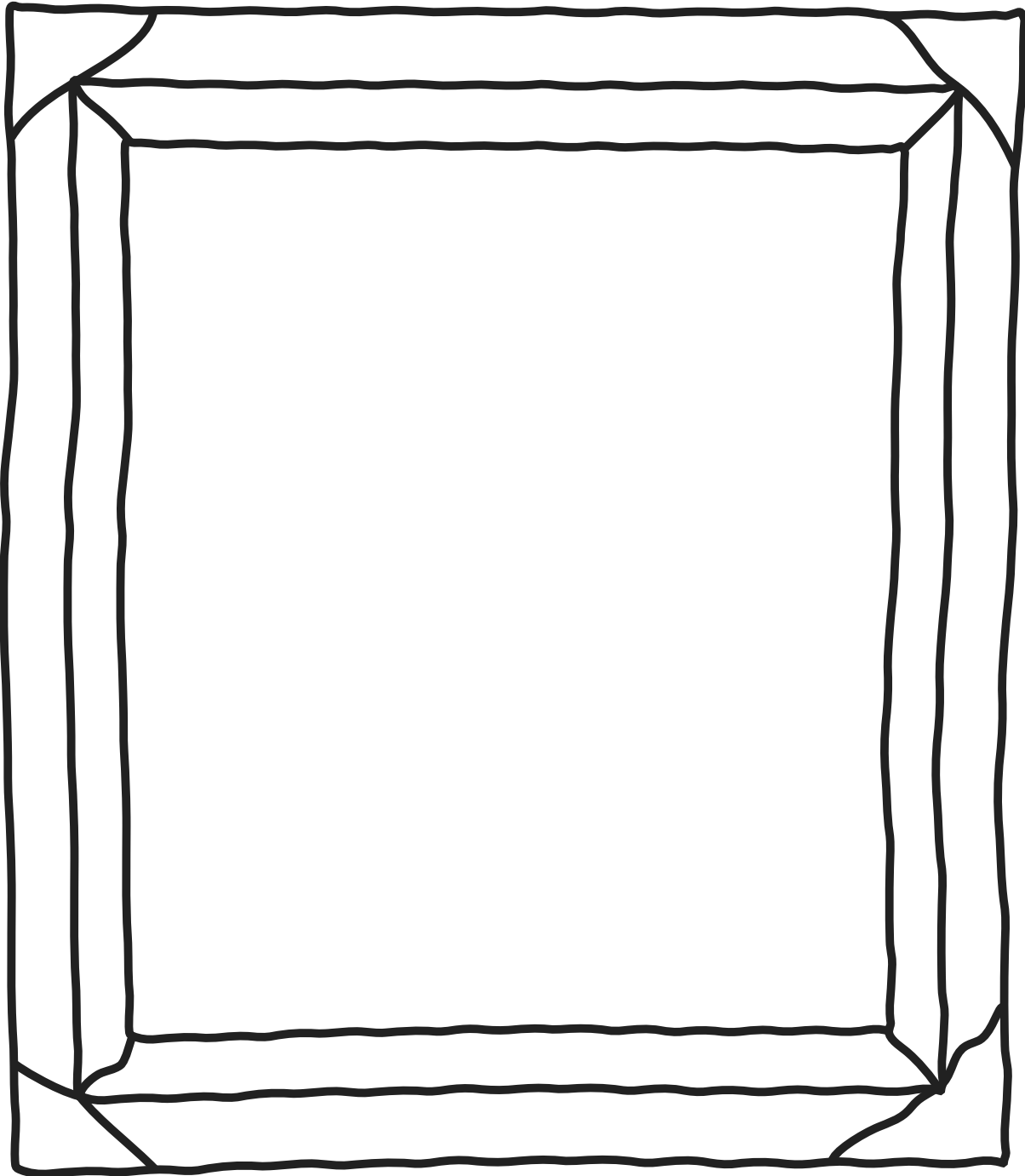
ACTIVITY: Self-Portrait



Here is a frame for you to draw a self-portrait. Be sure to include all the wonderful things that make you, YOU!

Underneath you can either write your very own super power; are you kind, funny, generous? Or write an inspirational message like the ones you can find in *Hey You!*

YOU ARE WONDERFUL. YOU ARE A HERO. DREAM YOUR DREAMS



ACTIVITY: Shockplosions! Playing with words



Read the extract from **The Summer I Robbed a Bank**

- Why is Rex having a 'shutdown'?
- What does Uncle Derm do to try and make Rex feel better?
- What word does Rex use to describe what happens?

Can you imagine how Rex felt when things turned out unexpectedly? Can you think of a time when something you were worried about has turned out better than you thought? How did it feel? Think about this and write down all the words to describe these feelings in the word bank below.

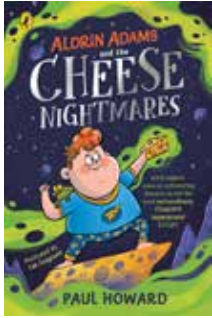
WORD BANK

Now can you mix and match and create your own word just like Rex did, to describe the unexpected event?

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Choose your favourite made-up word and write a sentence about what happened, just like Rex.
"Thinking back now it might have even been a shocksplosion."

ACTIVITY: My Dream School Dinner

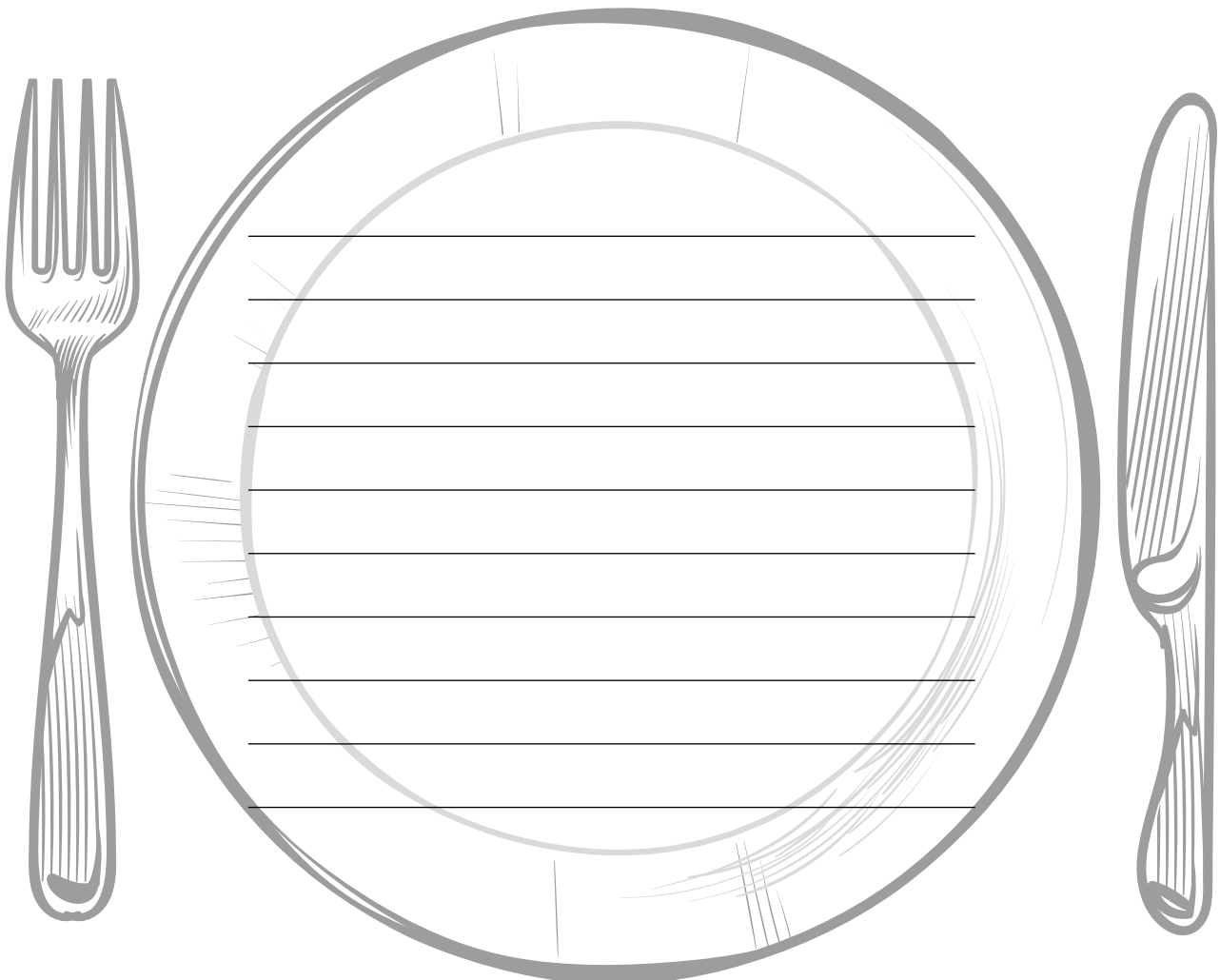


Read the extract from **Aldrin Adams and the Cheese Nightmares**

Aldrin would happily spend all day, every day eating cheese! What do you LOVE to eat most in the world? Is it cheese like Aldrin? Or maybe you love munching on chocolate all day? Or perhaps you're favourite thing is gooey sticky ice cream? Or maybe you adore your broccoli!

Imagine if you were cooking the best school dinner ever. Think about which food you love most in the world, why you love it and how it makes you feel. Write a description of it below using all your ideas. Can you think of interesting words to use just like Aldrin's Mum does when she talks about cheese to her customers? Write your interesting words in the word bank to help you.

WORD BANK





ACTIVITY: Brilliant Biscuit Adverts



Read the extract from **The Accidental Diary of B.U.G.** and then complete these activities

A. Think of a biscuit you love. Can you write a rule about how people should eat it?

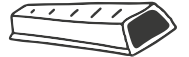
Get a full resource pack for this book on the Puffin Schools website!

My biscuit rule

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B. Further into the book, you'll discover more about how much Billie, Dale and Layla love biscuits. Can you invent a NEW biscuit? Draw a sketch then describe it. Think about what it looks like, its texture and any special features it has.



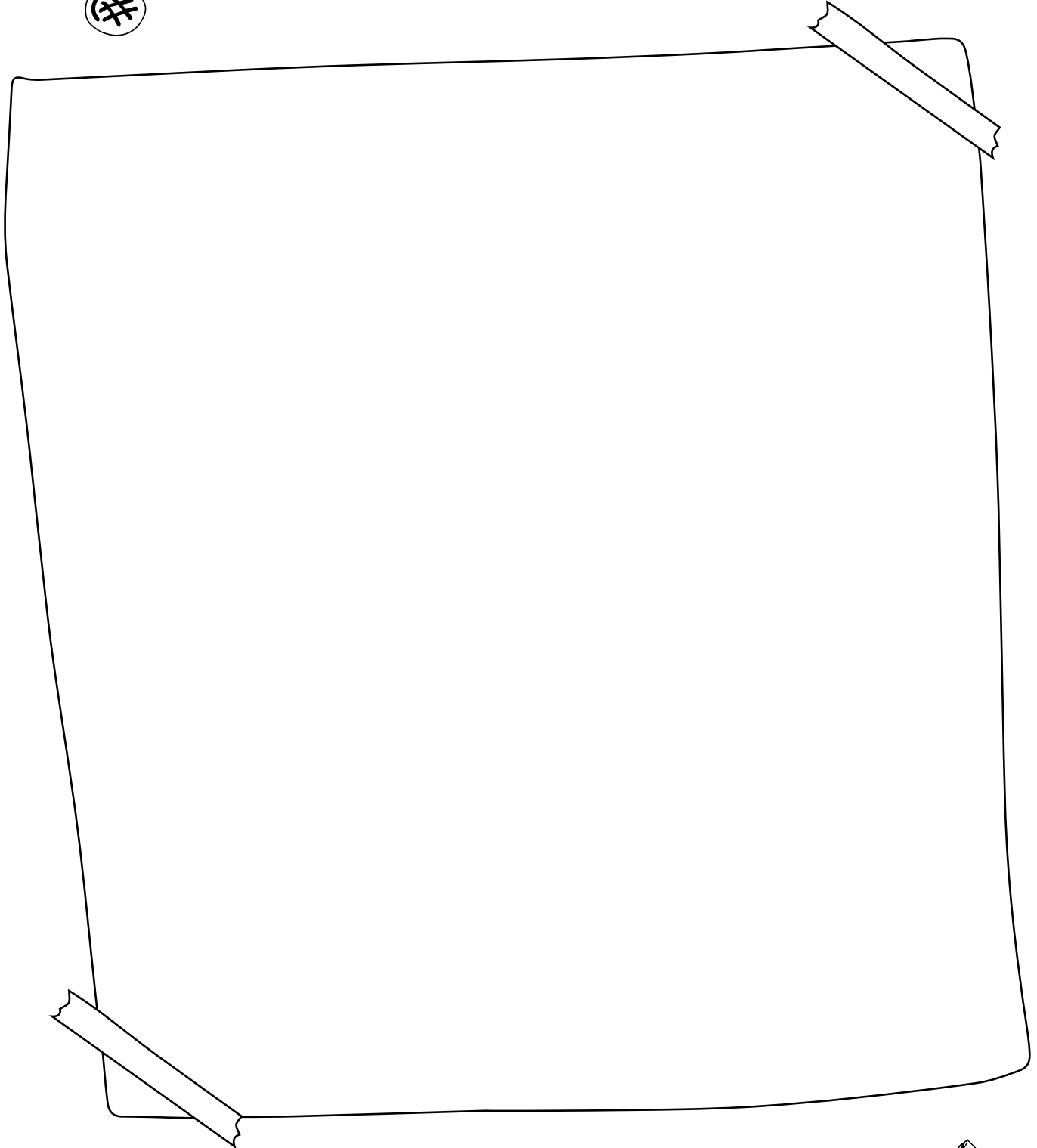
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ACTIVITY: Brilliant Biscuit Adverts



C. Can you design a poster advertising your new biscuit? Think about tempting adjectives such as delicious and mouth-watering.



PUFFIN DEBUTS 2021



Check out these brilliant new books publishing in 2021! These books are great for reading for pleasure and to inspire pupils to explore creative writing in many forms, from rhyming stories and diary writing to world-building and to support conversations in PSHE lessons.

KS1 Picture Books for Young Puffins 5+



Fidget the Wonder Dog

Written by Patricia Forde and illustrated by Rachael Saunders

If you like: four legged friends

Genre: animal stories

Great for: talking about pets and friendship

An epic tale of love, loss, reunion and adventure on the high seas told through the friendship of a girl and her beloved dog, Fidget. This is a book that combines humour and heart with a faultless read-aloud rhythm.



The Magic Crayon

By Amy Sparkes and Ali Pye

If you like: magical adventures – and drawing!

Genre: fantasy

Great for: looking at telling stories through illustration

When Chloe's silvery crayon develops magical powers, it sparks a thrilling chase through a fairy tale world – an unbelievable adventure where her drawings spring to life! Can Chloe use all her creativity and inventiveness to rescue her brother and save the day?



My Daddies!

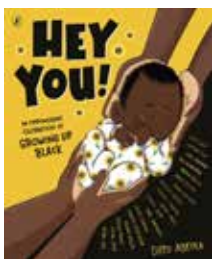
By Gareth Peter and Garry Parsons

If you like: bedtime stories

Genre: family, diverse voices

Great for: talking about diverse families

Set off on a series of incredible adventures with an adorable family as the stories they read burst into colourful life. Battle dragons, dodge deadly dinosaurs, explore the world in a hot air balloon, before winding down in a wonderfully cosy bedtime ending. Perfect for introducing children to the different kinds of family there are in the world today.



Hey You!

By Dapo Adeola + 18 illustrators

If you like: stories of hope and inspiration

Genre: diverse voices

Great for: exploring diversity

A lyrical, inspirational picture book exploring the experiences Black children face growing up with systemic racism, as well as providing hope for the future, delivering a powerful message to a new generation of dreamers.



Little Echo

By Al Rodin

If you like: stories about friendship

Genre: friendship

Great for: thinking about dealing with feelings and making friends

A stunning picture book celebrating friendship, courage and finding your own voice. Little Echo lives alone in a cave. Shy, she hides away, echoing the noises around her. But she's lonely and when Max comes to the cave one day, in search of treasure, Little Echo starts to discover that maybe she has a voice of her own...



Weirdo

Written by Zadie Smith and Nick Laird

Illustrated by Magenta Fox

If you like: stories about being brave

Genre: animal stories

Great for: talking about being different

Weirdo is an endearing story about the quiet power of being different featuring Maud: a guinea pig who inexplicably wears a judo suit – and not everyone understands or approves. And it takes Maud making brave decisions to find her place and embrace her individuality.



How to Grow a Unicorn

Written by Rachel Morrisroe and

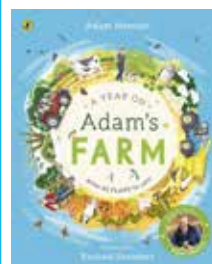
illustrated by Steven Lenton

If you like: unicorns and a lot of magic

Genre: fantasy

Great for: exploring rhyme and word-play

Live your own hilarious unicorn fantasy in this rip-roaring adventure where Sarah thinks she's discovered the perfect gift for her garden-loving grandma, but before you can say GARDEN FULL OF UNICORNS, things grow wildly out-of-hand!



A Year on Adam's Farm

By Adam Henson and

illustrated by Rachael Saunders

If you like: all the fun of the farm!

Genre: farming, non-fiction

Great for: lessons about food and farming

The UK's most-loved farmer, Adam Henson, and his trusty sheepdog Peg takes readers on a fascinating journey around the farm, in this interactive non-fiction book, with over 40 flaps, you can discover where food comes from, peek inside a combine harvester, and uncover incredible facts about popular farm animals.



KS2 Illustrated Fiction 7+



The Worries: Sohal Finds a Friend

By Jion Sheibani

If you like: funny stories that stop you feeling worried

Genre: humour, family

Great for: exploring emotions

Sohal worries about a lot of things: the dark, mutant sheep, being alone – you name it, he worries about it! So one night he tries drawing his worries to make himself feel better. But then wakes up the next morning to find a set of funny, furry friends at the end of his bed! Now Sohal must work out how to keep his worries under control – and have some fun while he’s at it!



The Worries: Jaz and the New Baby

By Jion Sheibani

If you like: feeling better about worries

Genre: humour, family

Great for: exploring emotions

The Worries are back and this time its Jaz they are hounding! Her Mum is about to have a baby and Jaz is SO excited but the Worries are intent on causing mischief. Can Jaz keep her worries to herself and be the Big sister she’s always wanted to be?



The Dream Team: Jaz Santos vs. the World

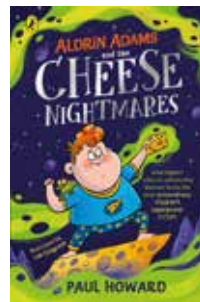
By Priscilla Mante

If you like: stories about sport, girl power

Genre: sport

Great for: talking about equality and being a team

Olá! I’m Jasmina Santos-Campbell (but you can call me Jaz). Forming the Bramrock Stars was my genius idea – you see I need to prove to Mãe (that’s my mum!) that I’m a football star so she’ll want to come back home. We are the DREAM TEAM and we’re going to show the world that girls CAN play football!



Aldrin Adams and the Cheese Nightmares

By Paul Howard and illustrated by Lee Cosgrove

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Genre: humour, fantasy

Great for: exploring what it means to be a superhero

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KS2/3 Fiction 9+



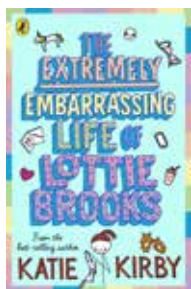
The Hatmakers

Written by Tamzin Merchant and illustrated by Paola Escobar

If you like: magic and hats! (And Harry Potter)

Great for: exploring world-building through stories

Enter a spellbinding world of magic and wonder and meet Cordelia, who comes from a long line of magical Maker milliners, weaving alchemy and enchantment into every hat. Only a few special Maker families remain and when Cordelia's father is lost at sea, Cordelia sets out to find him – and why someone is trying to start a magical Maker war!



The Extremely Embarrassing Life of Lottie Brooks

Written by Katie Kirby

If you like: school stories and lots of laughs

Genre: humour

Great for: talking about friendships and family

Lottie Brooks is 11 ³/₄ and her life is already officially over – not only is she about to start high school without any friends or glamorous swooshy hair, she's just discovered she's too flat-chested to wear A BRA! Lottie navigates the many perils of growing up in this fantastically funny new illustrated series filled with friendship, embarrassing moments and plenty of lols.



The Accidental Diary of BUG

By Jen Carney

If you like: diaries, doodles and . . . biscuits

Genre: humour, diary

Great for: conversations about diverse families, and friendships

Meet Billie Upton Green in a new diary series with laugh-out-loud observations and doodles! Billie takes it upon herself to show the new girl at school around, teach her the Biscuit Laws, and remind her that yes, two women can get married (after all, Billie's mums' wedding is the event of the year). But then suspicion sets in and Billie starts to wonder if the new girl is not as nice as she seems . . .



A Different sort of normal

Abigail Baife

If you like: inspiring stories about people

Genre: contemporary, disability

Great for: understanding disability

The beautiful true story of one girl's journey growing up autistic – and the challenges she faced in the 'normal' world. Told through the author's remarkable words, and just as remarkable illustrations, this is the book for those who've never felt quite right in the 'normal' world. Very important, very funny and very informative. This is the book the world needs right now.



The Ice Whisperers

By Helenka Stachera

If you like: magical adventures in snowy landscapes

Genre: fantasy

Great for: uexploring world-building and family relationships

When Bela's mother dies, she is summoned to deepest Siberia to stay with an uncle she's never met. Exploring his strange scientific workshop, she uncovers a secret she was never meant to find – a doorway that opens an to icy land, frozen in time and full of legends come to life. But this frozen land is in danger, and it's up to Bela to find a way to save it . . .

