

# Mr. Morton & Mrs. Barratt's Recommended Reads!



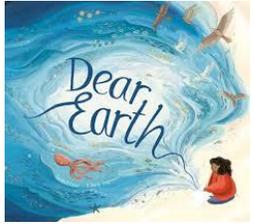
"There is no such thing as a child who hates to read; there are only children who have not found the right book."

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All books fall into the 5-7 age range so would be perfect for Year 2. Happy reading...

(The books highlighted in grey are **HIGHLY** recommended!)

Book Cover	Title	Author	A Brief Guide...
	<p><b>Polly and the Screen Time Overload</b></p>	<p>Betsy Childs Howard</p>	<p>In this new picture book, readers meet Polly while on a trip to her grandparents' farm. During her visit she spends all her time on her new tablet instead of enjoying the farm animals and playing with her cousins.</p> <p>A chat with her grandfather teaches her that, though screen time can be good, it can also keep kids away from <i>better</i> things. Using simple language and beautiful illustrations, children ages 3-7 are introduced to the idea that technology is best enjoyed within boundaries.</p>
	<p><b>Dear Earth</b></p>	<p>Isabel Otter</p>	<p>"Dear Earth" is a children's book that presents a love letter to the planet, celebrating its beauty and diversity while also addressing the challenges it faces. The book, illustrated with vibrant and captivating images, encourages children to appreciate nature and take steps to protect it.</p>
	<p><b>If all the world were...</b></p>	<p>Joseph Coelho</p>	<p>A moving, lyrical picture book about a young girl's love for her granddad and how she copes when he's gone, written by multi-award winning poet and Waterstones Children's Laureate Joseph Coelho.</p> <p>This beautifully illustrated, powerful and ultimately uplifting text is the ideal way to introduce children to the concept of death and dying, particularly children who have lost a grandparent.</p> <p>With Allison Colpoys' gorgeous artwork spilling from each page, accompany a girl and her granddad over spring, summer and autumn. See how he teaches her to imagine, to create, and to enjoy the small things in life, and how, when winter comes, he lives on in her heart.</p> <p>If All the World Were... is a soothing, reassuring approach to loss and how to live without someone you loved, and a beautiful story, beautifully told.</p>