



New children's books we love!

January

Every month, BookTrust review dozens of new books for children and teenagers. Here are the ones they liked best in January: guaranteed to get your child reading...

These are just a few of their suggestions. For the full list have a look at their website <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/best-new-books/>

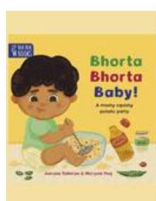
For ages 0-3 and up



Meet the Wildlings

Author: Gwen Millward

Max and Poppy have turned into rampaging Wildlings! But to go to the park, they need to be children again. Can they work together to turn back into kids? A useful tool for discussing emotions and sharing.



Bhorta Bhorta Baby! A mashy squishy potato party

Author: Jumana Rahman & Maryam Huq

A baby watches an adult making bhorta, a South Asian dish of spicy mashed potatoes: potatoes go in to boil, then chillies and onion are fried up. Baby mashes the squishy potatoes: such fun! Then the oil and salt is added and the bhorta is made into little balls. Yummy!

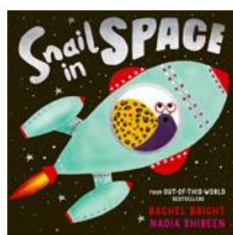


Brave Little Bear

Author: Steve Small

Arlo the bear cub is nervous about leaving his cosy cave to travel to Spring Mountain with his sister and mum. A heartwarming picture book about courage and love, accompanied by beautifully atmospheric illustrations.

For ages 4-5 and up



Snail in Space

Author: Rachel Bright **Illustrator:** Nadia Shireen

Gail is a little snail with a big dream – to become the first snail in space! A hilarious story about the power of passion and persistence.



Gina Kaminski Saves the Wolf

Author: Craig Barr-Green **Illustrator:** Francis Martin

Retelling of Little Red Riding Hood with a neurodivergent protagonist.



Lunar New Year

Author: Natasha Yim **Illustrator:** Jingting Wang

Join Ling and her family as they celebrate Lunar New Year. This is a charming, beautifully illustrated read that includes details about the traditions of this festival, and suggests fun activities at the back.

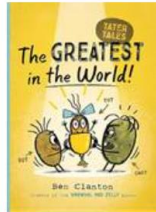
For ages 6-8 and up



The Mightiest Bite

Author: Howard Calvert **Illustrator:** Mike Moran

In this fun and riotous picture book, a cast of animals – some big and some bite-sized – squabble it out over who has the mightiest bite of all... A young girl takes a chomp out of a juicy apple and wonders whether she might just have the mightiest bite in the entire world. However, it is not long before a rabbit, a dog, a piranha, a hippo, and a whole host ...



The Greatest in the World! (A TaterTales Book)

Author: Ben Clanton

Rot the mutant potato claims that he's the Greatest in the World, but his grumpy big brother, Snot, disagrees and challenges him to an epic contest to determine which of them is the best. This comic-strip chapter book is full of witty illustrations and quirky humour.



Drew, Moo and Bunny, Too

Author: Owen Sheers **Illustrator:** Helen Stephens

With soft yet dramatic illustrations, and a rollicking rhythm and rhyme to the words, this is a delight to read aloud. It would be suitable for pre-schoolers, but also even up to 8 year olds, with lots to discuss and the sound of the words to enjoy.

For ages 9-11 and up



Lunar

Author: Chris Bradford **Illustrator:** Charlotte Grange

With a great mix of science fiction and science fact, this nail-biting race-against-time is presented in an accessible format with black and white illustrations.



The Boy Who Fell from the Sky

Author: Benjamin Dean

Zed's dad is the First Hunter of Demons. But when Zed meets a Demon, he discovers that they're not as terrifying as the myths say. Exciting and full of heart.



Beastlands

Author: Jess French

On the island of Ramoa there are three great cities separated by the Beastlands: a wild, untamed wilderness that's home to terrifying and deadly creatures. Can three disparate young people navigate the dangers and succeed in their individual quests?