



Dragons

Further Reading List Year 2 Spring 1

Book	Author	Blurb
<i>The Paper Bag Princess</i>	Robert Munsch & Michael Martchenko	When Princess Elizabeth is all set to be married to Prince Ronald, disaster strikes! Suddenly, a fire-breathing dragon appears, smashing its way into the castle, scorching the princess's clothes and kidnapping Prince Ronald! Resourceful Elizabeth finds a paper bag to replace her burnt clothes and sets off on a brave quest to rescue the prince, only to find that her prince isn't quite as gallant as she had imagined. A very popular and entertaining story that is unafraid to twist traditional character stereotypes.
<i>Small Knight and George and the Royal Chocolate Cake</i>	Ronda Armitage and Arthur Robins	Small Knight and his little friendly dragon George are sent on a mission to retrieve a stolen chocolate cake, intended for the royal party. Their bravery is tested when the pair find the cake in the hands of the wild brigands!
<i>The Knight and the Dragon</i>	Tomie de Paola	This is the story of a knight and a dragon who know that they are expected to fight each other because that is what dragons and knights are supposed to do. Feeling ill-equipped, each one privately prepares by reading manuals from the library, with the knight building armour and the dragon practising his best tail-swishing. The first few pages of the story are told through pictures and words, but from the point of the fight onwards there are only pictures, leaving space for readers to interpret and supply their own narrative. This is a fun story that turns traditional character tropes on their head and offers plenty of opportunities to stimulate writing and storytelling in the classroom.
<i>The Boy Who Grew Dragons</i>	Andy Shepherd & Sara Ogilvie	The first in a series of three stories from debut author Andy Shepherd, this hugely entertaining adventure about a small boy and his pet dragon would make a super read-aloud for years 2, 3 or 4. Tomas is busy in the garden with Grandad, planning which fruits to grow that might be turned into delicious jams or tarts. When Tomas stumbles across a strange tree with curious-looking fruit, he never expects that what might emerge from the fruit is a real live dragon! Tomas intrepidly takes it upon himself to nurture the adorable tiny dragon, which he names Flicker. This is an adventure that is humorous at every turn, but also full of heart.
<i>Look out, It's a Dragon!</i>	Jonny Lambert	Everybody knows that dragons are ferocious by nature. They live in dangerous places and spend their time capturing princesses or crushing up castles. But Saffi is a different type of dragon, who is temperate and gentle by nature and she is just looking to find some friends to play with near her new home. Saffi's new neighbours, however, are not so keen on the idea of hanging out with a dragon and they swiftly tell Saffi that she can't stay, calling her names like 'knobbly knickers' and 'lumbering beastie'. Little do they realise that when they later meet dragons that do conform to their expectations, they will need Saffi's help to save the day. This is a story that explores the theme of prejudice and stereotyping in a gentle way that is easily relatable for young children.