



“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”

Dr. Seuss

“To the individual, it [reading] matters emotionally, culturally and educationally; because of the economic impacts within society, it matters to everyone.”

DfE, 2021.

Our Storytime Rationale:

St Margaret's has a uniquely diverse community: at our school over 45 different first language are spoken, over 40% of pupils are entitled to free school meals and pupils that attend our school come from a wide range of backgrounds. Therefore, when developing this storytime overview, books selected to feature aim to acknowledge and celebrate the diversity within our world with the primary aim to empower and educate our pupils. In addition, book titles have been selected through extensive research involving educational specialists, experts such as Pie Corbett, The National Literacy Trust and prestigious children's book award nominations. Furthermore, staff and pupil views have also been listened to, to allow all stakeholders to share their views and be a part of the process; thus ensuring the titles are reflective of the current school community as well increasing excitement and enjoyment of reading.

Other aspects have also been taken into consideration when selecting titles, such as books that will encourage and enthuse pupils of different genders, book that are rich in vocabulary to extend pupils vocabulary including those who speak English as additional language, books with complex concepts to increase pupils experiences and knowledge and thought provoking picture books for pupils (highlighted in red) who are visual learners to generate curiosity and discussion.

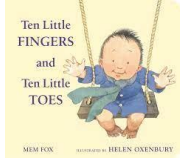
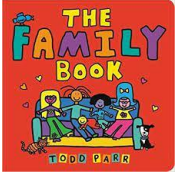
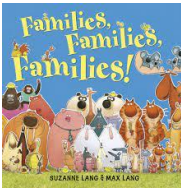
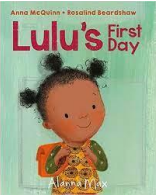
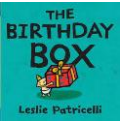

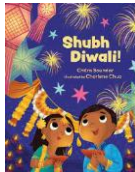
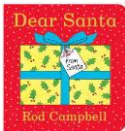


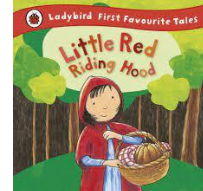
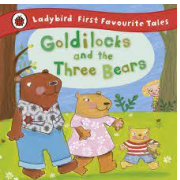
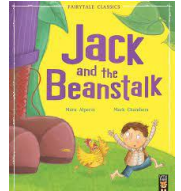


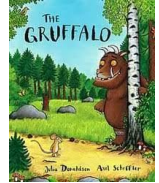
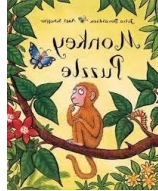
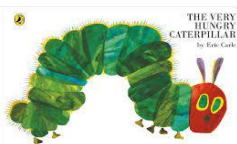
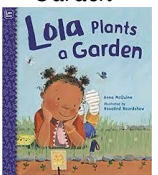
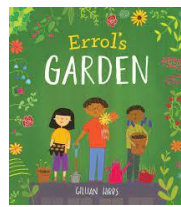
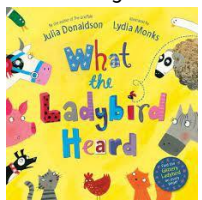
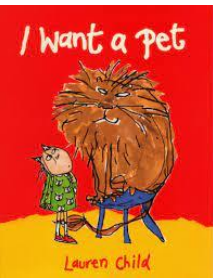

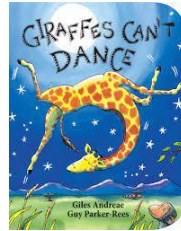
The storytime overview is organised into year groups, followed by six half-termly sections. For EYFS, the books are linked to the literacy long term overview for Nursery and Reception, with additional books being selected regularly based on the pupils' interests. For Key Stage 1 and 2, there are three key focuses: 'Genre in Focus', 'Diversity' and 'Featured Author'. The selected narratives are read to the pupils in the order of which they appear on the overview. Supplementary recommended reads are also provided to each year group and teachers may also select supplementary books for story time based on pupils' preferences.



Nursery





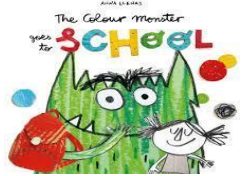
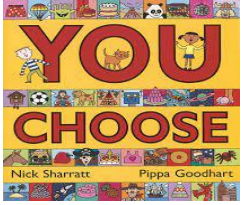
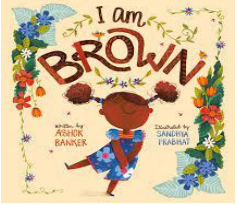

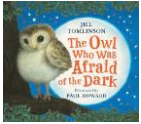
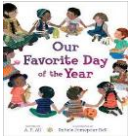

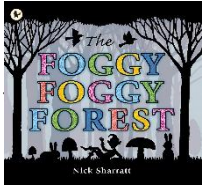

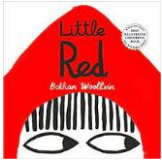
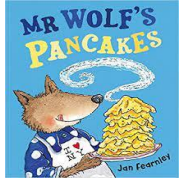
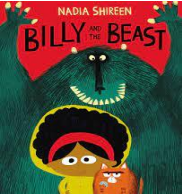
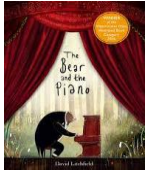
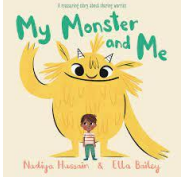
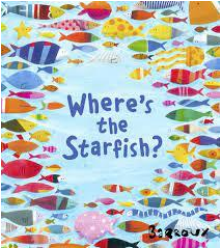
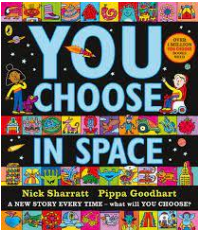
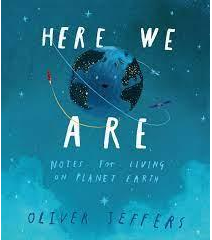
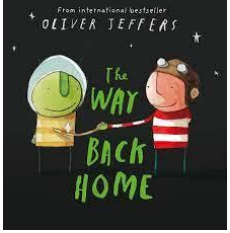
	My House				My Special Times					
Autumn	Ten little fingers and ten little toes 	The Family Book 	Families, families, families 	Lulu's First Day 	The Birthday Box 	When's My Birthday? 	Shubh Diwali 	Dear Santa 	Stickman 	How many sleeps til Christmas? 
	Traditional Tales				Modern Tales					
Spring	Little Red Riding Hood 	Goldilocks 	Jack and the Beanstalk 	The Gingerbread Man 	We're Going on a Bear Hunt 	The Gruffalo 	Monkey Puzzle 			
	Growing				Animals					
Summer	The Very Hungry Caterpillar 	Lola Plants a Garden 	Errol's Garden 	What the Ladybird Heard 	I Want a Pet 	One Day On Our Blue Planet 	Giraffes Can't Dance 			



Reception






		My Community			Special Times in My Community			
Autumn	Colour Monster goes to School	You Choose	I am Brown	Tree	The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark	Our Favourite Day of the Year	Amma tell me about Holi	The Crayons' Christmas
								
Spring	Twisted Tales			Moral Tales				
	Foggy, Foggy Forest	Trust me, Jack's Beanstalk Stinks!	Little Red	Mr Wolf's Pancakes	Billy and the Beast	The Bear and the Piano	My Monster and Me	
								
Summer	Our World			Space				
	My Friend Earth	Little People, Big Dreams: David Attenborough	Where's the Starfish?	You Choose Space	Here We are	The Way Back Home		
								

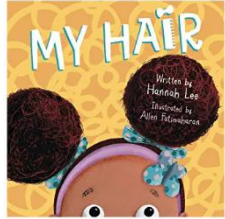
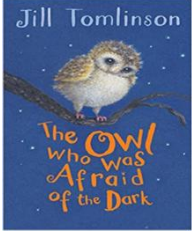
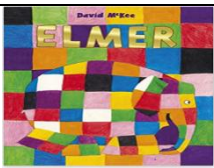





Featured Author: Beatrix Potter

Autumn 1		<p>The complete tales</p> <p><i>Beatrix Potter</i></p>	<p>This work brings together Beatrix Potter's 23 tales in one volume. The complete texts are arranged in the order in which they were first published, and are presented with the original illustrations, both colour and black and white. Each story also has a brief introductory note about its history.</p>
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Diversity: Individuality

Autumn 2		<p>Hair</p> <p><i>Hannah Lee</i></p>	<p>Will it be dreads or a twist out? Braids or a high-top fade? Joyous and vibrant, this captures perfectly the excitement of getting ready for a celebration, as well as showcasing a dazzling array of intricate hairstyles.</p> <p>This is a glorious debut from an exciting new partnership who both emerged from the FAB Prize for undiscovered BAME writers and illustrators.</p>
		<p>The owl who was afraid of the dark</p> <p><i>Jill Tomlinson</i></p>	<p>Plop, the Baby Barn Owl, is like every Barn Owl there ever was, except for one thing – he is afraid of the dark. "Dark is nasty" he says and so he won't go hunting with his parents. Mrs Barn Owl sends him down from his nest-hole to ask about the dark and he meets a little boy waiting for the fireworks to begin, an old lady, a scout out camping, a girl who tells him about Father Christmas, a man with a telescope and a black cat who takes him exploring. He realizes that through these encounters that dark is super after all.</p>
		<p>Elmer</p> <p><i>David McKee</i></p>	<p>The grey elephants all love him, but he soon starts to wonder what it would be like to be just the same as them...</p>
		<p>No-bot</p> <p><i>Sue Hendra & Paul Linnet</i></p>	<p>Bernard the Robot loses his bottom on the park swing, and sets off to find it. Every time he gets close, it disappears again! Bird was using it as a nest, but it was too heavy; Bear used it in his drum kit, but it was too tinny; the Squirrels built sandcastles with it...and now it looks as if they're sailing away in it. Will Bernard EVER get his bottom back</p>



Featured Author: Roald Dahl

Spring 1



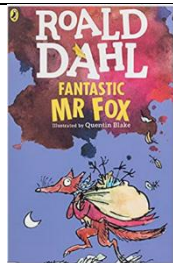
George's Marvellous Medicine

Roald Dahl

George Kranky's Grandma is a miserable grouch. George really hates that horrid old witchy woman.

One Saturday morning, George is in charge of giving Grandma her medicine. So-ho! Ah-ha! Ho-hum! George knows exactly what to do.

A magic medicine it will be! One that will either cure her completely of her horrible grouchiness . . . or blow off the top of her head!



Fantastic Mr. Fox

Roald Dahl

Boggis is an enormously fat chicken farmer who only eats boiled chickens smothered in fat.

Bunce is a duck-and-geese farmer whose dinner gives him a beastly temper.

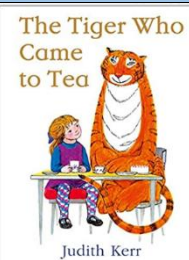
Bean is a turkey-and-apple farmer who only drinks gallons of strong cider.

Mr Fox is so clever that every evening he creeps down into the valley and helps himself to food from their farms - and those GHASTLY farmers can't catch him!

Now the farmers have hatched a plan to BANG-BANG-BANG shoot Mr Fox dead! But, just when they think Mr Fox can't possibly escape, he makes a FANTASTIC plan of his own . . .

Genre in Focus: Animal Adventures

Spring 2



The tiger that came to tea

Judith Kerr

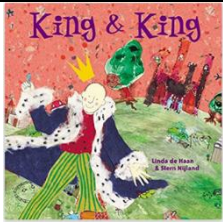
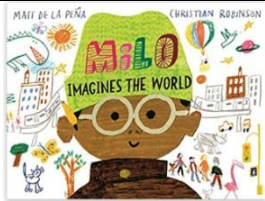

The doorbell rings just as Sophie and her mummy are sitting down to tea. Who could it possibly be? What they certainly don't expect to see at the door is a big furry, stripy tiger!



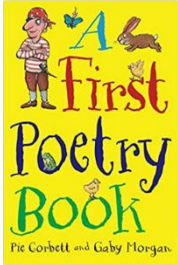
	<p>The elephant and the bad baby <i>Elfrida Vipont</i></p>	<p>The Elephant takes the Bad Baby for a ride and they go 'rumpeta, rumpeta, rumpeta down the road.' They help themselves to ice creams, pies, buns, crisps, biscuits, lollipops and apples, and the shopkeepers follow them down the road shouting and waving. All ends well as the Bad Baby learns to say 'Please' and his mother makes pancakes for everyone.</p>
	<p>Nimesh the adventurer <i>Ranjit Singh</i></p>	<p>Nimesh is walking home from school. Except...there happens to be a shark in the corridor. And a dragon in the library! And why would crossing the road lead to the North Pole? A fun-filled story about a little boy with a BIG imagination, Nimesh the Adventurer will surely make even the dullest journey a dazzling adventure.</p>
	<p>Where the wild things are <i>Maurice Sendak</i></p>	<p>That night a forest begins to grow in Max's room and an ocean rushes by with a boat to take Max to the place where the wild things are.</p> <p>Max tames the wild things and crowns himself as their king, and then the wild rumpus begins!</p> <p>But when Max has sent the monsters to bed, and everything is quiet, he starts to feel lonely and realises it is time to sail home to the place where someone loves him best of all.</p>
	<p>Lost and found <i>Oliver Jeffers</i></p>	<p>There once was a boy and one day a penguin arrives on his doorstep. The boy decides the penguin must be lost and tries to return him. But no one seems to be missing a penguin. So the boy decides to take the penguin home himself, and they set out in his row boat on a journey to the South Pole.</p> <p>But when they get there, the boy discovers that maybe home wasn't what the penguin was looking for after all.</p>



Diversity: Family Types

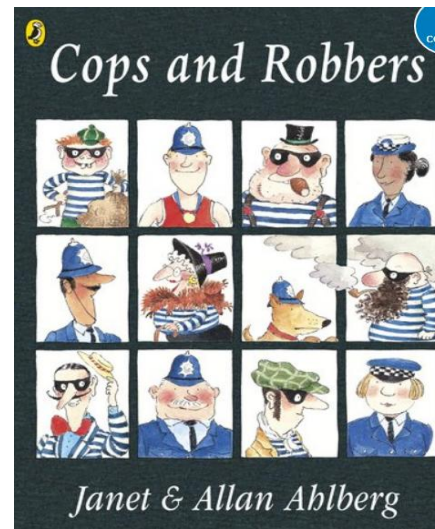
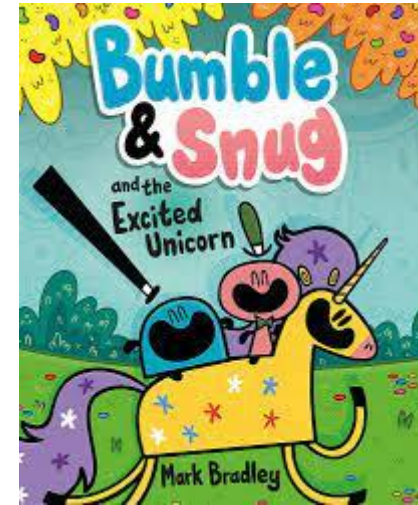
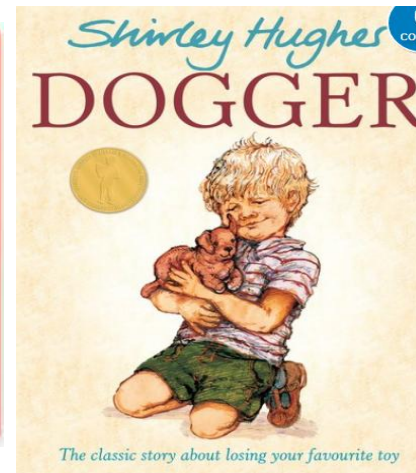
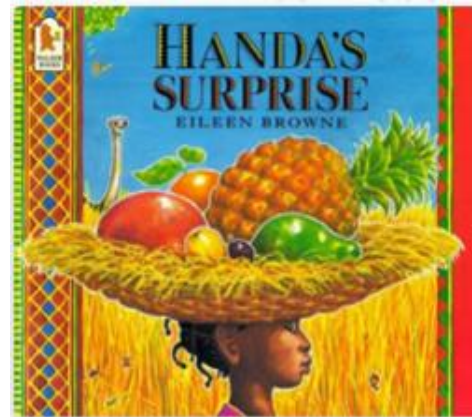
Summer 1	 <p>King and king <i>Linda De Haan</i></p>	<p>The Crown Kitty and Friends Cordially Invite You to Celebrate a Royal Wedding Reception to follow in the Royal Gardens Bring Lots of Presents</p>
	 <p>Milo Imagines the world <i>Matt De La Pena</i></p>	<p>Milo is on a train journey through the city with his older sister, looking at the faces of the other passengers and drawing pictures of their lives. The whiskered man with a crossword puzzle he imagines playing solitaire in a cluttered flat full of pets. The little boy in bright white trainers he imagines living in a castle with a moat and a butler. But when the little boy gets off at the same stop and joins the same queue as him, Milo realises that you can't judge by appearances and that we are all more alike than we are different: both boys are visiting their mothers in prison.</p>
	 <p>We are family <i>Ryan Wheatcroft</i></p>	<p>All families are different - and yet in many ways the same!</p> <p>This book uses a gentle rhyming text to follow eight different families, celebrating their everyday differences as well as the similarities they share.</p>

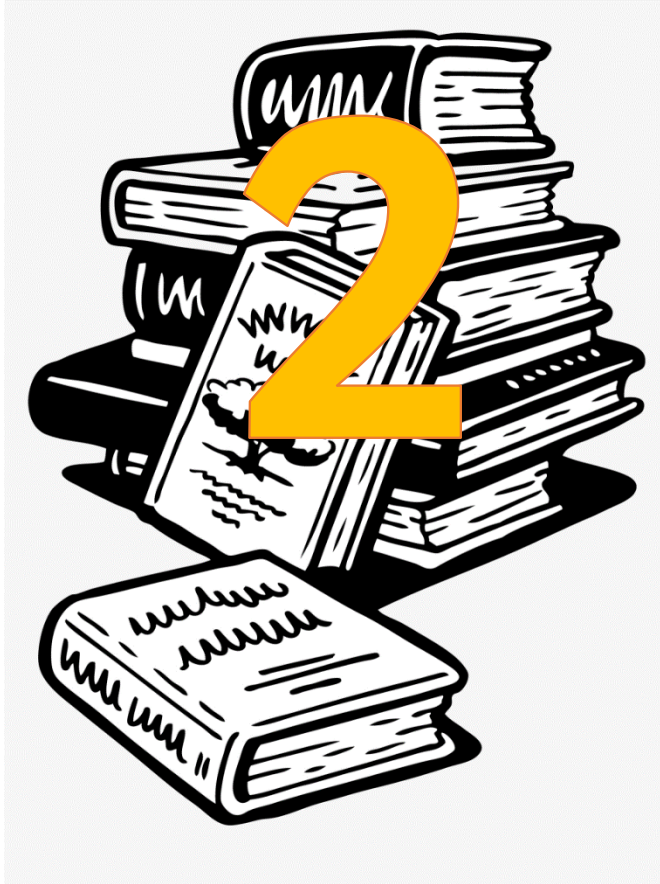
Genre in Focus: Poetry

Summer 2	 <p>A first poetry book <i>Pie Corbett and Gaby Morgan</i></p>	<p>The first in a brand-new series of poetry books created with KS1 teachers and students in mind, but packed with glorious poems that will appeal to a wide audience. This topic-based collection features brand-new poems about fairies, mermaids, princesses, monsters, mythical creatures, dinosaurs, pets, transport, families, seasons, school, people who help us, pirates, the senses, space, feelings, holidays and festivals, minibests, food, where we live, nature, friends and the past.</p>
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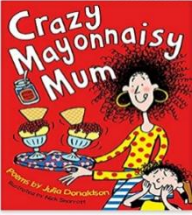
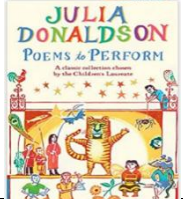
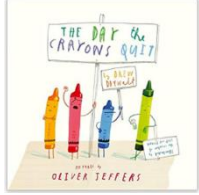
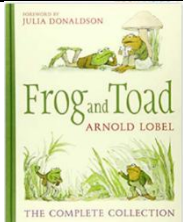


Recommended Reads







Featured Author: Julia Donaldson (Poetry)		
Autumn 1		<p>Crazy Mayonnaisy Mum</p> <p>Julia Donaldson</p> <p>Crazy Mayonnaisy Mum is packed with all sorts of poems and rhymes including a sequence of number rhymes, action rhymes, noisy rhymes and more thoughtful pieces too.</p>
		<p>Poems to perform</p> <p>Julia Donaldson</p> <p>From the author of The Gruffalo, Julia's passionate belief that performance can help children enjoy reading and grow in confidence is informed by her own experience both as a child and now, working with groups of children to bring stories, poems and songs to life.</p>
Diversity: Emotions		
Autumn 2		<p>The day the crayons quit</p> <p>Oliver Jeffers</p> <p>Poor Duncan just wants to colour in. But when he opens his box of crayons, he only finds letters, all saying the same thing: We quit!</p>
		<p>Frog and Toad</p> <p>Arnold Lobel</p> <p>Once upon a time there were two good friends, a frog and a toad...</p> <p>From writing letters to going swimming, telling stories to finding lost buttons, Frog and Toad are always there for each other – just as best friends should be.</p>



		<p>Ravi's Roar</p> <p><i>Tom Percival</i></p>	<p>Most of the time Ravi can control his temper but, one day, he lets out the tiger within . Being a tiger is great fun at first - tigers can do ANYTHING they want! But who wants to play with a growling, roaring, noisy, wild tiger who won't share or play nicely? Ravi is about to discover something very important about expressing his feelings and making amends.</p> <p>A clever and engaging book about temper tantrums, dealing with emotions and learning to express and understand your feelings. From Tom Percival's bestselling Big Bright Feelings series, this is the perfect book for helping with bad days and noisy outbursts.</p>
<p>Featured Author: Anthony Browne</p>			
<p>Spring 1</p>		<p>The Tunnel</p> <p><i>Anthony Browne</i></p>	<p>Once upon a time there lived a brother and a sister who were not at all alike. They fought and argued constantly. One morning they discover a tunnel, which changes them forever.</p>
		<p>Into the forest</p> <p><i>Anthony Browne</i></p>	<p>One night a boy is woken by a terrible sound. A storm is breaking, lightning flashing across the sky. In the morning Dad is gone and Mum doesn't seem to know when he'll be back. The next day Mum asks her son to take a cake to his sick grandma. "Don't go into the forest," she warns. "Go the long way round." But, for the first time, the boy chooses to take the path into the forest, where he meets a variety of fairy tale characters.</p>
		<p>Gorilla</p> <p><i>Anthony Browne</i></p>	<p>Hannah loves gorillas but has never seen one. Her father's too busy to take her to the zoo – or for anything else come to that. For her birthday, Hannah asks her father for a gorilla – but is disappointed when she discovers that the gorilla she's got is just a toy one. But then something extraordinary happens ... the toy turns into a real gorilla, who puts on her father's hat and coat and takes her off for a magical visit to the zoo...</p>



Genre in Focus: Adventure

Spring 2



Flat Stanley

Jeff Brown

Stanley Lambchop was just an ordinary boy – until a noticeboard fell on him. Now he's flat as a pancake!

Being flat is fantastic – he can be rolled up, sent in the post and even fly like a kite. But it's not all fun and games . . . there are thieves in town. Can Flat Stanley be a hero?

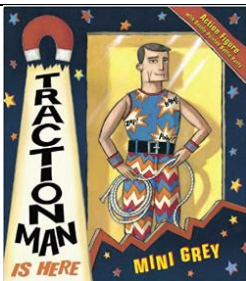


Meerkat Mail

Emily Gravett

Sunny the meerkat lives with his enormous family in the Kalahari desert. They are all very close . . . so close, in fact, that one day Sunny decides it's just too crowded and packs his bags. He's off to visit his mongoose cousins. But from the watery world of the Marsh Mongoose to the nocturnal lifestyle of the Malagasy Mongoose, Sunny just doesn't fit in. And who's that shadowy figure who seems to be following him around?

There's so much to enjoy, from the newspaper cuttings on the endpapers to the wittily accurate information about each mongoose species Sunny visits on his journey. With seven giant glossy postcards attached to the pages, this beautiful book is rich with comic detail and will keep any child entertained for hours.



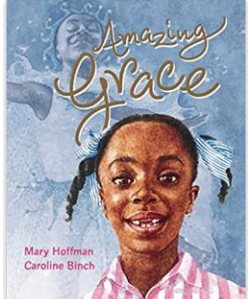
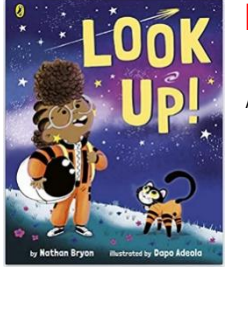
Traction Man

Mini Grey

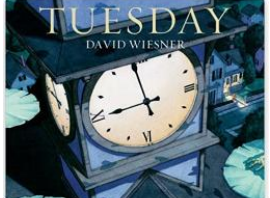
With an action outfit for every occasion, Traction Man patrols the house. Whether he is saving toys (in latex space suit and Perspex helmet, teamed with Rocket Boots); searching the sink for the lost wreck of the sieve (in sub-aqua suit, fluorescent flippers and infra-red mask) or rescuing damsels in distress (in jungle pants, camouflage vest and a bandanna), Traction Man is never less than stylishly turned out and expertly accessorised. He is the last word in heroic fashion flair - until, that is, the day that he is presented with an all-in-one knitted green romper suit and matching bonnet by his owner's granny. Can Traction Man overcome the humiliation of his desperately dowdy new look and rediscover the action hero within or will the burden of the knitted green monstrosity be too great?



Diversity: Race

<p>Summer 1</p>		<p>Amazing Grace <i>Mary Hoffman</i></p>	<p>Grace loves to act out stories. Sometimes she plays the leading part, sometimes she is 'a cast of thousands.' When her school decides to perform Peter Pan, Grace is longing to play Peter, but her classmates say that Peter was a boy, and besides, he wasn't black... But Grace's Ma and Nana tell her she can be anything she wants if she puts her mind to it...</p>
		<p>Look Up! <i>Nathan Bryan</i></p>	<p>Meet hilarious, science-mad chatterbox, Rocket - she's going to be the greatest astronaut, star-catcher, space-traveller that has ever lived!</p> <p>But... can she convince her big brother to stop looking down at his phone and start LOOKING UP at the stars?</p> <p>Bursting with energy and passion about science and space, this heart-warming, inspirational picture book will have readers turning off their screens and switching on to the outside world.</p>

Genre in Focus: Fantasy

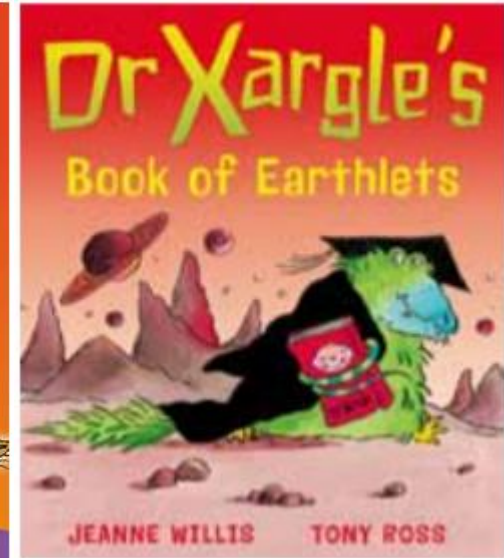
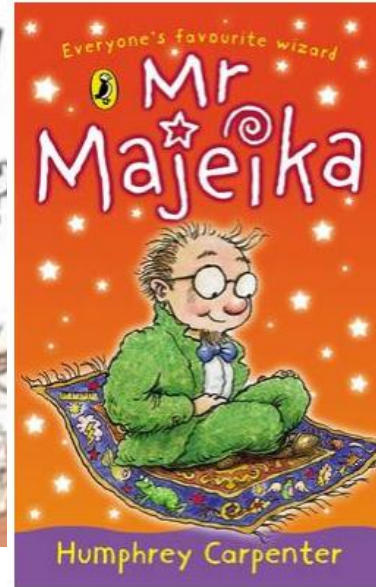
<p>Summer 2</p>		<p>Tuesday <i>David Wiesner</i></p>	<p>In this ingenious and imaginative - nearly wordless - picture book, frogs in a pond lift off on their lily pads and fly to a nearby town where they zoom through a woman's living room, encounter a dog playing in his yard, and distract a bathrobe-clad citizen from his midnight snack. Who knows what will happen next Tuesday?</p>
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	<p>Beegu</p> <p><i>Alexis Deacon</i></p>	<p>Beegu is not supposed to be on Earth. She is lost. She is a friendly little creature, but the Earth People don't seem very welcoming at all. However, so far she has only met the BIG ones. The little ones are a different matter . . .</p>
	<p>Fred: Wizard in Training</p> <p><i>Simon Philip</i></p>	<p>Fred may look ordinary, but sometimes people who look ordinary turn out to be not very ordinary at all ... because it just so happens that Fred is a Wizard!</p> <p>Sounds pretty great, right? Except that Fred is absolutely, completely, mind-bogglingly TERRIBLE at magic. At school, he's stuck in a class of wizards half his age, feeling like a twit among tots. At home, he's endlessly teased by his siblings and always a disappointment to his parents. All Fred wants is to become a better wizard....</p> <p>So when he hears about a competition to meet Merlin (yes, THE Merlin!) Fred knows it's his one chance to prove to his family that he's not the worst wizard in town. The catch? To win the competition he has to capture the tail of a terrifying, fire-breathing lizard...</p>



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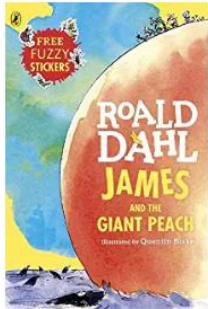






Featured Author: Roald Dahl

Autumn 1



James and the Giant Peach

Roald Dahl

James Henry Trotter lives with two ghastly hags.

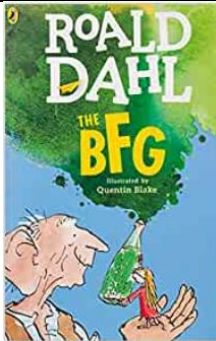
Aunt Sponge is enormously fat with a face that looks boiled and Aunt Spiker is bony and screeching.

He's very lonely until one day something peculiar happens. . .

At the end of the garden a peach starts to grow and GROW AND GROW. Inside that peach are seven very unusual insects - all waiting to take James on a magical adventure.

But where will they go in their GIANT PEACH, and what will happen to the horrible aunts if they stand in their way?

There's only one way to find out . . .



The BFG

Roald Dahl

On a dark, silvery moonlit night, Sophie is snatched from her bed by a giant. Luckily it is the Big Friendly Giant, the BFG, who only eats snozzcumbers and glugs frobscottle.

But there are other giants in Giant Country. Fifty foot brutes who gallop far and wide every night to find human beans to eat.

Can Sophie and her friend the BFG stop them? Let's hope so - otherwise the next child a gruesome giant guzzles could be YOU.



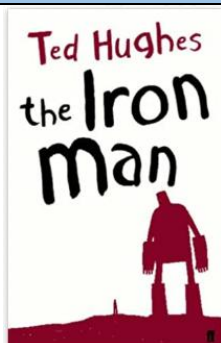
Diversity: Our differences

Autumn 2		<p>Football Academy reading the game</p> <p><i>Tom Palmer</i></p>	<p>The team coach Steve discovers that Ben is failing at school, and disguising the fact that he cannot read, relying on Ryan to help him with his work. Teaching him through football-related topics, Steve convinces Ben that he is not alone with his problem, and inspires him to ask for help.</p>
		<p>The Christmasaurus</p> <p><i>Tom Fletcher</i></p>	<p>This is a story about a boy named William Trundle and a dinosaur named the Christmasaurus.</p> <p>It's about how they meet one Christmas Eve and have a magical adventure. It's about friendship and families, sleigh bells and Santa, singing elves and flying reindeer.</p> <p>It's about discovering your heart's true desire, and learning that the impossible might just be possible . .</p>
Featured Author: Dick King-Smith			
Spring 1		<p>The Hedgehog</p> <p><i>Dick King-Smith</i></p>	<p>Max is a hedgehog who lives with his family in a nice little home, but it's on the wrong side of the road from the Park where there's a beautiful lily pond and plenty of juicy slugs, worms and snails!</p> <p>The busy road is dangerous but Max is determined to make his way across. If humans can do it, why can't hedgehogs?</p> <p>His first attempt ends in a nasty bump on the head and, when Max tries to speak, he realises his words are all mixed up. He is no longer a hedgehog but a hodge-heg!</p> <p>Still determined to fulfil his mission, Max discovers the best way to cross the road - with the help of the lollipop lady and some careful detective work . . .</p>



Genre in Focus: Science Fiction

Spring 2



The Iron Man

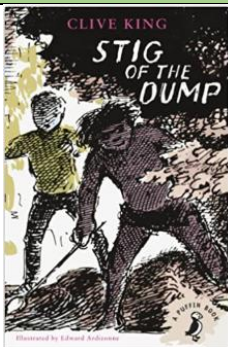
Ted Hughes

The Iron Man came to the top of the cliff.
Where had he come from? Nobody knows.
How was he made? Nobody knows.

Mankind must put a stop to the dreadful destruction by the Iron Man and set a trap for him, but he cannot be kept down. Then, when a terrible monster from outer space threatens to lay waste to the planet, it is the Iron Man who finds a way to save the world.

Diversity: invisible impairments/disabilities

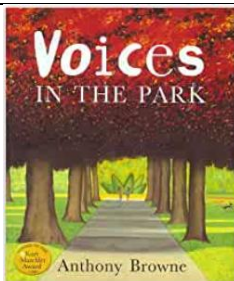
Summer 1



Stig of the dump

Clive King

Barney is a solitary little boy, given to wandering off by himself. One day he is lying on the edge of a disused chalk-pit when it gives way and he lands in a sort of cave. Here he meets 'somebody with a lot of shaggy hair and two bright black eyes' wearing a rabbit skin and speaking in grunts. He names him Stig. Of course nobody believes Barney when he tells his family all about Stig, but for Barney cave-man Stig is totally real. They become great friends, learning each others ways and embarking on a series of unforgettable adventures.



Voices in the park

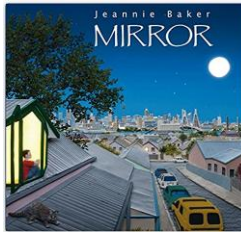
Anthony Browne

Four different voices tell their own versions of the same walk in the park. The radically different perspectives give a fascinating depth to this simple story which explores many of the author's key themes, such as alienation, friendship and the bizarre amid the mundane.



Genre in Focus: Global Adventures/Our World?

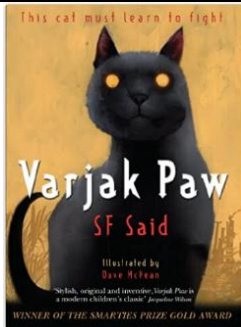
Summer 2



Mirror
Jeanie
baker

Jeannie Baker

This innovative picture book comprises two stories designed to be read simultaneously – one from the left, the other from the right. Page by page, we experience the lives of two little boys – one from an urban family in Sydney, Australia, the other from Morocco. From busy motorways to desert landscapes, these worlds couldn't be further apart. Yet with the journey of a homemade Moroccan carpet into the Australian boy's home, we can see how these separate lives become intertwined. At the book's conclusion, the family in Sydney can be seen enjoying their new purchase together while the Moroccan family are surfing the internet. A powerful book, *Mirror* illustrates how our lives reflect each other and that we are all, even in some small way, connected.



Varjek Paw

S.F. Said

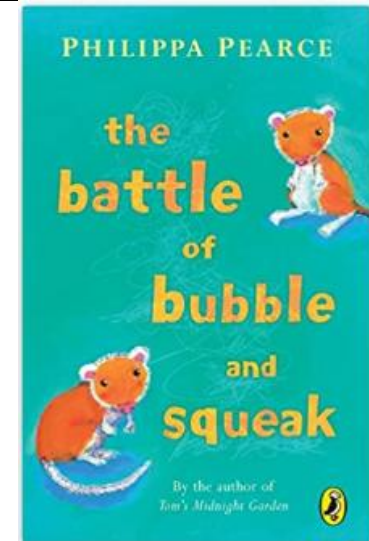
This cat must learn to fight!

Varjak Paw is a Mesopotamian Blue kitten. He lives high up in an old house on a hill. He's never left home, but then his grandfather tells him about the Way - a secret martial art for cats.

'There are Seven Skills in the way of Jalal,' whispered the Elder Paw. 'We know only three of them. Their names are these. Slow-Time. Moving Circles. Shadow-walking.'
Now Varjak must use the Way to survive in a city full of dangerous dogs, cat gangs and, strangest of all, the mysterious Vanishings.



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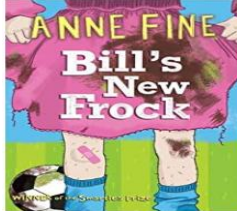
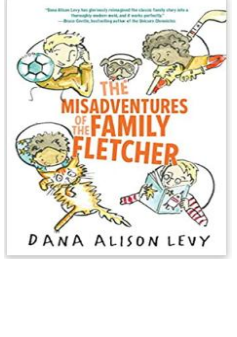
Featured Author: Roald Dahl			
Autumn 1		<p>The Witches</p> <p><i>Roald Dahl</i></p>	<p>Witches really are a detestable breed. They disguise themselves as lovely ladies, when secretly they want to squish and squelch all the wretched children they despise. Luckily one boy and his grandmother know how to recognize these vile creatures, but can they get rid of them for good?</p>
		<p>Matilda</p> <p><i>Roald Dahl</i></p>	<p>Matilda is the world's most famous bookworm, no thanks to her ghastly parents.</p> <p>Her father thinks she's a little scab. Her mother spends all afternoon playing bingo.</p> <p>And her headmistress, Miss Trunchbull? She's the worst of all. She's a big bully, who thinks all her pupils are rotten and locks them in the dreaded Chokey.</p> <p>Despite these beastly grownups trying to push her down, Matilda is an extraordinary girl with a magical mind.</p> <p>And she's had enough. So all the terrible adults had better watch out, because she's going to teach them a lesson they'll never forget!</p>
Diversity: Religion			
Autumn 2		<p>The proudest blue</p> <p><i>Ibtihaj Muhammad</i></p>	<p>It's Faizah's first day of school, and her older sister Asiya's first day of wearing hijab – made of a beautiful blue fabric. But not everyone sees hijab as beautiful. In the face of hurtful, confusing words, will Faizah find new ways to be strong?</p>



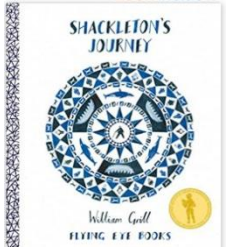
		<p>Planet Omar</p> <p>Zanib Mian</p>	<p>My parents decided it would be a good idea to move house AND move me to a new school at the same time. As if I didn't have a hard enough time staying out of trouble at home, now I've also got to try and make new friends. What's worse, the class bully seems to think I'm the perfect target.</p> <p>At least Eid's around the corner which means a feast (YAY) and presents (DOUBLE YAY). Well, as long as I can stay in Mum and Dad's good books long enough...</p>
<p>Featured Author: Dick King-Smith</p>			
<p>Spring 1</p>		<p>The Sheep-Pig</p> <p>Dick King-Smith</p>	<p>When Babe, the little orphaned piglet, is won at a fair by Farmer Hogget, he is adopted by Fly, the kind-hearted sheep-dog. Babe is determined to learn everything he can from Fly. He knows he can't be a sheep-dog. But maybe, just maybe, he might be a sheep-pig.</p>
<p>Genre in Focus: Classics</p>			
<p>Spring 2</p>		<p>The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe</p> <p>C.S. Lewis</p>	<p>Four adventurous siblings—Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy Pevensie— step through a wardrobe door and into the land of Narnia, a land frozen in eternal winter and enslaved by the power of the White Witch. But when almost all hope is lost, the return of the Great Lion, Aslan, signals a great change . . . and a great sacrifice.</p>

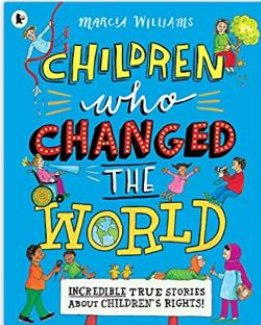


Diversity: LGBTQ

<p>Summer 1</p>		<p>Bill's New Frock <i>Anne Fine</i></p>	<p>Bill Simpson wakes up to find he's a girl, and worse, his mother makes him wear a frilly pink dress to school. How on earth is he going to survive a whole day like this? Everything just seems to be different for girls ...</p>
		<p>The misadventures of the Fletcher family <i>Dana Alison Levy</i></p>	<p>The start of the school year is not going as the Fletcher brothers hoped. Each boy finds his plans for success veering off in unexpected and sometimes disastrous directions. And at home, their miserable new neighbor complains about everything. As the year continues, the boys learn the hard and often hilarious lesson that sometimes what you least expect is what you come to care about the most.</p>

Genre in Focus: Informative

<p>Summer 2</p>		<p>Shackleton's Journey <i>William Grill</i></p>	<p>Shackleton's Journey is a unique visual re-telling Ernest Shackleton's landmark expedition crossing the Antarctic from one pole to the other. William Grill's impeccably researched and informative illustrations celebrate the 100th anniversary since the historic exploration by Shackleton and his crew on Endurance . Children will love exploring Grill's exploded diagrams and the fascinating details of this landmark voyage.</p>
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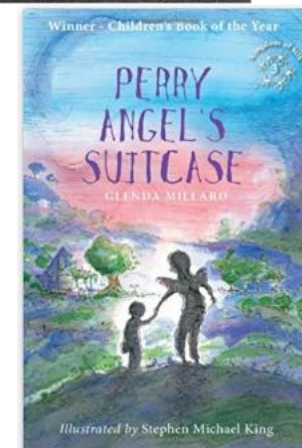
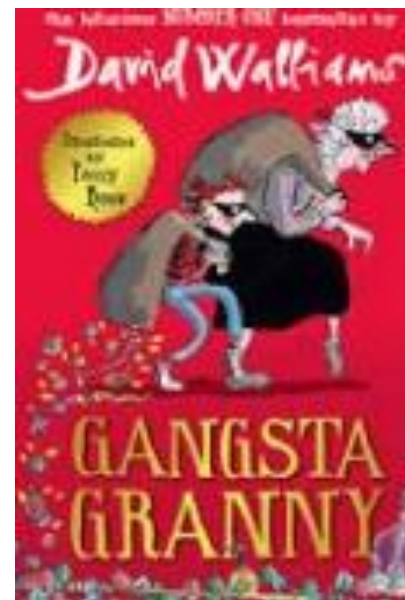
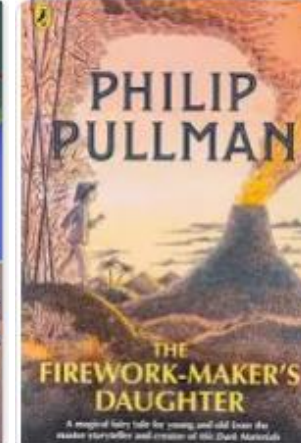
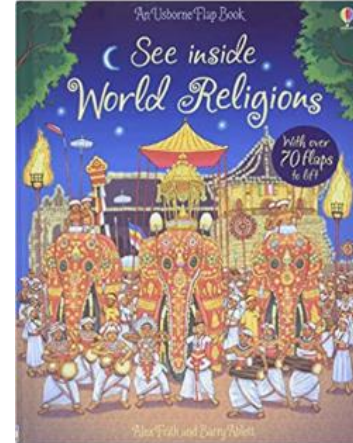
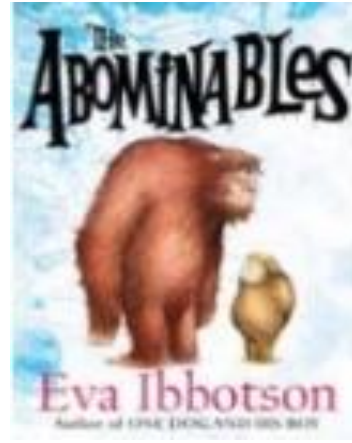
Children
who
changed
the world

Marcia Williams

From the heroes familiar to everyone, such as Malala Yousafzai, to the amazing activists you might not have heard of, like Baruani Ndume, the teenager who gave a voice to fellow refugee children in Tanzania, discover the incredible true stories of child activists. An inspirational and moving book from beloved author-illustrator Marcia Williams, providing the perfect introduction to an important subject and marking 30 years since the Convention on the Rights of the Child was signed by the United Nations General Assembly.



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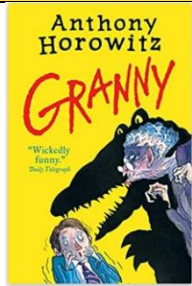






Featured Author: Anthony Horowitz

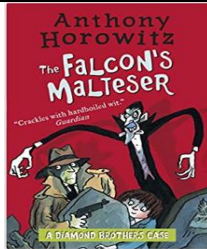
Autumn 1



Granny

Anthony Horowitz

Twelve-year-old Joe Warden isn't happy. Sure, he's rich, but his parents don't care about him. His grandmother should make everything better, except that Joe's granny is a nightmare. She's not just physically repulsive, she's horribly mean. Everyone thinks she's just a dotty old woman, but Joe knows the truth. He's seen behind her mask and glimpsed the wicked glimmer in her eyes - she is pure evil. And now she's out to get Joe, unless he can stop her and her band of nasty grannies first.



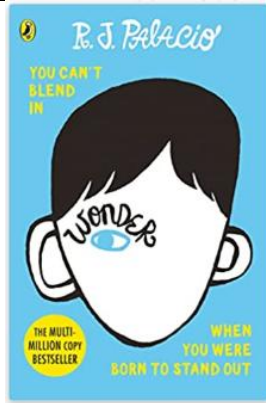
The Falcon's Malteser

Anthony Horowitz

Meet the Diamond Brothers, the world's most defective detectives. When a dwarf comes into the office and leaves a package, Tim Diamond, the world's worst private-detective, is faced with his toughest case yet. The office is ransacked and the package is found to contain simply a box of Maltesers. Who was the dwarf ... and why was he murdered shortly after his visit?

Diversity: SEND

Autumn 2



Wonder

R. J. Palacio

'My name is August. I won't describe what I look like. Whatever you're thinking, it's probably worse.'

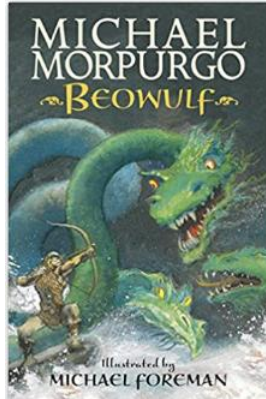
Auggie wants to be an ordinary ten-year-old. He does ordinary things - eating ice cream, playing on his Xbox. He feels ordinary - inside. But ordinary kids don't make other ordinary kids run away screaming in playgrounds. Ordinary kids aren't stared at wherever they go.

Born with a terrible facial abnormality, Auggie has been home-schooled by his parents his whole life. Now, for the first time, he's being sent to a real school - and he's dreading it. All he wants is to be accepted - but can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, underneath it all?



Featured Author: Michael Morpurgo

Spring 1



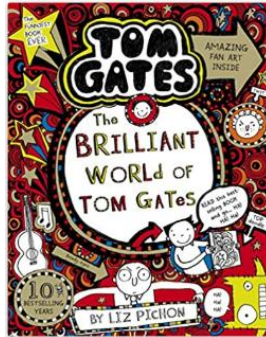
Beowulf

Michael Morpurgo

In fifth-century Denmark, a murderous monster stalks the night, and only the great prince of the Geats has the strength and courage to defeat him. Beowulf's terrifying quest to destroy Grendel, the foul fiend, a hideous sea-hag and a monstrous fire-dragon is the oldest surviving epic in British literature.

Genre in Focus: Diary Fiction

Spring 2



The Brilliant World of Tom Gates

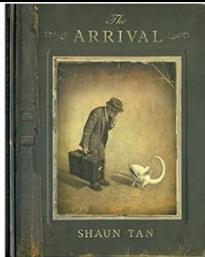
Liz Pichon

Tom Gates is a master of excuses, expert doodler, comic story writer extraordinaire – and the bane of his grumpy teacher Mr Fullerman's life. And in his wacky journal of scribbles and silliness, you'll find all sorts of comic craziness to make you groan with glee! Will Tom ever manage to get his homework in on time, avoid the rage of his teacher – AND impress Amy Porter, who sits next to him? Warning! Do not attempt to read this in public. You will snigger loudly!



Diversity: Refugees

Summer 1

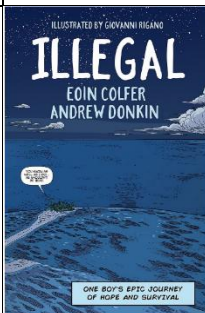


The Arrival

Shaun Tan

A man leaves his wife and child in an impoverished town, seeking better prospects in an unknown country on the other side of a vast ocean. He eventually finds himself in a bewildering city of foreign customs, peculiar animals, curious floating objects and indecipherable languages. With nothing more than a suitcase and a handful of currency, the immigrant must find a place to live, food to eat and some kind of gainful employment. He is helped along the way by sympathetic strangers, each carrying their own unspoken history: stories of struggle and survival in a world of incomprehensible violence, upheaval and hope that drives so many to leave everything behind and journey alone to a mysterious country, a place without family or friends, where everything is nameless and the future is unknown. This silent graphic novel is the story of every migrant, every refugee, every displaced person, and a tribute to all those who have made the journey.

The arrival has become one of the most critically acclaimed books of recent years, a wordless masterpiece that describes a world beyond any familiar time or place.



Illegal

Eoin Colfer
Andrew Donkin

Ebo: alone.

His sister left months ago. Now his brother has disappeared too, and Ebo knows it can only be to make the hazardous journey to Europe.

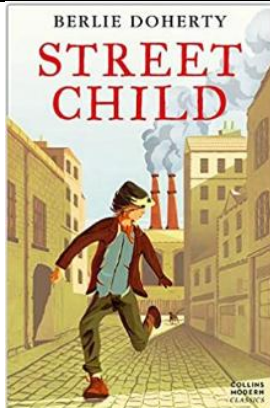
Ebo's epic journey takes him across the Sahara Desert to the dangerous streets of Tripoli, and finally out to the merciless sea. But with every step he holds on to his hope for a new life, and a reunion with his sister.

This is a powerful and timely story about one boy's epic journey across Africa to Europe, a graphic novel for all children with glorious colour artwork throughout.



Genre in Focus: Based on a true story

Summer 2



Street
Child

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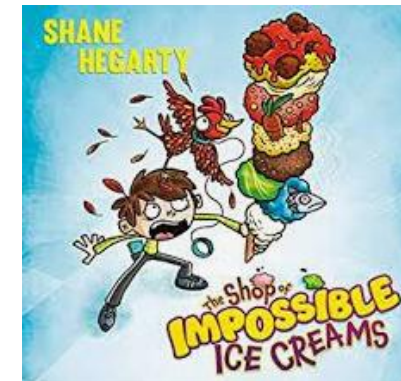
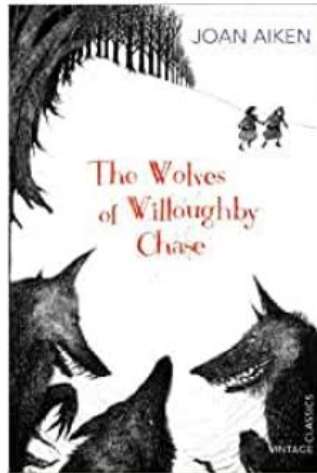
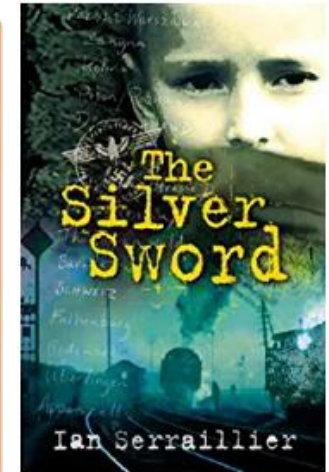
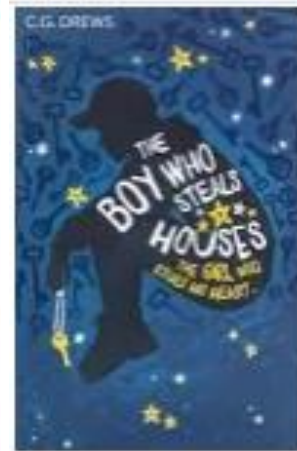
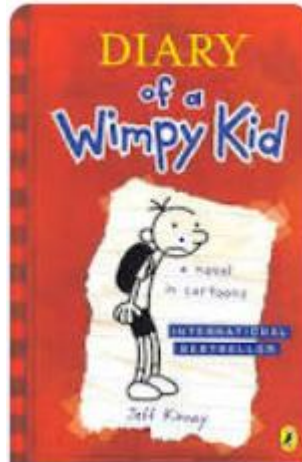
When his mother dies, Jim Jarvis is left all alone in London. He is sent to the workhouse but quickly escapes, choosing a hard life on the streets of the city over the confines of the workhouse walls.

Struggling to survive, Jim finally finds some friends... only to be snatched away and made to work for the remorselessly cruel Grimy Nick, constantly guarded by his vicious dog, Snipe.

Will Jim ever manage to be free?



Recommended Reads







Featured Author: Anthony Horowitz

<p>Autumn 1</p>		<p>Stormbreaker <i>Anthony Horowitz</i></p>	<p>They told him his uncle died in an accident. He wasn't wearing his seatbelt, they said. But when fourteen-year-old Alex finds his uncle's windshield riddled with bullet holes, he knows it was no accident. What he doesn't know yet is that his uncle was killed while on a top-secret mission. But he is about to, and once he does, there is no turning back. Finding himself in the middle of terrorists, Alex must outsmart the people who want him dead. The government has given him the technology, but only he can provide the courage. Should he fail, every child in England will be murdered in cold blood.</p>
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Diversity: Invisible Disabilities

<p>Autumn 2</p>		<p>Pig Heart Boy <i>Malorie Blackman</i></p>	<p>You're thirteen. All you want is a normal life. But most normal kids don't need heart transplants. So there's this doctor. He says there's a chance for you. But he also says it's experimental, controversial and risky. And it's never been done before.</p>
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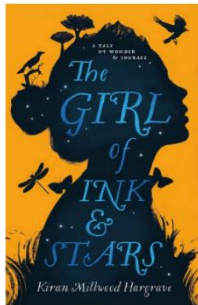
Featured Author: Michael Morpurgo

<p>Spring 1</p>		<p>Kensuke's Kingdom <i>Michael Morpurgo</i></p>	<p>"I heard the wind above me in the sails. I remember thinking, this is silly, you haven't got your safety harness on, you haven't got your lifejacket on. You shouldn't be doing this . . . I was in the cold of the sea before I could even open my mouth to scream."</p> <p>Washed up on an island in the Pacific, Michael struggles to survive on his own. With no food and no water, he curls up to die. When he wakes, there is a plate beside him of fish, of fruit, and a bowl of fresh water. He is not alone...</p>
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Genre in Focus: Adventure

Spring 2



The Girl of Ink and Stars

Kiran Millwood Hargrave

Forbidden to leave her island, Isabella Riosse dreams of the faraway lands her father once mapped.

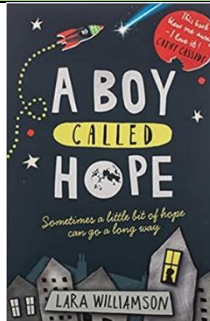
When her closest friend disappears into the island's Forgotten Territories, she volunteers to guide the search. As a cartographer's daughter, she's equipped with elaborate ink maps and knowledge of the stars, and is eager to navigate the island's forgotten heart.

But the world beyond the walls is a monster-filled wasteland – and beneath the dry rivers and smoking mountains, a legendary fire demon is stirring from its sleep. Soon, following her map, her heart and an ancient myth, Isabella discovers the true end of her journey: to save the island itself.

A beautifully realised adventure story with elements of magic, myth and legend.

Diversity: Family and Friends

Summer 1



A Boy Called Hope

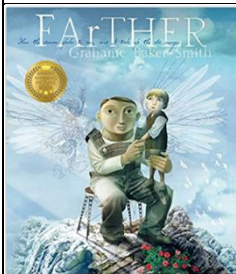
Lara Williamson

I'm Dan Hope and deep inside my head I keep a list of things I want to come true.

For example, I want my sister, Ninja Grace, to go to university at the North Pole and only come back once a year.

I want to help Sherlock Holmes solve his most daring mystery yet. And if it could be a zombie mystery, all the more exciting. I want my dog to stop eating the planets and throwing them up on the carpet. And finally, the biggest dream of all, I want my dad to love me.

A Boy Called Hope is a brave, bold and funny debut about family in all its shapes and sizes.



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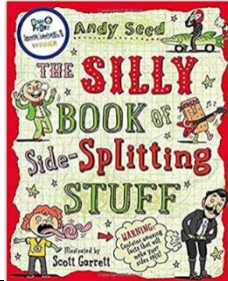
A young boy, bewitched by his father's unrelenting passion to fly; a desperate craving that absorbs his every waking minute, finds himself entranced by the dream. When his father goes to war and does not return it seems the spell is broken.

Much later, the boy, now a young man finds himself drawn once more to his father's drawings and failed experiments. Finally able to make his father's dream a reality, he flies. Will his own son be visited by this unrelenting passion?



Genre in Focus: Humorous Narratives

Summer 2



The silly book of side-splitting stuff

Andy Seed

This laugh-out-loud book is bursting with lists, facts, jokes and funny true stories all about silly people, silly animals, silly inventions, silly names and much more. Discover The Great Stink, the man who ate a bike, a girl really called Lorna Mower and a sofa that can do 101mph.

Find out about famous pranks, crazy festivals, nutty cats, gross foods, epic sports fails, ludicrously silly words and really rubbish predictions. There are even lots of great silly things to do. Unmissable!



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