



Scots Pine Class Reading Journey

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It is the highest spot on planet Earth, known to many as the roof of the world, and the ultimate challenge for mountain-climbing adventurers. Welcome to Mount Everest. Mount Everest is undoubtedly one of the most famous mountains on Earth. Hundreds of people clamber to its summit every year, following in Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay's footsteps... but there is so much more to this mountain than the people who climb it. With sumptuous and stylish illustrations by Lisk Feng, this dynamic book reveals the great mountain's ancient origins, the flora and fauna that thrive upon its great flanks, and the rich mythology of Sagarmatha, the Goddess of the Sky.



When a crisis of some sort hit Ancient Egypt Hatshepsut decided the best way to survive the crisis would be to show strong leadership. Hatshepsut gave herself a new, powerful look, one that had worked for previous rulers – she ordered that all statues and artworks of her be made to look more masculine and ... king-like. The people of Ancient Egypt weren't used to a woman being in charge but it seems the pharaonic beard persuaded them they were in safe hands with Hatshepsut. While today it sits uncomfortably to think of a woman having to change herself to fit with people's expectations of what 'powerful' looks like it's interesting that Hatshepsut seems to have embraced the need to give people a bit of what they were used to so she could get on with the job of ruling and being a mighty pharaoh. Who says girls can't be kings? Her reign was long, prosperous and a time of relative peace for Egypt.

It's one giant leap for all boy-kind in Frank Cottrell Boyce's out-of-this-world story: Cosmic.

Liam is too big for his boots. And his football strip. And his school blazer. But being super-sized height-wise has its advantages: he's the only eleven-year-old to ever ride the G-force-defying Cosmic rollercoaster – or to be offered the chance to drive a Porsche. Long-legged Liam makes a giant leap for boy-kind by competing with a group of adults for the chance to go into space. Is Liam the best boy for the job? Sometimes being big isn't all about being a grown-up.

