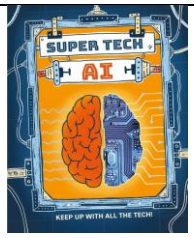
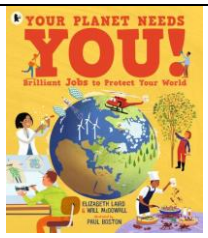
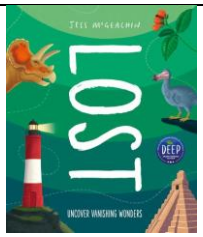
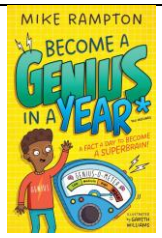
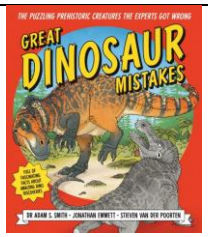
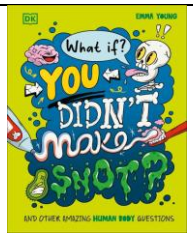


KS2 non-fiction hot reads, November 2026

	**Blue Planet II** **9781405971515** **£7.99** **NF 590** This is an interactive gamebook based on the BBC TV series (but no knowledge of The Blue Planet is necessary). A range of marine scenarios is presented along with a fact file concerning the creatures involved. The reader has to decide which animal would 'win' in each situation and the results are sometimes surprising. It's a bit like a fishy version of top trumps. Good photos and nicely presented facts.
	**Creative Crafting** **9781529523294** **£7.99** **NF 745.5** A series of craft projects using recycled materials. The projects have a difficulty rating from Really Easy to Difficult and all the materials are readily available. You will be pleased to know toilet roll tubes feature prominently. Here's one I made earlier using double sided sticky tape.
	**What Came First** **9780008568153** **£7.99** **by Kit Frost** **NF 032.02** It is what is says on the cover: a series of questions regarding the order of things. It sounds easy but isn't: which came first, pants or socks? How about sharks or Mount Everest? Hmmm? A great book to get children (and adults) thinking. Nice illustrations, too. And, yes, the chicken and egg conundrum does feature.
	**Super Tech: AI** **9781526325495** **£8.99** **by Clive Gifford** **NF 006.3** **AR: 6.1 MY** Love it or loathe it, AI is here to stay and *Super Tech: AI* provides a positive introduction to this increasingly important subject. Looking at the various uses of this cutting-edge technology this book explores the benefits it can bring and some of its (possibly) less useful applications. For instance, Microsoft's Chinese AI system has written 12 million poems (it doesn't mention if anyone has bothered to read them).
	**Your Planet Needs You!** **9781529535044** **£8.99** **by Elizabeth Laird** **NF 363.7** An exploration of 'brilliant jobs to protect your world'. Some are fairly obvious - a marine conservationist or hydroelectric engineer or even a politician (perhaps not) – others are less glamorous but equally important. What about a lithium miner supplying the minerals for the batteries to power future cars? A fascinating insight into the jobs and skills that will be crucial to all our futures.

	**Lost** **9781804568289** **£9.99** **by Jess McGeachin** **NF 909** This is a fascinating book and not quite as melancholy at the title might suggest. What does it mean to be lost? True, some things are lost forever, the dinosaurs for example, extinct long before humans arrived on the scene. Or the ancient cities of Ziggurat of Ur or Persepolis. But some things want to disappear – think animal camouflage. Loss has been reversed, too, animals species on the brink of extinction brought back by conservation projects. Lovely illustrations throughout this stimulating book.
	**Tales of Ghosts and Hauntings** **9781916851207** **£9.99** **by Susan Martineau** **NF 133.1** **AR: 6.1 MY** Not a simple collection of invented ghost stories but rather an investigation of genuine unexplained happenings. Arranged in themed chapters – Phantom Palaces, Demon Dogs – the accessible stories are used to encourage scientific analysis and critical thinking. What might explain the spooky encounters? Let's look at the evidence and try to account for poltergeists or, my favourite, the friendly Gurt Dog of Somerset. A refreshing addition for fans of the supernatural. Warning: you may need to sleep with the light on.
	**Become a Genius in a Year** **9780008756185** **£7.99** **by Mike Rampton** **NF 032.02** This is fun. Become in genius in a year by learning a fact day. The terms and conditions read 'No refunds given'. But the facts are genuinely interesting. For example, the info for February 15th is that woolly mammoths were still around after the Great Pyramid of Giza was built (but not in Egypt, of course, they were wandering the tundra). How mind blowing is that? And there are another 364 factlets to keep you going.
	**Great Dinosaur Mistakes** **9781444959000** **£7.99** **by Adam Smith** **NF 567.9** A fresh look at a perennial favourite. When scientists started piecing dinosaur fossils together in the nineteenth century they often misinterpreted the evidence; we now know that they made mistakes. This book compares modern paleontological interpretations of certain dinosaurs gained with the aid of CAT scans and electro microscopes with the old versions and the results are revealing. A must for all dino fanatics (self included). There's a thought-provoking twist at the end, too.
	**What if… You Didn't Make Snot?** **9780241733318** **£9.99** **by Emma Young** **NF 612** Instant appeal with a title like that. Actually the book is not as gross as it sounds (although there are some moments that may not appeal to the squeamish) and comprises a series of body-related questions with answers. So, if you would like to know what would happen if you couldn't taste sugar (heaven forfend!) or if you had a dog's nose then this is the place to sniff out the answers.