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Welcome to yourrrr first *Blast Off* for 2020! On page 5 you'll meet me and my friend Vern the meerkat, and this yearrr we'll take you on a fabulous journey of discoverrrrry through the world of words! Buckle up and enjoy! —Jools

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