

Active Travel Themed Books for World Book Day

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Bicycle themed:

Title	Author	Age range	
Let's Spin: Bikes	Heath McKenzie	EYFS	With super special spinning novelty wheels and bold illustrations, these interactive board books are perfect for little hands and curious minds.
Bear on a Bike	Stella Blackstone	EYFS	Bear on a Bike transports young readers around the world by bike, train, raft, boat and even hot-air balloon, with a special night-time journey at the close.
The Dinosaur Who Couldn't Ride a Bike	Sarah Campbell	EYFS	Can you imagine a Tyrannosaurus Rex riding a bicycle ? Can a brave little boy defeat a dastardly dinosaur ? Jolly nonsense to delight the under-fives! – The Telegraph
Christopher's Bicycle	Charlotte Middleton	EYFS	Christopher Nibble loves his recycled bicycle. He's ready to rescue the town's rubbish, turning old into new, in this story full of pedal power. Will Christopher show that two wheels are best and win the day?
Ted's Bike Ride	Tom Hart	EYFS	Ted's Bike Ride tells the story of a Teddy Bear named Ted who travels along on his bike meeting a range of animals as he goes. Ted takes the time to learn the noises of the animals that he meets in a fun and entertaining way that both adults and kids really enjoy.
Duck on a bike	David Shannon	EYFS/KS1	A hilarious, playful, action-packed picture book
The Bike Lesson: Another Adventure of the Berenstain Bears	Stan Berenstain	EYFS/KS1	The Bike Lesson is a perfect story for beginning readers, who will delight in spotting the dangers of the road before Father Bear does. And beginner cyclists will want to find out whether Small Bear will get a chance to read his new bike!
Giraffe on a Bicycle	Julia Woolf	EYFS/KS1	Monkey has found a bicycle. Luckily giraffe knows how to ride it...sort of! But when a tentative tiger, three mischievous monkeys and a very flappy flamingo join in the fun, things start getting a little crowded. And with a whole host of other jungle animals keen to climb aboard, monkey and giraffe could be in for a very bumpy ride!



Gracie Goat Big Bike Race	Erin Mirabella	EYFS/KS1	When Howard Horse invites his friends to ride in the Summer Corn Festival Bike Race, everyone is excited to join in the fun. Everyone, that is, except Gracie Goat. With a sparkle in her eye, Grandma Goat makes a deal with Gracie, persuading her to face her fears and try to learn how to ride a bike in time for the race.
Mrs Armitage on Wheels	Quentin Blake	EYFS/KS1	Mrs Armitage sets out on her bike with Breakspear the dog running alongside. With every turn of the wheel she thinks of ways to add to her bicycle. But when she adds the mast and sail, she really runs into trouble.
Flying Fergus (8 titles)	Chris Hoy	EYFS/KS1	"Champion cyclist Chris Hoy breathes his passion for cycling into this entertaining and imaginative adventure about an ordinary boy and his big cycling dreams." - <i>The Guardian</i>
On Your Bike: All you need to know about cycling for kids	Chris Hoy	EYFS/KS1	An illustrated, comprehensive guide for children to choosing, maintaining and making the most of your bike with top tips and tricks from Olympic cycling champion Sir Chris Hoy.
Born to Ride: A story about Bicycle Face	Larissa Theule	EYFS – LKS2	Set against the backdrop of the women's suffrage movement, Born to Ride is the story of one girl's courageous quest to prove that she can do everything the boys can do, while capturing the universal freedom and accomplishment children experience when riding a bike.
Eric's Big Day - A bicycle race unlike any other	Rod Waters	EYFS-LKS2	It's a big day for Eric, the day of the bike race. His knapsack packed, Eric rides to Emily's for a picnic near the finish. But what's that splashing in the river? A very wet bike racer! Who's that sobbing by the street sign? A lost rider! Eric pauses to aid wayward bike racers with useful items from his knapsack, but will he be late to see the finish? The cheers of a crowd surprise Eric, but where oh where is Emily?

Get on your Bike	Joukje Akveld	EYFS-LKS2	An inviting book about resolving conflicts. Bobby and William aren't quite sure how the argument started, but it escalates until William gets so frustrated, he tells Bobby to leave. Bobby does just that, hopping on his bike and furiously riding away. As he travels through the city and into the country-side, though, he begins to calm down. Maybe William had a point after all? Bobby bikes back into town, hoping William will for-give him, and discovers that he's not the only one who wants to apologize
Anatole	Eve Titus	KS1/KS2	First published in 1956, this charming tale with illustrations, tells the story of French mouse Anatole who roams the streets of Paris at night, with his mice mates, scavenging for scraps. When he overhears humans voicing their displeasure at their activities, he sets off on a pest to best mission involving stinky cheese.
His Finest Hour	David Neuhaus	KS1/KS2	Ralph, hoping to impress the local bicycle racing team, uses his secret rocket engine in a race against his friend Dudley, but afterwards only Dudley is asked to join the team.
Tillie the Terrible Swede: How one woman, a sewing needle and bicycle change history	Sue Stauffacher	UKS2	When Tillie Anderson came to America, all she had was a needle. So, she got a job in a tailor shop and waited for a dream to find her. One day, a man sped by on a bicycle. She was told "bicycles aren't for ladies," but from then on, Tillie dreamed of riding, not graceful figure eights, but speedy, scorching, racy riding! And she knew that couldn't be done in a fancy lady's dress. . . With arduous training and her (shocking!) new clothes, Tillie became the women's bicycle-riding champion of the world.
Along a long road	Frank Viva	All ages picture book	Follow that road! Speed off on an eventful bicycle ride along the bold yellow road that cuts through town, by the sea, and through the country. Ride up and around, along and through, out and down

Walking themed:

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Rosie's Walk	Pat Hutchins	EYFS	Rosie's walk around the farmyard, pursued by the hungry but clumsy fox, has become a beacon in the world of children's picture books, an ever-popular classic which generations have enjoyed.
I went Walking	Sue Williams	EYFS	A young child goes for a walk and discovers a colourful parade of animals along the way.
Elmers Walk	David McKee	EYFS	Out walking, Elmer the Elephant is in a reflective mood, taking his time to soak up the sounds, smells and sights around him.
Walking Through the Jungle	Julie Lacome	EYFS	Follow a small child as he walks, creeps, leaps, and swings through the jungle in this lively adaptation of a familiar nursery rhyme.
A Walk in London	Salvatore Rubbino	EYFS/KS1	A charming picture book about a mother and her young daughter taking a day trip to explore the city of London.
The Incredible Journey (written by a 7 year old!)	Tom Burlison	EYFS/KS1	An exciting adventure book for young children, about the imaginings of two children as they walk to school each morning. Watch the video: https://youtu.be/Pq9QfyCxjJc
A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to School	Benjamin Chaud	EYFS-LKS2	Part farce, part science fiction, part classic fairy tale, Cali's story employs all the resources of childhood to come up with a whopper of a tale that will impress and entertain kids.
Running on the Roof of the World	Jess Butterworth	KS2 and KS3	A captivatingly classic adventure in which two children battle extreme political and environmental hostilities as they journey from Tibet to India.

Scooting themed:

Title	Author	Age range	
Scooter and His Scoot Scoot (featuring character living with physical disability)	Annie Streit	EYFS	This heart-warming poem tells the story of a joyful little dog named Scooter. Scooter was born different, but he doesn't let that slow him down.

Scoot	Katie Blackburn	EYFS/KS1	This is the first picture book totally dedicated to scooting! There is lots of playful rhyming and action to inspire mini daredevils.
Six Hogs on a Scooter	Eileen Spinelli	EYFS-KS2	The Hog family tries various modes of transportation to get to the opera with unexpected result.

Secondary School suggestions:

Title	Author	Age range	
Running on the Roof of the World	Jess Butterworth	UKS2 and KS3	A story of adventure, survival, courage, and hope, set in the vivid Himalayan landscape of Tibet and India. This action-packed novel is full of courage, hope, and the powerful will to survive, even in the most desperate circumstances.
The Boy who Biked the World Part 1 On the Road to Africa Part 2 Riding the Americas Riding Home Through Asia	Alistair Humphreys	KS2 and KS3	Tom really wants to be an explorer. His favourite book is an atlas and he follows adventurers not footballers. His schooldays are spent daydreaming about travelling from Tibet to Timbuktu. A private wish blurted out loud started his freewheeling adventure: I'm going to cycle round the world. His classmates laughed. No one believed him, least of all his teacher. The mountains will be too high! The desert is too hot! Everyone shouted their reasons why his dream was impossible. But it was a funny thing, the more that people told him he couldn't do it, the more Tom found himself wanting to prove them wrong.
The Young Cyclist's Companion	Peter Drinkell	KS3	The Young Cyclist's Companion is a brisk guide for the aspirant bike rider all the way from choosing a first bike to techniques for wheelies and bunny hops and the finer points of riding in a group.
Walking the Nile	Levison Wood	KS3 +	His journey is 4,250 miles long. He is walking every step of the way, camping in the wild, foraging for food, fending for himself against multiple dangers. He is passing through rainforest, savannah, swamp, desert and lush delta oasis. He will cross seven, very different

			countries. No one has ever made this journey on foot.
Hero on a Bicycle	Shirley Hughes	KS3+	The first novel from much-loved author and illustrator Shirley Hughes is a thrilling and moving story with a touch of romance, set against a dramatic background of war-torn Italy. Based on Hughes' own experience of visiting Florence not long after the Second World War, it is a warm, tender tale of courage against the odds, which deals frankly with the brutality of war, yet maintains a distinctive sensitivity and lightness of touch. Beautifully presented in a deliberately retro, nostalgic style, it also features Hughes' familiar black and white illustrations.

Additional active travel books listed by age category from around the world and from over the decades:

EYFS

- The Best Bike Ride Ever by James Proimos and Johanna Wright
- A Rabbits tale by Rob Bounds
- When Titus took the train by Anne Cottringer and Sarah McIntyre
- Rosa Rides her scooter by Jessica Spanyol
- Go Bikes Go by Addie Boswell
- Cycle City by Alison Farrell
- Bicycle Safety (Stay Safe) by Sue Barraclough
- Peter Learns to Ride His Bicycle by Oliver Carbonell
- Tom and Pippo and the Bicycle by Helen Oxenbury
- The Hundred Decker Bus by Mike Smith
- Naughty Bus by Jan Oke

EYFS and KS1

- We're going on a bear hunt by Micheal Rosen and Helen Oxenbury
- Why animals can't ride bikes and you can by Darren Ruddell and Seamus Hilley
- Why animals can't ride scooters and you can by Darren Ruddell and Seamus Hilley
- Gus the dinosaur bus - Julia Liu
- Could a penguin ride a bike by Camilla Bédoyère and Aleksei Bitskoff
- I love my Bike by Simon Mole
- Mike and the Bike by Michael Ward
- Franklin Rides a Bike by Paulette Bourgeois
- Franklin's Bicycle Helmet by Paulette Bourgeois
- Froggy Rides a Bike by Jonathan London
- Gabe and the Bike: Enjoy a Minuteman Bikeway Adventure by Rochelle O'Neal Thorpe

- Ruby's School Walk by Kathryn White
- The Listening Walk by Paul Showers
- Lyle, Lyle Crocodile: Lyle Walks the Dogs by Bernard Waber
- A Good Night Walk by Elisha Cooper
- Henry Works by D.B. Johnson
- Bradley the Bus by Inderjit Puaar

KS1

- I Took the Moon for a Walk by Carolyn Curtis
- Marta and the Bicycle by Germano Zullo
- Family Mouse Behind the Wheel by Wolfgang Zuckermann

KS1 and LKS2

- If you give a girl a bike by Hayley Diep
- The Adventures of Thandie The Tandem by Claire Le Block
- Bear's Bicycle by Emilie Warren McLeod
- Little Red Riding Hood - A Newfangled Prairie Tale by Lisa Campbell

KS1 and KS2

- Princess BMX by Marie Basting
- Everyone can learn to ride a bicycle by Chris Raschka
- Sally Jean, the Bicycle Queen by Cari Best
- Curious George Rides a Bike by H. A. Rey
- Magic Bicycle by Brian Patten

KS2

- Two left feet by Jenny Sullivan
- Dream to Win: Bradley Wiggins by Roy Apps

KS2 / KS3

- The Young Cyclist's Companion by Peter Drinkell
- Abby and the bicycle caper by Ron Atkins

KS3+

- The Salt Path by Raynor Winn
- Revolutions: How Women Changed the World on Two Wheels by Hannah Ross
- Bicycle Blues by Anthony Masters
- Bike Mechanic by Paul Mason

For older pupils:

- Bike Nation by Peter Walker