

My favourite books for using to teach primary science

I'm often asked for recommendations for books to help teachers with science. Here are a few of my favourites that are great for ideas, subject knowledge or to have in the classroom for children to read.



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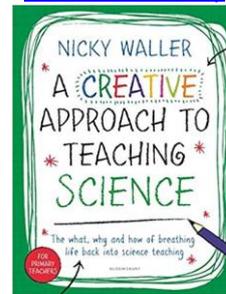
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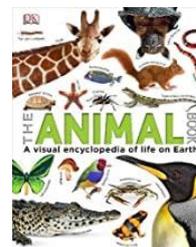
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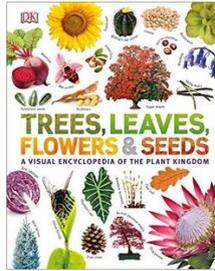
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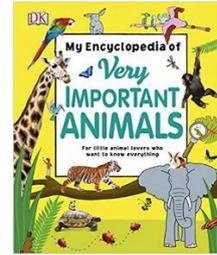
The Animal Book DK This children's reference book is the ultimate guide on animals for young children and budding naturalists. The 'Tree of Life' at the start of the book will show you how species are connected, as well as guiding you through everything from microscopic life to fish, birds, reptiles and mammals.

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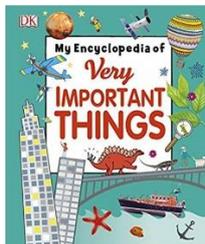
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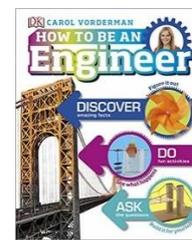
My Encyclopedia of very important animals DK For little animal lovers who want to know everything. From birds and frogs to sharks and dogs, this book is perfect for KS1.

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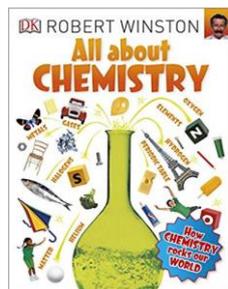
My Encyclopedia of Very Important Things DK Full of fun facts, colourful illustrations, and games that will feed a child's imagination and quench their thirst for knowledge, whilst supporting the National Curriculum. This is the perfect book for children of 4 – 7 yrs.

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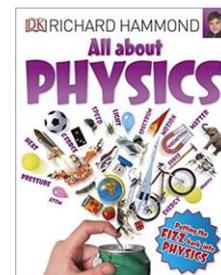
How to be an engineer DK As well as simple engineering projects for children to try, DK's How to be an Engineer will teach children how to think like an engineer, including materials, building, machines, getting around, and energy.

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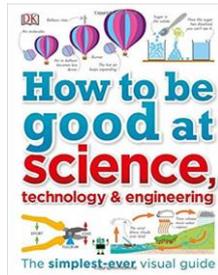
In **All About Chemistry**, Robert Winston guides children of all ages through the explosive world of atoms, elements and the periodic table. These are great for pupils, but also for teacher subject knowledge.

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Physics doesn't just happen in a lab - it happens in the kitchen, in your bath, in a car! **All About Physics** shows you how science affects everything, from roller-coasters to fighter pilots.

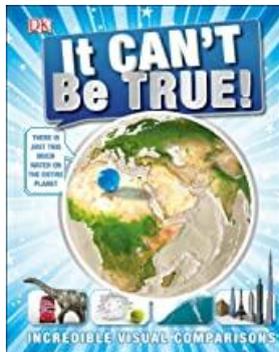
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How to be Good at Science, Technology, and Engineering is the perfect book to inspire and educate inquisitive young minds and prepare them for the future. This book is a lovely visual guide for teachers, parents and their children, with all core curriculum areas of science included.

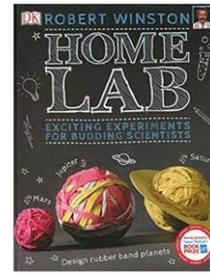
Ideal for KS2 classes.

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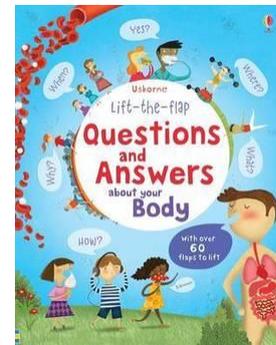
It Can't be True! Not strictly a science book, but I love this visual, fact-filled book. A great way to engage children that love facts and to put reading into science lessons or vice-versa. Did you know that the Moon is the same size as Australia? Or that a blue whale's heart is as big as a car? And the colossal squid has eyes the size of beach balls? Prepare to be amazed by the fact-packed

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Winner of the Royal Society's Young People's Book Prize 2017, this jam-packed collection of fun and simple science experiments for kids is perfect for the classroom or home.

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This Lift-the-Flap book contains the answers to the many questions that curious children have about their bodies, including 'How do I smell?' 'What makes me burp?' 'Why do I need to wash my hands?' 'Why is blood red?' and many more. There are many more science related books in this series. Ideal for

KS1/Lower KS2.

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There are many books out there for primary science, and these are just a few of my favourites. Basically, in my estimation you can't go wrong with a DK, an Usborne or a National Geographic!

Happy reading!