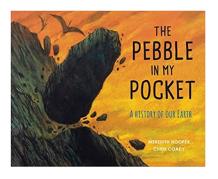
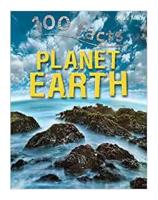
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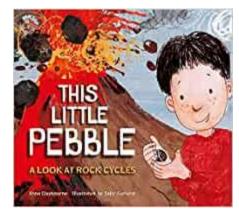
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TEACHING GEOGRAPHY THROUGH TEXTS Books to Inspire









The Pebble in my Pocket: A History of Our Earth

Meredith Hooper & Chris Coady

A very popular non-fiction text that has detailed and engaging illustrations. This book tells the story of a pebble, from its origins in a fiery volcano 480 million years ago to a busy, modern landscape. Topics include rock formation and erosion. This is a classroom essential!

The Street Beneath My Feet Charlotte Guillian & Yuval Zommer

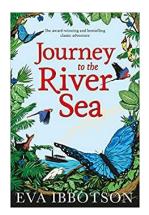
I'd like to recommend this beauty. I recently used it to introduce Class 3's 'Under Our Feet' topic and there were gasps from the children. Sublimely illustrated, its concertina-style pages fold out into a long cross section of the Earth: in one side and out the other. It contains a wealth of information and opportunities for further questions from curious young minds. Just stunning. (Recommended by Louise Gall (@mrsqclass3), Year 3 teacher).

100 Facts: Planet Earth Peter Riley

This accessible information text offers a wealth of fascinating facts, projects and cartoons. Topics in 100 Facts: Planet Earth include volcanoes, earthquakes, rocks and fossils.

This Little Pebble Anna Claybourne & Sally Garland

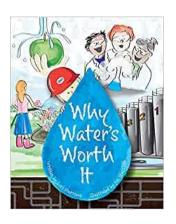
A child finds a small pebble and what follows is an explanation of how rocks are formed, how the rock cycle works and the role that rocks play in the geology of our planet. The illustrations are wonderfully appealing to young readers and we highly recommend this non-fiction text for primary school libraries.



Journey to the River Sea Eva Ibbotson

Winner of the Smarties Book Prize Gold Award, this is a very popular choice for KS2. It tells the story of a small girl called Maia, who journeys down the Amazon River with her strict governess, making friends and enemies along the way. It is rich in descriptive language in both its depiction of the Brazilian jungle and in its descriptions of complex and cruel characters that will stay with you long after you close the book.

Why Water's Worth It Lori Harrison



An informative picture book aimed at teaching children why water is valuable and what changes they can make in their everyday lives to conserve and not waste water. The book starts by exploring different uses for water, moving on to how our water is cleaned at treatment centres before closing with ideas for children to consider about how they can use less water.

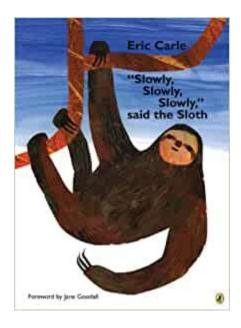


The Secret of Black Rock Joe Todd-Stanton

This is a richly illustrated story from the much-loved Joe Todd-Stanton. Erin is the daughter of a fisherwoman. Despite living in a fishing town, Erin is not allowed out to sea herself because of the legend of the Black Rock, which casts a mysterious shadow over the town. Determined to discover its secrets for herself, Erin stows away and soon finds herself exploring the rich ecosystem it harbours and desperately seeking a way to protect the Black Rock from impending destruction.

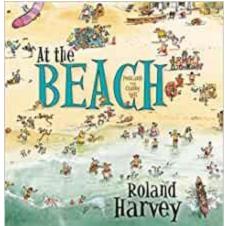
One Day on our Blue Planet: In the Rainforest Ella Bailey

Part of the popular 'One Day on our Blue Planet' series, this beautifully illustrated picture book charts the wildlife in the rainforest across the course of a whole day. Informative and visually appealing with accessible text, this is a winner for the classroom.



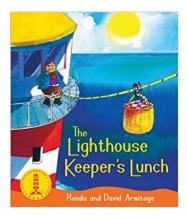
Slowly, Slowly, Slowly, said the Sloth Eric Carle

Illustrated in Eric Carle's iconic painted collage style, this book celebrates the sloth. When the other animals question the Sloth's 'lazy' ways, the Sloth poetically explains that sometimes slow is best.



At the Beach Roland Harvey

This is a series of fictional postcards from a child on a seaside holiday. The pictures are incredibly detailed and children will spend hours poring over them. This book works well as a great stimulus for writing.



The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch Ronda Armitage & David Armitage

A popular picture book featuring the story of the lighthouse keeper Mr. Grinling and his attempts to receive his lunch before it is eaten by the pesky seagulls. This text is rich in vocabulary and a great option for Talk for Writing.