

## BAME English Text summaries

### **Year 3:**

#### **Cloud Tea Monkeys**

Overview and Outcomes:

This three-week planning sequence begins with the arrival of a Royal Tea –Taster in class seeking apprentice tea-tasters. The children experience an immersive session where they smell and taste a range of different teas before creating descriptive statements to describe a tea. A basket is then delivered and inside is a magical and moving story about Cloud Tea and how monkeys save a young girl and her mother. As the text is read, the children are exposed to range of language activities to stimulate grammatical development and reading comprehension skills. The children then write letters of thanks to the monkeys. Using the authors' note as further stimulus, children research, plan and then write a non-chronological report on tea, the tea-trade and traditions relating to tea.

Synopsis of Text:

Tashi lives in a tiny village below the tea plantations where her mother earns a living. One day her mother falls ill, and Tashi must pick tea to earn the money for a doctor. But she is too small to reach the tender shoots and the cruel Overseer sends her away empty-handed. Tashi needs a miracle. Then, on the mountains high above the plantation where only monkeys live, something extraordinary happens that will change her life for ever...

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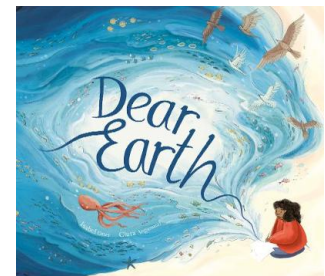
Tea, fair-trade, plantations, monkeys



#### **Dear Earth**

When Tessa writes a love letter to the Earth, it's the beginning of a glorious adventure. She blows bubbles with whales, soars with birds and joins in with the noisy rainforest hullabaloo!

Tessa wants everyone to know how special our planet is. She believes that there is a chance to save the Earth if enough of us share the message...



#### **The Boy at the Back of the Classroom - Onjali Q Rauf (age 7+)**

The Boy at the Back of the Classroom - Onjali Q Rauf (age 7+) When Ahmet, a Syrian refugee joins their class, four friends seek to befriend and help Ahmet to be reunited with his family. An inspiring and sweet tale that will help children think about what it is to be a good person whatever your circumstances (the narrator is from a poor background with a single parent mum who struggles to make ends meet), and challenge prejudice and push for fairness, whenever possible.

