



Salford Schools' Library Service

Resources List

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This list gives details of the following resources stocked by Salford Schools' Library Service:

- **Class readers** - sets of up to 35 copies of the same title, chosen specifically to be used in work with larger groups or whole classes. Our list is annotated with guidance on key stage level and reading age.
- **Mini class readers** – sets of 15 copies of the same title, for use in work with smaller groups in the classroom.
- **Guided readers** – sets of six books, covering a variety of topics for Key Stages 1, 2 and 3.
- **Big books** - we have a wide selection of both fiction and non-fiction texts.
- **Author boxes** - contain a selection of books by a popular author or illustrator.

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We hope you will find new titles in this list that you will want to try with your class. **If a book is new to you**, we recommend that you read it yourself before sharing it with pupils.

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ALLEN, Eleanor **Enter at Your Peril (Tremors)** **KS2/3** **9 – 12**
The Tremors series are spine-tingling stories, in the form of short, fast-paced chapter books aimed at reluctant readers, with black and white illustrations throughout. In this story, an old lady asks a young boy to look after her cat. But what does she mean when she says “I have to go away”?

ALMOND, David **Skellig** **KS2/3** **10 - 14**
Michael’s family have just moved to a new house, and now his baby sister is ill, his parents are tired and worried and he feels helpless. But what he finds in the crumbling garage will change his life forever – a magical creature, part owl, part angel, who needs Michael’s help to survive, and in return can help him to save his sister.
NB If a book is new to you, we recommend that you read it yourself before sharing it with pupils. Some primary school teachers feel that Skellig contains inappropriate language for their classes.

ANHOLT, Laurence **Billy Beast** **KS1/2** **7 - 9**
Billy Beast is tall and strong, with plenty of fleas and sharp brown teeth, his parents’ pride and joy. When Billy meets a beautiful young girl he tries to change her into the beast he would like her to be, but he learns to love her as she is, with hilarious consequences. Part of the Seriously Silly Stories series.

ANHOLT, Laurence **More Seriously Silly Stories** **KS1/2** **7 – 9**
A collection of three Seriously Silly Stories. The titles in this collection are Daft Jack and the Beanstack, Shampoozel, and Eco-Wolf and the Three Pigs.

ARDAGH, Philip **The Green Men of Gressingham** **KS2** **8 - 12**
Tom Dashwood is very excited to be going to train as a knight at his uncle's castle. But Tom doesn't make it very far before he is kidnapped by the legendary outlaws, the Green Men of Gressingham! Can Tom escape, or will the Green Men convince Tom that all is not as it seems at the Dashwood Estate... A hilarious Robin Hood-esque adventure from funnyman Philip Ardagh. The first title in a popular trilogy, this is a Barrington Stoke book with a reading age of seven.

ARMITAGE, Ronda & David **The Lighthouse Keeper’s Lunch** **KS1** **5-7**
Once there was a lighthouse keeper called Mr. Grinling. At night time he lived in a small white cottage perched high on the cliffs, and in the daytime he rowed out to his lighthouse to clean and polish the light. Every day Mr Grinling tucks into delicious lunch, prepared by his wife, Mrs Grinling. But Mr Grinling isn't the only one who enjoys the tasty food, so Mrs Grinling has to think of a way to stop the greedy seagulls from stealing the lighthouse keeper's lunch. First published over thirty years ago, this has become a modern picture book classic.

ATINUKE **Anna Hibiscus** **KS1/2** **6 – 8**
Anna Hibiscus lives in amazing Africa with her mother, her father, her baby twin brothers, and lots and lots of her family. Join her as she splashes in the sea, prepares for a party, sells oranges, and hopes to see sweet, sweet snow! A collection of four linked stories of family life set in modern West Africa.

BALIT, Christina **Escape from Pompeii** **KS2** **7 – 9**
A Roman boy named Tranio tells the story of what happens in the city of Pompeii when Mount Vesuvius erupts in AD 79. With the ground shaking and the sky growing dark, Tranio and his friend Livia flee to the harbour, where they witness the destruction of the city. An older picture book that is beautifully illustrated by Christina Balit.

BANKS, Lynne Reid **Harry the Poisonous Centipede** **KS2** **7 - 9**
Harry is a poisonous centipede, but he is not very brave. He lives in a hot country with his mum, and has to learn what he can eat and where he can go. The most dangerous thing of all, says his mum, are Hoo Mins (humans), and he has lots of adventures with his best friend, George, avoiding Hoo Mins and learning about their world. Large type and plenty of illustrations.

BARTRAM, Simon **Bob's Film Fiasco** **KS2** **7 - 9**
Another of Bob and Barry's Lunar Adventures. This time Bob's life is being made into a Hollywood film – and he'll be played by the one and only Frankie Las Vegas.

BARTRAM, Simon **The Disappearing Moon** **KS2** **7 - 9**
The first in the series of "Bob and Barry's Lunar Adventures". Bob is a popular character from picture books such as *The Man on the Moon*, and now he and his six-legged dog Barry star in this series of quite short, very funny, chapter books.

BARTRAM, Simon **A Right Royal Disaster** **KS2** **7 - 9**
Bob, the much loved Man on the Moon, is back in a wonderfully witty and crazy new extra-terrestrial adventure. It's Bob's job to organise the party for bad tempered Queen Battleaxe, but he could end up losing his head if things start to go wrong. A short novel with lots of great illustrations, perfect for new readers (but fun for all ages and abilities!).

BAWDEN, Nina **Carrie's War** **KS2/3** **9 - 12**
When Carrie and Nick are evacuated from wartime London to Wales, life changes drastically. Old Mr Evans is a scary figure, though his sister is timid; their friend Albert is living at Druid's Bottom with Hepzibah Green and the strange Mister Johnny. Then Carrie takes a skull from the house at Druid's Bottom, and throws it in the pond – will a curse fall on the house now that the skull is no longer there to protect it? The children discover that adults' motives are not always clear, and that one action can set off a whole train of events.

BLACKMAN, Malorie **Pig Heart Boy** **KS2/3** **9 - 13**
Cameron is thirteen, and desperately needs a heart transplant, but when a leading surgeon comes up with a shocking idea, what will Cameron decide? The proposal is to give him a new heart, but one from a pig, not from a human. Will it work, and how can he refuse this lifeline? Gripping, with plenty of insight into human relationships and reactions.

BOYCE, Frank Cottrell **Cosmic** **KS2** **10 - 13**
"That's the scary thing about kids. They will vote to go into space with someone dangerously useless if it means they get a longer go on the PlayStation."
13 year old Liam is tall for his age, so much so that people treat him as an adult. When he exploits this, he ends up lost in space, and learns a bit about what it's like to be a dad.

BOYCE, Frank Cottrell **Millions** **KS2** **9 - 12**
When a bag stuffed with money drops out of the sky, Damian and Anthony find themselves rich. Suddenly the brothers can buy anything they want – except the one thing they really need.

BOYCE, Frank Cottrell **Framed** **KS2/3** **9 - 12**
Another wonderfully original novel from the author of Millions. Dylan's family runs the village garage, and he gets to keep the petrol log – and to keep track of everyone who enters and leaves the village. The plot was inspired by a true story of the evacuation of valuable paintings from the National Gallery.

- DONALDSON, Julia** **The Highway Rat** **KS1** **5+**
 A rollicking rhyme in the style of Alfred Noyes' famous poem 'The Highwayman', this is the story of the villainous Highway Rat, who gallops along the highway stealing food from other animals. But when he encounters a cunning duck, will the dastardly Rat finally get his comeuppance? With distinctive illustrations full of fun and character by long-time collaborator Axel Scheffler.
- DONALDSON, Julia** **The Snail and The Whale** **KS1** **5 - 7**
 One tiny snail longs to see the world and hitches a lift on the tail of a whale. Together they go on an amazing journey, and the little snail feels so small in the vastness of the world. But when disaster strikes and the whale is beached in a bay, it's the tiny snail who saves the day. With more great illustrations from Axel Scheffler.
- DOUGHERTY, John** **Stinkbomb & Ketchup-Face and the Badness of Badgers** **KS2** **7 - 10**
 The first in a new series of very silly, very funny stories. These books are great for fans of Mr Gum, and they even share the same illustrator, David Tazzyman.
- DOWD, Siobhan** **The London Eye Mystery** **KS2/3** **10 - 12**
 This great read was the winner of the 2008 Salford Children's Book Award. Ted and his sister Kat watch their cousin Salim board the London Eye – but half an hour later, it lands, everyone gets out – and Salim is nowhere to be seen. Ted has Asperger's Syndrome, and this is the story of "how having a funny brain that runs on a different operating system helped me to figure out what had happened."
- ELDRIDGE, Jim** **My Story: Dodger!** **KS2/3** **9 - 13**
 In 1840, 9 year old Dick Maybury arrives in London with nowhere to stay, no money, and no friends. A chance meeting with the Adelphi gang gives him all three. But the gang make their living outside the law, and Dick learns that the life of a pickpocket is very hard to leave behind. Based on a true story.
- ELSON, Jane** **How to Fly with Broken Wings** **KS2/3** **10 - 12**
 Twelve-year-old Willem has Aspergers Syndrome and two main aims in life: to fly and to make at least two friends of his own age. All the other boys from the Beckham Estate do is make him jump off things, but then Sasha Barton decides to help him. Touching on themes such as friendship and bullying, this is a charming tale about overcoming obstacles and finding friendship in unlikely places
- FINE, Anne** **Design a Pram** **KS2** **7 - 9**
 As part of the Yellow Bananas series, this book is bursting with colour illustrations. Mr Oakway the class teacher is desperate to get his report cards written and fortunately the class jump at his idea of designing a pram, with interesting results!
- FINE, Anne** **Stranger Danger** **KS1** **6 - 8**
 Joe has an extraordinary day as he learns to follow the rules about keeping safe, and also using some common sense!
- FOSTER, John** **Whizz Bang Orang-Utan** **KS1/2** **6 – 9**
 A large collection of poems by well-known poets, with plenty of colourful and bright illustrations and an index of titles and first lines. Attractive cover.

FOSTER, Stewart **Bubble Boy** **KS2/3** **10+**
Eleven-year-old Joe can't remember a life outside of his hospital room, with its beeping machines and view of London's rooftops. His condition means he's not allowed outside, not even for a moment, and his few visitors risk bringing life-threatening germs inside his 'bubble'. But then someone new enters his world and changes it for ever. "The Bubble Boy" is the story of how Joe spends his days, copes with his loneliness and frustrations, and looks - with superhero-style bravery, curiosity and hope - to a future without limits.

FRANK, Anne **The Diary of a Young Girl** **KS2+** **10+**
The definitive edition of the famous true-life diary of a Jewish girl, forced to go into hiding with her family during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands. Anne's diary starts on her 13th birthday in June 1942, and ends in August 1944, when she and her family were finally discovered by the Nazis.

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GAIMAN, Neil **Fortunately, the Milk** **KS2** **8 – 11**
A spell-binding story taking readers up and away on a wild fantasy in which dinosaurs and space travel happily coexist. And all because...Dad has to go out and buy the milk! **Chris Riddell's** line illustrations capture the invention perfectly. Children will be swept along laughing with glee as Dad tries to get the milk home...and possibly save the universe along the way!

GAIMAN, Neil **The Graveyard Book** **KS2/3** **10 – 12**
Bod is an unusual boy who inhabits an unusual place - he's the only living resident of a graveyard. Raised from infancy by the ghosts, werewolves, and other cemetery denizens, Bod has learned the antiquated customs of his guardians' time as well as their timely ghostly teachings - like the ability to Fade. Can a boy raised by ghosts face the wonders and terrors of the worlds of both the living and the dead? And then there are things like ghouls that aren't really one thing or the other. This chilling tale is Neil Gaiman's first full-length novel for children.

GOODHART, Pippa **Happy, Sad** **KS1** **6 - 8**
Toby lives by the sea and happens to catch a mermaid in his fishing net one day. Despite their new friendship the mermaid realises she can never be truly happy living on land and Toby has to learn how to let his new friend go. Beautiful illustrations.

GOODHART, Pippa **Rescued by a Dog Called Flow** **KS2** **8 - 11**
Oliver is desperate for a dog of his own, but his parents say no. Refusing to accept this, Oliver chooses a puppy anyway - Flow, the runt of the litter, and keeps him in the stable. He manages to win over his parents, and he and Flow become real partners, taking part in a rescue mission, and giving Oliver some confidence to face his dyslexia.

GOURLAY, Candy **Tall Story** **KS2/3** **9 – 14**
A heartwarming and humorous tale, told in alternate chapters by basketball-mad Andi, who lives in London, and her exceptionally tall half-brother Bernardo, who has mythical status in his home in the Philippines. When Bernardo finally comes to live with Andi, they will change each others' lives.

GREY, Mini **Traction Man is Here** **KS1** **5 – 7**
Hurrah for Traction Man, the toy hero who, with his faithful sidekick Scrubbing Brush, is up for adventures anytime and anyplace. They'll tackle any challenge and bravely fight their way through to success. A funny picture book with great illustrations.

- LAIRD, Elizabeth** **The Ogress and the Snake** **KS2** **7 - 10**
Eight desert tales from Somalia, which Elizabeth Laird heard on her travels. Villainous tricksters, princes and creatures of every shape appear in this colourful collection. Great for reading aloud.
- LAYBURN, Joe** **Ghostscape** **KS2** **9 - 11**
When Aisha meets Richard in the girls' toilets, she is as surprised to meet a boy from the 1940s as he is to see a Somali girl wearing a headscarf. This novel is based on the real life case of a primary school destroyed during the Blitz and later rebuilt, and incorporates themes of friendship, bullying, multiculturalism and time travel.
- LEONARD, M.G** **Beetle Boy** **KS2/3** **9 – 13**
Thirteen year old Darkus Cuttle's search for his kidnapped father leads him to discover a mountain of extraordinary beetles, and pits him against the mad scientist of the fashion world Lucretia Cutter, an haute couture villainess with an alarming interest in insects. A darkly hilarious adventure full of exotic beetles, daring schemes, and true friendship.
- LEWIS, C S** **The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe** **KS2** **8 - 11**
The classic tale of Narnia, in which Lucy steps into the wardrobe and out into the land of Narnia, which is suffering perpetual winter in the grip of the evil Queen. When Lucy's brothers and sister find their way into Narnia too, they become enmeshed in a war of good versus evil, with good represented by their brave friend Aslan, the lion.
- LEWIS, C S** **Prince Caspian** **KS2** **8 - 11**
Another of the Chronicles of Narnia. Lucy, Edmund, Susan and Peter return to Narnia, where they discover that it has been hundreds of years since their reign as kings and queens ended. Prince Caspian, Narnia's rightful heir, needs the children's help to overthrow the evil King Miraz.
- LEWIS, Gill** **Scarlet Ibis** **KS2/3** **8 – 12**
Scarlet's used to looking after her brother, Red. He's special - different. Every night she tells him his favourite story - about the day they'll fly far away to the Caroni Swamp in Trinidad, where thousands of birds fill the sky. But when Scarlet and Red are split up and sent to live with different foster families, Scarlet knows she's got to do whatever it takes to get her brother back ...
- LEWIS, Gill** **Sky Hawk** **KS2/3** **8 – 12**
The winner of the 2013 Salford Children's Book Award, and a must for fans of Michael Morpurgo's animal stories. Callum and his new friend Iona bond over the discovery of a rare osprey which needs their protection. Their story includes tragedy as well as hope and adventure.
- MACKAY, Janis** **The Accidental Time Traveller** **KS2** **8 - 11**
One ordinary day, Saul is on his way to the corner shop when a girl appears suddenly in the middle of the road. She doesn't understand traffic, or the things in shops, and she's wearing a long dress with ruffled sleeves. Her name is Agatha Black who is from 1812, and Saul needs to find a way to get her back there. With help from his mates Will and Robbie, he tries to work out how to make time travel happen. This pacy, time-travelling adventure from Janis Mackay, author of the Magnus Fin series, is full of funny misunderstandings and gripping action.
- MCNAUGHTON, Colin** **Captain Abdul's Pirate School** **KS2** **7 - 10**
Written in diary form, this quick read is the story of a pupil at pirate school, where the teachers have very different standards of behaviour from an ordinary school.

MORPURGO, Michael The Butterfly Lion KS2 8 - 10

Bertie lives in Africa, and rescues an orphaned white lion cub. When Bertie is sent to boarding school in England, the lion is sold to a circus, and it seems they will never meet again. Many years later, after Bertie has been injured fighting during the First World War, they meet once more, and the years melt away. A gentle, heartwarming story, with evocative illustrations.

MORPURGO, Michael Kaspar: Prince of Cats KS2 9 – 11

Kaspar the cat first came to the Savoy Hotel in a basket. Johnny the bell boy didn't expect to end up with Kaspar on his hands forever, and nor did he count on making friends with Lizziebeth, a American heiress. Pretty soon, events are set in motion that will take Johnny and Kaspar all around the world, surviving theft, shipwreck and rooftop rescues along the way. Everything changes with a cat like Kaspar around, the only cat to survive the sinking of the Titanic!

MORPURGO, Michael Kensuke's Kingdom KS2 9 - 11

A fantastic adventure story of a boy who is shipwrecked on an island in the Pacific, believing himself to be alone. Then he meets Kensuke, a Japanese man whose ship was bombed in the war. When Kensuke was washed up on the island, he resolved to stay there, and hid from the Americans, and later from orang-utan hunters. Kensuke wants to stay on the island forever, but Michael wants to return to his life – can their friendship survive, and will Michael ever be reunited with his family? An exciting, heart-warming read.

MORPURGO, Michael My Friend Walter KS2 9 – 11

Remember Sir Walter Raleigh, who laid his cloak in a puddle so that Queen Elizabeth I could walk across? Well, Bess meets his ghost and finds out he's an ancestor! How will Bess explain Sir Walter to her family? Especially when he breaks her brother's fishing rod, steals a horse and smokes cigars in her room! A charming and hilarious story of friendship between different eras.

MORPURGO, Michael Private Peaceful KS3/4 11+

The winner of the 2004 Salford Children's Book Award and the featured book for "We are reading IN Salford" 2007/8, Private Peaceful has been read and remembered by adults and younger readers alike. The book is set in the First World War, as young Tommo Peaceful looks back over his childhood from his trench on the front line. The story leads to a dramatic and moving conclusion.

MORPURGO, Michael Running Wild KS2/3 8 - 12

Will and his mother go to spend Christmas in Indonesia, after the death of Will's father in the Iraq War. But the year is 2004, and they are caught up in the Boxing Day tsunami. Will is saved by the elephant he is riding, who senses danger and carries him away into the jungle. This is the story of Will, and Oona the elephant. It also explores themes of animal conservation and the destruction of the rainforest.

MORPURGO, Michael Shadow KS2/3 9 – 12

The winner of the 2011 Salford Children's Book Award, and of the 2014 Salford Winner of Winners Award. Shadow is the springer spaniel who befriends Aman and his mother in their cave home in war-torn Afghanistan. She tries to accompany them when they decide to flee, but eventually they have to leave her behind. They escape to Manchester but are then taken to Yarl's Wood detention centre, where Aman's schoolfriend Matt and his grandfather try to prevent their deportation.

- MORPURGO, Michael** **The Stories of King Arthur** **KS2** **9 – 12**
A collection of two stories which bring the legend of a King Arthur to life, Arthur: High King of Britain and The Sleeping Sword.
- MORPURGO, Michael** **This Morning I Met a Whale** **KS2** **7 - 11**
A moving story with an environmental message. In 2006 a whale died after swimming up the river Thames. In this book, a young boy meets the whale, who gives him a message for the world. This fairly short story is beautifully presented, with several full-colour, double-page illustrations.
- MORPURGO, Michael** **Toro, Toro!** **KS2** **8 - 11**
Antonito lives on his parents' bull farm in Spain. He is horrified when he realises his beloved bull calf, Paco is also destined for the bullring, and so decides to spirit him away and set him free. Then the reality of the 1936 war intervenes, and Antonito is caught up in forces outside his control.
- MORPURGO, Michael** **War Horse** **KS2/3** **9 - 12**
This book recounts the adventures of a horse as he moves from life on a farm, into the horrors of World War One.
- MORPURGO, Michael** **The White Horse of Zennor** **KS2** **9 - 11**
A collection of five haunting short stories, all set in the tiny church town of Zennor in Cornwall.
- MORPURGO, Michael** **Why the Whales Came** **KS2/3** **8 - 12**
It is 1914, and Gracie and Daniel are living on the Scilly Isles. They make friends with the mysterious old Birdman, but their lives are changed when Gracie's father goes missing in action in the war. Has the curse of the Island of Samson struck again?
- MORPURGO, Michael** **The Wreck of the Zanzibar** **KS2/3** **8 - 11**
Laura's diary is discovered after her death and it reveals the extraordinary events that shaped her childhood in the Scilly Isles at the beginning of the twentieth century. The journal is full of secrets: Laura's sadness when her twin brother ran away to sea, and also the jealousy she felt of his freedom. The life she describes is hard. Families are always leaving for the mainland and eventually Laura's father must also admit defeat. Laura keeps faith with the sea and its creatures and sometimes surprises herself in this rich story.
- MORSE, Brian** **Plant Attack (Tremors)** **KS2/3** **9 - 12**
The Tremors series are spine-tingling stories, in the form of short, fast-paced chapter books aimed at reluctant readers, with black and white illustrations throughout. In this story, a family allow a very sinister pot plant into their home.
- MUCHAMORE, Robert** **The Recruit** **KS2/ 3** **10 – 14**
The winner of the 2005 Salford Children's Book Award, and the first book in the popular CHERUB series. CHERUB agents are aged between ten and seventeen. They live in the real world, slipping under adult radar and getting information that sends criminals and terrorists to jail.
- MURPHY, Jill** **The Worst Witch** **KS2** **8 - 11**
The story of Mildred Hubble, the worst student at Miss Cackle's Academy for witches, is a winner. Full of humour and adventure, and very much on Mildred's side, this book, the first of four Worst Witch titles, has real child appeal.

- PULLMAN, Philip** **Clockwork** **KS2** **9 - 11**
This modern classic is a gothic fairytale, in which all the parts of the story are connected like the cogs in an old clock, which the author has wound up and now nothing can stop it. Spooky and sinister in parts, this wintry story ends happily-ever-after.
- PULLMAN, Philip** **The Firework-Maker's Daughter** **KS2/3** **8 – 12**
Lila wants to be a Firework-Maker! But every Firework-Maker must make a perilous journey to face the terrifying Fire-Fiend! Not knowing that she needs special protection to survive the Fire-Fiend's flames, Lila sets off alone. Her friends, Chulak and Hamlet - the King's white elephant - race after her. But can they possibly reach her in time? One Salford class said, "It was exciting with funny parts in it. We would recommend this book to other Year 5's".
- REID, Sue** **My Story: Pompeii** **KS2/3** **10 - 13**
This book, one of the "My Story" series, is written as the diary of a Roman girl during the years AD 78 to 79. Claudia and her family have to flee for their lives when Vesuvius erupts. Includes historical notes about the eruption, and the subsequent excavation of Pompeii.
- RIORDAN, Rick** **Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief** **KS2/3** **10 - 14**
Twelve-year-old Percy Jackson is on the most dangerous quest of his life. With the help of a satyr and a daughter of Athena, Percy must journey across the United States to catch a thief who has stolen the original weapon of mass destruction – Zeus' master bolt. Along the way, he must face a host of mythological enemies determined to stop him. A fun read, and great for a class studying mythology.
- RODGERS, Frank** **Mr Croc's Silly Sock** **KS1** **6 - 8**
Black pen and ink illustrations combine with large text to make this an easy class reader. Part of a series of adventures about Mr Croc in the Rockets series, here he chases a rogue sock, which has blown off the washing line.
- ROSS, Stewart** **Dear Mum, I miss you** **KS2/3** **9 - 12**
Grace is a twelve year old girl living in London during the Second World War. She and her mother receive a telegram to say that her father is missing, presumed dead, and her mother sends Grace to the countryside to stay with her mysterious Aunt Emily.
- ROWLING, J K** **Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone** **KS2/3** **9 – 12**
Full of mystery and magic, with a splendid cast of characters. Harry Potter is not as ordinary as he thinks. He's a wizard and now that he's 11 he must go to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry where nothing is ever ordinary again!
- RUNDELL, Katherine** **The Explorer** **KS2/3** **10 – 13**
Fred, Con, Lila, and Max are on their way back to England from Manaus when the plane they're on crashes, and the pilot dies upon landing. For days they survive alone in the Amazon rainforest, until Fred finds a map that leads them to a ruined city, and to a secret.
- RUNDELL, Katherine** **Rooftoppers** **KS2/3** **9 – 12**
Baby Sophie was found floating in a cello case after a shipwreck but Sophie has a memory of seeing her mother wave for help. So when the Welfare Agency writes to her guardian, threatening to send Sophie to an orphanage, she takes matters into her own hands and flees to Paris to look for her mother, starting with the only clue she has - the address of the cello maker. She meets Matteo and his network of rooftoppers - urchins who live in the hidden spaces above the city. Can they find her mother before Sophie is caught and sent back to London?

RUNDELL, Katherine **The Wolf Wilder** **KS2/3** **10 - 12**

Feodora and her mother live in the snowbound woods of Russia. Ten minutes away, in a ruined chapel, lives a pack of wolves. Feodora's mother is a wolf wilder, and Feo is a wolf wilder in training. When the murderous hostility of the Russian Army threatens her very existence, Feo is left with no option but to go on the run. What follows is a story of revolution and adventure, about standing up for the things you love and fighting back, and of course, wolves. Winner of the 2017 Salford Children's Book Award.

SACHAR, Louis **Holes** **KS3** **11 - 14**

Stanley Yelnats' family has a history of bad luck, so he isn't too surprised when a miscarriage of justice sends him to a detention centre. Nor is he surprised when he is told that his daily labour is to dig a hole and report anything he finds in it. A totally original, award-winning tale of crime and punishment, friendship and betrayal.

SACHAR, Louis **There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom** **KS2/3** **9 - 12**

Another brilliant, funny and thought-provoking book from Louis Sachar. Bradley Chalkers is the most unpopular boy in school, but this story explores why he behaves as he does, and how some of his classmates, along with the new school counsellor, can help him start to change.

SAGE, Angie **Magyk** **KS2/3** **9 - 12**

The first in the Septimus Heap series, and winner of the 2006 Salford Children's Book Award. An inventive, magical fantasy story full of warmth and family adventures, and with a mystery at its centre – who is Septimus Heap?

SEDGWICK, Marcus **Cudweed in Outer Space** **KS1** **5 - 7**

Cudweed encounters aliens and a time machine in this funny, quirky story, perfect for beginner readers.

SHELTON, Dave **Thirteen Chairs** **KS2/3** **10 - 12**

Jack stands at the landing of a house, outside a door, afraid to go in. When he does, he sees a room containing thirteen chairs around a table, twelve of which have people sitting in them. He takes a seat and it begins...Every story that follows adds to the creepy ongoing narrative. Why is Jack in the room? Who are these people? What will his story be? A creepy,thrilling read.

SIMON, Francesca **Don't be Horrid, Henry** **KS1/2** **6 - 8**

This simple Horrid Henry story was originally published as a picture book, and has now been reissued as an "Early Reader", with colour illustrations throughout. It sets the scene for the other Horrid Henry stories – we meet Henry as a toddler, who is furious when his baby brother Peter appears on the scene. He tries hard to get rid of him, but eventually becomes Henry the hero.

SIMON, Francesca **Horrid Henry and the Demon** **KS1/2** **6 - 8**
Dinner Lady

Another Early Reader, with colour illustrations. Horrid Henry hates school dinners. So when his mean, horrible parents finally make him a packed lunch, Henry is delighted... until he meets Greasy Greta, the demon dinner lady.

SIMON, Francesca **Horrid Henry Meets the Queen** **KS2** **7 - 9**

Horrid Henry faces chores, sharing a bath with Perfect Peter, hypnotising his friends, and meeting the Queen in four short stories.

SIMON, Francesca **Horrid Henry Robs the Bank** **KS2** **7 - 9**
Four stories starring everyone's favourite tiny terror. When being naughty and nasty just isn't enough, Henry turns criminal – and helps himself to all the money he needs to win his favourite board game. More trouble is in store when he launches a school gossip magazine, vows vengeance on Perfect Peter for nicking his birthday party theme – and takes over as Head Teacher for a day when Peter plays school with his goody-goody friends.

SMITH, Alexander McCall **Precious and the Monkeys** **KS2** **8 - 10**
Once upon a time in Botswana, there was a little girl who would grow up to be famous as Precious Ramotswe of the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency, but she had to solve her first mystery when she was still at school. Who has been taking things that don't belong to them, and how can Precious make sure the wrong person doesn't get the blame?

SNICKET, Lemony **The Bad Beginning** **KS2** **9 - 11**
The first in the very popular series, A Series of Unfortunate Events. From the very first chapter, when they discover that their parents have perished in a fire, the Baudelaire siblings lead lives filled with misery and woe. In this book alone, they encounter a greedy and repulsive villain, itchy clothing, a plot to steal their fortune, and cold porridge for breakfast.

SOLOMONS, David **My Brother is a Superhero** **KS2/3** **9 - 12**
Luke is a comic-mad eleven-year old who shares a treehouse with his geeky older brother, Zack. Luke's only mistake is to go for a wee right at the wrong time. While he's gone, an alien gives his undeserving, never-read-a-comic-in-his-life brother superpowers and then tells him to save the universe. Luke is massively annoyed about this, but when Zack is kidnapped by his arch-nemesis, Luke and his friends have only five days to find him and save the world...Winner of the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2016

STANTON, Andy **Mr Gum and the Biscuit Billionaire** **KS2** **7 – 11**
Grotty old Mr Gum returns for this second funny tale – and this time he's tangling with a biscuit billionaire! There's a gingerbread man with raisin eyes and electric muscles so that he can walk, and he's as rich as a mushroom, right? But nasty Mr Gum and Billy William are plotting to get his cash. And it's up to Polly to save the day! Luckily there's a funfair and hot dogs and crazy stuff to enjoy, and Jake the dog to help out too...

STANTON, Andy **Mr Gum and the Goblins** **KS2** **7 – 11**
"This is barking bonkers!" A laugh out loud story in which Polly and Friday face challenges set by the evil Goblin King to save their beloved town Lamonic Bibber. Expect some extreme silliness and a double helping of nonsense from Andy Stanton as he brings the surreal to life. Mr Gum is back in a third hilarious story.

STANTON, Andy **The Story of Matthew Buzzington** **KS2/3** **9 - 12**
A Barrington Stoke book, with a reading age of eight. Matthew Buzzington is a 10 year old boy, who is convinced that he can turn into a fly. It's just that he hasn't done it yet. This is a very funny story with a surprise twist, from the author of the popular Mr Gum books.

STANTON, Andy **You're a Bad Man, Mr Gum!** **KS2** **7 – 11**
Mr Gum is a complete horror who hates children, animals, fun and corn on the cob. This book's all about him. And an angry fairy who lives in his bathtub. And Jake the dog (who must be saved from terrible, terrible evil), and a little girl called Polly and an evil stinky butcher who's all covered in guts. The first book in the Mr Gum series is a zany, riotously funny book that will make you laugh out loud!

SWINDELLS, Robert

Room 13

KS2/3

9 - 12

The night before her school trip, Fliss has a horrible nightmare about a scary house with a terrible secret in room 13. When the children arrive in Whitby, the hotel is very similar to the house in the dream, but there is no room 13 - until the stroke of midnight! Gripping.

THOMAS, Valerie

Winnie in Space

KS1/2

5 - 8

Winnie's decided the time is right for some out-of-this-world space exploration – but poor Wilbur the cat is not so sure! As Winnie's magical rocket hurtles past satellites and flying saucers. They find a lovely little planet and Winnie unpacks their special space picnic. The inhabitants of the planet are small, long-eared space rabbits with twitchy noses. And when they nibble Winnie's space rocket clean away, what magic can Winnie rustle up to get out of this fix? 5-4-3-2-1: Abracadabra!

THOMAS, Valerie

Winnie Under the Sea

KS1/2

5 - 8

Poor Wilbur! Winnie's off on a madcap trip to the seaside, and she's dragging her fluffy accomplice along. But Wilbur's not too keen on getting his paws wet, until... Abracadabra! Winnie turns him into a catfish to show him the dazzling world beneath the waves. Winnie turns herself into an octopus, too, and soon they're having a whale of a time! But then Winnie drops her wand, and it sinks to the bottom of the ocean. Will they be stranded under the sea forever?

THOMAS, Valerie

**Winnie and Wilbur:
The Pirate Adventure**

KS1/2

5 - 8

When Winnie and Wilbur arrive at Cousin Cuthbert's party as a pirate and a parrot, they discover a whole crew in fancy-dress, eager for excitement on the high seas! Winnie is ready with her magic to whisk her shipmates aboard, but will they be back with the treasure before the party's over?

WALLACE, Karen

A Pig Called Henry

KS2

8 - 10

A "Sparks" story that brings Tudor times to life, complete with an information section on Tudor country life. Arthur Knucklebone takes his pig Henry to market, but there's trouble in store when King Henry VIII hears the cry of "Henry is a pig!"

WALLIAMS, David

Awful Auntie

KS2

9 - 12

Aunt Alberta is on a mission to cheat the young Lady Stella Saxby out of her inheritance – Saxby Hall. But with mischievous and irrepressible Soot, the cockney ghost of a chimney sweep, alongside her Stella is determined to fight back... And sometimes a special friend, however different, is all you need to win through.

WALLIAMS, David

Billionaire Boy

KS2

8 - 12

Joe has a lot of reasons to be happy. About a billion of them, in fact. You see, Joe's rich. Really, really rich. Joe's got his own bowling alley, his own cinema, even his own butler who is also an orang-utan. He's the wealthiest twelve-year-old in the land. Yes, Joe has absolutely everything he could possibly want. But there's just one thing he really needs: a friend...

WALLIAMS, David

The Boy in the Dress

KS2

9 - 12

Dennis was different. Why was he different? Well, a small clue might be in the title of this book...Charming, surprising and hilarious, The Boy in the Dress is everything you would expect from the co-creator of Little Britain. David Walliams' beautiful first novel will touch the hearts (and funny bones) of children and adults alike.

WALLIAMS, David **Demon Dentist** **KS2** **9 – 12**

Alfie lives in a family of two and is a carer for his dad, and he hates going to the dentist. Now he's really got something to worry about – new dentist Miss Root has come to town, and true evil is at work. Another great read from David Walliams, funny, scary and sad by turns. Perhaps not a good choice for readers with a phobia of dentists!

WALLIAMS, David **Gangsta Granny** **KS2** **8 – 12**

Ben hates going to Granny's house because everything is so boring. Until he discovers that she's an international jewel thief, and a plan is formed ... This book combines a hilarious adventure with a look at the relationship between a boy and his Granny.

WALLIAMS, David **Grandpa's Great Escape** **KS2** **9 – 12**

Jack embarks on the adventure of a lifetime with his grandfather who was a Spitfire pilot in World War II. Jack's Grandpa wears his slippers to the supermarket, serves up tinned tongue for dinner and often doesn't remember Jack's name. But he can still take to the skies in a speeding Spitfire and save the day. A portrait of the bond between a small boy and his beloved Grandpa - this book takes readers on an incredible journey with Spitfires over London and Great Escapes through the city in a high octane adventure full of comedy and heart.

WALLIAMS, David **Mr Stink** **KS2** **9 - 12**

Mr Stink, the filthy old tramp who is a permanent resident of a particular bench in the park, certainly lives up to his name. However, his overwhelmingly awful whiff doesn't stop Chloe making friends with him and his dog and when it looks as though they may be run out of town she knows she has to do something fast and hides them in the garden shed. As Chloe's family is quietly falling apart, Mr Stink unwittingly becomes the source of their redemption after a surprise TV appearance on Question Time. This is a hilarious and surprisingly touching story about secrets, love and life.

WALLIAMS, David **Ratburger** **KS2** **9 - 12**

Things are not looking good for Zoe. Her stepmother Sheila is so lazy she gets Zoe to pick her nose for her. The school bully Tina Trotts makes her life a misery – mainly by flobbering on her head. And now the evil Burt from Burt's Burgers is after her pet rat! And guess what he wants to do with it? The clue is in the title...

WELFORD, Ross **The 1,000 Year Old Boy** **KS2/3** **9 – 13**

Alfie Monk is like any other nearly teenage boy - except he's 1,000 years old and can remember the last Viking invasion of England. Obviously no one believes him. So when everything Alfie knows and loves is destroyed in a fire, and the modern world comes crashing in, Alfie embarks on a mission to find friendship, acceptance, and a different way to live..... which means finding a way to make sure he will eventually die. Winner of the 2019 Salford Children's Book Award.

WEST, Colin **Toby and His Old Tin Tub** **KS1** **5 - 7**

Toby wants to be a sailor, but all he has for a boat is an old tin tub. One day he paddles too far out to sea, and is caught up in a terrible storm. Somehow, his tiny tub survives, but he is now stuck in a strange land – the home of a Sea Giant. A good first chapter book for children who are learning to read by themselves. Fully illustrated in colour.

WHITE, E B **Charlotte's Web** **KS2** **8 - 11**

The classic tale of a little girl – Fern, who saves her pig, Wilbur from death, with the help of a friendly spider.

Mini Class Readers

This list details all the mini class reader sets held by Salford Schools' Library Service. These are sets of up to 15 copies of the same title, chosen specifically to be used in work with smaller groups in the classroom.

ALMOND, David **Skellig** **KS2/3** **10 - 14**

Michael's family have just moved to a new house, and now his baby sister is ill, his parents are tired and worried and he feels helpless. But what he finds in the crumbling garage will change his life forever – a magical creature, part owl, part angel, who needs Michael's help to survive, and in return can help him to save his sister.

NB **If a book is new to you**, we recommend that you read it yourself before sharing it with pupils. Some primary school teachers feel that Skellig contains inappropriate language for their classes.

BLACKMAN, Malorie **Pig Heart Boy** **KS2/3** **9 - 13**

Cameron is thirteen, and desperately needs a heart transplant, but when a leading surgeon comes up with a shocking idea, what will Cameron decide? The proposal is to give him a new heart, but one from a pig, not from a human. Will it work, and how can he refuse this lifeline? Gripping, with plenty of insight into human relationships and reactions.

BOYCE, Frank Cottrell **Cosmic** **KS2/3** **10 – 13**

An 11 year old pretends to be a father in order to join a space mission. Liam is too big for his boots, 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 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.

BOYCE, Frank Cottrell **Framed** **KS2/3** **9 - 12**

Another wonderfully original novel from the author of Millions. Dylan's family runs the village garage, and he gets to keep the petrol log – and to keep track of everyone who enters and leaves the village. The plot was inspired by a true story of the evacuation of valuable paintings from the National Gallery.

BOYCE, Frank Cottrell **The Unforgotten Coat** **KS2/3** **9+**

This shorter book by Frank Cottrell Boyce is a stunning magical story of a summer of friendship, with darker undertones of the plight of refugees. With the help of a series of Polaroid photographs, readers are transported from the steppe of Mongolia to the streets of Liverpool in a story that is compelling, miraculous and funny.

BOYNE, John **The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas** **KS3** **11+**

Recently adapted into an award winning film, *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* is an evocative novel set during the Holocaust. Two young boys develop an unlikely friendship through the fence of a Nazi concentration camp, which leads to a dramatic and emotional ending.

BROOKS, Kevin **The Ultimate Truth** **KS2/3** **9 - 12**

When Travis Delaney's parents die in a car crash, he starts to look into the last case they were investigating at the private investigation agency they ran. Travis starts to have the chilling realization that the question he should be asking is the one he most wants to avoid: Was the accident that killed his parents really what it seemed? An intriguing, exciting adventure from a master of suspense.

FOSTER, Stewart **All the Things that Could Go Wrong** **KS2/3** **10 +**
 Dan is angry. Nothing has been the same since his big brother left, and he's taking it out on the nearest and weakest target: Alex. Alex is struggling. His severe OCD makes it hard for him to leave the house, especially when Dan and his gang are waiting for him at school . . . Then the boys' mums arrange for them to meet up and finish building the raft that Dan started with his brother. Two enemies stuck together for the whole of the school holidays – what could possibly go wrong?

GIBBONS, Alan **Chicken** **KS2/3** **10 - 12**
 Davy is having problems at his new school in Liverpool, where he's picked on for coming from Yorkshire. Meanwhile the rest of his family are all chicken in their own way. A funny and thought-provoking novel about bullying and being an outsider.

GIBBONS, Alan **Shadow of the Minotaur** **KS2/3** **10 - 14**
 This action-packed story takes a modern-day schoolboy back to the myths of Ancient Greece. Phoenix chooses to exchange reality for virtual reality, playing a computer game called The Legendeer. In the game, he can be Theseus being chased by the Minotaur, or Perseus confronting Medusa. It feels as though he's really there ...

GRAY, Kes **Nelly the Monster Sitter:
 Grerks, Squurms and Water Greeps** **KS2** **7 - 10**
 When Nelly puts an ad in the local newspaper saying "Monster sitting after school and weekends. Call Nelly", little does she know that her phone will begin to ring and ring! She soon discovers that there are families of monsters living secretly all over the Montelimar Estate. This book contains three stories as Nelly goes to babysit at three different addresses on Sweet Street.

JOHNSON, Catherine **Sawbones** **KS3** **11 - 14**
 Part of Ezra MacAdam's job is to help his master dissect corpses (cue lots of gory descriptions), and one day an unusual cadaver – a black man with his tongue pre-removed – is delivered to the dissecting room. This begins an entertaining crime caper, involving the Ottoman Empire, an exiled Turkish prince, Russian spies, resurrection men, smuggled gems and murders galore. Loveday Finch, a red-headed, rapier-wielding conjuror's daughter becomes Ezra's friend and detective partner.

KINNEY, Jeff **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** **KS2/3** **9 - 12**
 The laugh-out-loud book is the diary of an American schoolboy. The diary format and cartoon illustrations are encouraging to reluctant readers.

LACEY, Josh **The Island of Thieves** **KS2/3** **9 – 13**
 Tom was looking for excitement. Now he's found it. With his dodgy Uncle Harvey, he's travelling to South America on a quest for hidden gold. But Harvey has some dangerous enemies and they want the treasure too. Who will be the first to uncover the secrets of the mysterious island?

LAIRD, Eliabeth **A Fistful of Pearls and Other Tales
 From Iraq** **KS2** **7 - 10**
 Having lived in Iraq, award-winning novelist Elizabeth Laird has gathered together this collection of folk stories.

LAYTON, George **The Fib** **KS2** **8 - 11**
 A bestselling collection of short stories, set in a northern town in the Fifties, but dealing with aspects of childhood and growing up that are just as relevant today. Especially appealing to boys.

LAYTON, George **The Fib, the Swap and the Trick** **KS2** **8 – 11**
George Layton's three books about growing up in 1950's England, together in one volume.

LAYTON, George **The Trick** **KS2** **8 - 11**
Another bittersweet collection of short stories about a self-proclaimed coward growing up in the Fifties.

LEONARD, M.G **Beetle Queen** **KS/2/3** **9 – 13**
Cruel beetle fashionista, Lucretia Cutter, is at large with her yellow ladybird spies. When Darkus, Virginia and Bertolt discover further evidence of her evil, they're determined to stop her. But the three friends are in trouble. Darkus' dad has forbidden them to investigate any further - and disgusting crooks Humphrey and Pickering are out of prison. Hope rests on Novak, Lucretia's daughter and a Hollywood actress, but the beetle diva is always one scuttle ahead. Book two of the series.

LEONARD, M.G **Battle of the Beetles** **KS2/3** **9 – 13**
Darkus and his friends continue their unforgettable adventure in this final instalment of the Beetle trilogy. Arch-villainess Lucretia Cutter has a secret Biome hidden in the Amazon rainforest: can Darkus and his friends, human and beetle alike, find it before it's too late? If they can't stop Lucretia, she will release her hoard of giant Frankenstein beetles, and the planet will never be the same again. Book three of the series.

LEWIS, Gill **Sky Hawk** **KS2/3** **8 – 12**
The winner of the 2013 Salford Children's Book Award, and a must for fans of Michael Morpurgo's animal stories. Callum and his new friend Iona bond over the discovery of a rare osprey which needs their protection. Their story includes tragedy as well as hope and adventure.

MCCAUGHREAN, Geraldine **Casting the Gods Adrift** **KS2** **9 - 11**
A dramatic story of Ancient Egypt. Tutmose and his family move to Pharaoh Akhenaten's new capital city. Tutmose is very happy there, but his father Harkhuf is horrified by the pharaoh's ideas about religion, and plans to assassinate him.

MCKENZIE, Sophie **Time Train to the Blitz** **KS2** **7 - 11**
Joe and Scarlett find themselves aboard a mysterious train which takes them back to World War Two London. In the middle of the Blitz, only they can save the life of a young boy named Alfie

MITCHELHILL, Barbara **Run Rabbit Run** **KS2/3** **9 – 12**
When Lizzie's dad refuses to fight in the war, the police come looking to arrest him. Lizzie and her brother Freddie go on the run with him, hiding in idyllic Whiteway. But when their past catches up with them, they're forced to leave and it becomes more and more difficult to stay together as a family.

MORPURGO, Michael **Private Peaceful** **KS3/4** **11+**
The winner of the 2004 Salford Children's Book Award and the featured book for "We are reading IN Salford" 2007/8, Private Peaceful has been read and remembered by adults and younger readers alike. The book is set in the First World War, as young Tommo Peaceful looks back over his childhood from his trench on the front line. The story leads to a dramatic and moving conclusion.

MORPURGO, Michael **Shadow** **KS2/3** **9 – 12**

The winner of the 2011 Salford Children’s Book Award and of the 2014 Salford Winner of Winners Award. Shadow is the springer spaniel who befriends Aman and his mother in their cave home in war-torn Afghanistan. She tries to accompany them when they decide to flee, but eventually they have to leave her behind. They escape to Manchester but are then taken to Yarl’s Wood detention centre, where Aman’s school friend Matt and his grandfather try to prevent their deportation.

MORPURGO, Michael **Toro, Toro!** **KS2** **9 - 11**

Antonito lives on his parents' bull farm in Spain. He is horrified when he realises his beloved bull calf, Paco is also destined for the bullring, and so decides to spirit him away and set him free. Then the reality of the 1936 war intervenes, and Antonito is caught up in forces outside his control.

NADIN, Joanna **Joe All Alone** **KS2/3** **10-14**

When Joe’s Mum leaves him alone in their flat to fly to Spain with Dean, her latest dodgy boyfriend, 13 year old Joe thinks it will be an adventure. He begins to explore his neighbourhood, making a tentative friendship with Asha, a fellow fugitive hiding out at her grandfather's flat. But when the food and money run out, his mum doesn't come home, and the local thugs catch up with him, Joe realises time is running out. Can he survive alone?

NAIDOO, Beverley **Journey to Jo’burg** **KS2** **9 - 11**

Frightened that their baby sister Dineo will die, thirteen-year-old Naledi and her younger brother Tiro run away from their grandmother to Johannesburg to find their mother, who works there as a maid. This is a story of love, commitment and the flowering of the human spirit against the background of South Africa's apartheid.

NICHOLLS, Sally **An Island of Our Own** **KS2/3** **10-13**

Siblings Jonathan, Holly, and Davy have been struggling to survive since the death of their mother, and are determined to avoid being taken into care. So when Holly's eccentric, wealthy great-aunt gives her a photo album shortly before her death, she is sure it contains clues to buried treasure. Solving the clues is only the beginning, though, as Holly also has to convince her brothers the treasure is real and get to it before anyone else does.

NICHOLLS, Sally **Ways to Live Forever** **KS2/3** **10 - 13**

Sam is an eleven year old boy, who has leukaemia for the third time. After encouragement from his teacher, Sam decides to write a book following the final stages of his life. We get a delicate, moving, sometimes funny insight into Sam’s hopes, dreams and fears, in this heart-warming and heart-breaking novel.

PALMER, Tom **Foul Play** **KS2/3** **8 - 12**

The first in the “Football Detective” series. Fourteen year old Danny has two main interests – football, and solving crimes. In this book he accidentally witnesses the kidnap of his favourite player, and can’t resist getting involved. Will appeal to reluctant readers, especially if they love football.

PULLMAN, Philip **I Was a Rat!** **KS2** **9 - 11**

The award-winning tale of Roger, a boy who seems to appear from nowhere, insisting that he used to be a rat. This story blends elements of fairy-tale and satire. It is illustrated throughout, and includes “reproductions” of pages from the newspaper, The Daily Scourge.

- STEVENSON, Robert Louis** **Treasure Island** **KS2/3** **10 - 14**
The full, unabridged version of the classic pirate tale.
- STEWART, PAUL & RIDDELL, Chris** **Barnaby Rimes: Curse of the Night Wolf** **KS2/3** **10 - 12**
Barnaby Rimes is a tick-tock lad -- able to traverse the rooftops of a pseudo-Victorian London to deliver messages and run errands with great speed and punctuality. One evening he is attacked on a rooftop by a giant wolf, only barely escaping with his life. Soon after, he meets a doctor who is giving poor people an elixir with some unusual side-effects, and he begins to suspect that the doctor is not as benevolent as he seems.
- STEWART, Paul & RIDDELL, Chris** **Fergus Crane** **KS2** **7 - 11**
One of the inventive and action-packed Far-Flung Adventures series, illustrated throughout by Chris Riddell. Fergus Crane is plunged into an adventure when a mysterious flying box appears at his window, containing a message from his long-lost uncle.
- THOMSON, Jamie** **Dark Lord: The Teenage Years** **KS2/3** **10 – 14**
The Dark Lord is all-powerful in his own world, so it comes as a shock to be cast into ours, especially in the body of a teenage boy. He has lost all his powers and everyone keeps calling him Dirk Lloyd. A very funny fantasy adventure.
- WILSON, Jacqueline** **The Lottie Project** **KS2** **9 - 11**
Charlie doesn't like the new man in her mother's life, so she escapes from the strained relationships at home by immersing herself in her school project about a Victorian servant girl.
- WILSON, Jacqueline** **The Mum-Minder** **KS2/3** **7 - 12**
Eight year old Sadie enjoys helping her mum out child-minding. However when her mum falls ill with flu, Sadie has to look after the babies AND her mum! A very funny story of Sadie's busy week as The Mum-Minder.

Guided Readers

The Schools' Library Service has a wide range of guided readers (sets of six books) covering a variety of topics for Key Stages 1, 2 and 3.

Key stage 1: fiction

AHLBERG, J & A	Each Peach Pear Plum
ALBOROUGH, J	Where's My Teddy?
ALLEN, J	I'm Not Cute!
ALLEN, P	Grandpa and Thomas and the Green Umbrella
ANDERSEN, H C	The Swan Princess
ANDREAE, G	Pants
AXWORTHY, A	The dragon who couldn't do sporty things
BARTRAM, S	Man on the Moon
BERENSTAIN, S & J	Bears in the Night
BROWN, R	A Dark, Dark Tale
BROWNE, A	Bear Hunt
BROWNE, A	Gorilla
BROWNE, A	My Mum
BROWNE, A	The Tunnel
BROWNE, A	Voices in the Park
BROWNE, A	Zoo
BROWNE, E	Handa's Surprise
BURNINGHAM, J	Avocado Baby
BURNINGHAM, J	The Shopping Basket
CARLE, E	The Bad Tempered Ladybird
CARLE, E	The Very Busy Spider
CARLE, E	The Very Hungry Caterpillar
CHILD, L	Look After Your Planet
COOKE, T	Full, Full, Full of Love
DALE, P	Ten in the Bed
DALY, N	Jamela's Dress
DAYWALT, D	The Day the Crayons Quit
DODD, L	Hairy Maclary, Scattercat
DODD, L	Scarface Claw
DONALDSON, J	Follow the Swallow
DONALDSON, J	The Gruffalo
DONALDSON, J	The Gruffalo's Child
DONALDSON, J	Rabbit's Nap
DONALDSON, J	The Snake Who Came To Stay
DONALDSON, J	Swallows and spiders
DONALDSON, J	Tiddler
DUNBAR, P	Penguin
GOODHART, P & SHARRATT,N	You Choose
GRAVES, S	Benny and the Monster
GRAVETT, E	Meerkat Mail
GRAVETT,E	Monkey and Me
GRAVETT, E	Orange Pear Apple Bear
GREY, M	Traction Man Is Here
HENDRA, S	Supertato
HILL, E	Where's Spot?
HOPGOOD, T	Wow! Said the Owl

HORACEK, P
HUGHES, S
HUGHES, S
HUTCHINS, P
INKPEN, M
JEFFERS, O
JEFFERS, O
LACOME, J
LAIRD, E
LEAR, E
LIGHT, J
LISLE, R
MACDONALD, A
MACKAY, J
MARTIN, B
MILLER, V
MONKS, L
POTTER, B
RAYNER, C
RICHEMONT, E
ROSEN, M
ROSS, T.
ROSS, T
SCIESZKA, J
SEUSS, Dr.
SHARRATT, N
SIMMONS, J
SOUHAMI, J
SPANYOL, J
STAMM, P
THOMAS, V
THOMPSON, C
TURPIN, N & RAGA, S
WEATHERILL, S
WEST, C
WHYBROW, I
WIESNER, D
WIESNER, D
WILLIS, J
WORMELL, C
YATES, I

Silly Suzy Goose
Alfie Gets in First
Dogger
Rosie's Walk
Bear
How to Catch a Star
The Way Back Home
Walking Through the Jungle
Jungle School
The Owl and the Pussycat
The Flower
Stone Underpants
The Gingerbread Man
The Selkie Girl
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?
Eat Your Dinner
Aaaarrgghh, Spider!
The Tale of Peter Rabbit
Augustus and His Smile
Billy and the Wizard
We're Going on a Bear Hunt
Don't Do that
I Want To Go To The Fair!
The True Story of the Three Little Pigs
The Cat in the Hat Comes Back
Ketchup on Your Cornflakes?
Come On, Daisy
Sausages
Go Bugs, Go!
When we Lived in Uncle's Hat
Winnie's Dinosaur Day
The Paperbag Prince
Molly is New
Count on Goz
Toby And His Old Tin Tub
Harry and the Dinosaurs Go to School
Art and Max
Tuesday
Tadpole's Promise
Two Frogs
The Three Billy Goats Gruff

Key stage 2/3: fiction

ADAM, P
ALMOND, D
ANDERSON, S
BARTRAM, S
BARTRAM, S
BARTRAM, S
BATEMAN, C
BARTRAM, S
BETHALL, Z
BOYCE, F.C
BOYCE, F.C

Escape from Shadow Island
Skellig
The House with Chicken Legs
Clone Chaos
The Disappearing Moon
The Heartless Robots
Titanic 2020
A Right Royal Disaster
The Extraordinary Colours of Auden Dare
Desirable
Framed

BOYCE, F. C	Millions
BOYCE, F.C	The Unforgotten Coat
BOYNE, J	The Terrible Thing that Happened to Barnaby Rooket
	UG
BRIGGS, R	The Ultimate Truth
BROOKS, K	Zoo
BROWNE, A	Molly Moon's Incredible Book of Hypnotism
BYNG, G	The Child's Elephant
CAMPBELL-JOHNSTON, R	The astonishing story of Awesome man
CHABON, M	The Princess and the Pea
CHILD, L	The Egyptian Cinderella
CLIMO, S	Alice in Wonderland
CHICHESTER-CLARK, E	The Legend of Spud Murphy
COLFER, E	The Legend of the Worst Boy in the World
COLFER, E	After Tomorrow
CROSS,G	The Mystery of the Man with the Black Beard
CROSS, C	BFG
DAHL, R	Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator
DAHL, R	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
DAHL, R	The Enormous Crocodile
DAHL, R	Fantastic Mr. Fox
DAHL, R	The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me
DAHL, R	The Magic Finger
DAHL, R	The Minpins
DAHL, R	The Twits
DAVIES, N	The Promise
DODER, J	A Dog Called GRK
DOHERTY, B	The Company of Ghosts
DOWD, S	The London Eye Mystery
DUFFY, C A	The Lost Happy Endings
DURANT, A	Stat Man
EARLE, P	The Bubble Wrap Boy
ELSON, J	A Room Full of Chocolate
ELSON, J	Swimming to the Moon
EMMET, J	Danny Dreadnought Saves the World
GAIMAN, N	Crazy Hair
GAIMAN, N	The Day I Swapped my Dad for Two Goldfish
GAIMAN, N	The Graveyard Book
GAIMAN, N	The Wolves in the Walls
GEMIN, G.R.	Cowgirl
GERSTEIN, M	The First Drawing
GERSTEIN, M	The Man Who Walked Between the Towers
GIBBONS, A	The Greatest
GOODHART, P	Rescued by a Dog Called Flow
GOURLAY, C	Shine
GRAHAME, K	The Wind in the Willows
GRINDLEY, S	Torn Pages
FORREST, J	Twister
HARGRAVE, K.M	The Girl of Ink & Stars
HIGGINS, F E	The Black Book of Secrets
HITCHCOCK, F	Bus Stop Baby
HITCHCOCK, F	Saving Sophia
HOWITT, M	The Spider and The Fly
HO-YEN, P	Boy in the Tower

HUGHES, T	The Iron Man
JACOBS, J	A Good Day for Climbing Trees
JAFFREY, M	Seasons of Splendour
JOHNSON, M	Kick
KAY, E	Hunted
KING-SMITH, D	The Water-Horse
LAIRD, E	Oranges in No Man's Land
LEWIS, G	Scarlet Ibis
LEWIS, G	Sky Hawk
LOGAN, D	Lost Christmas
MCALLISTER, A	Leon and the Space Between
MCKAY, H	Binny for Short
MACKENZIE, R	The Nowhere Emporium
MAGORIAN, M	Goodnight Mr Tom
MAYHEW, J	Mortlock
MITCHELHILL, B	Run Rabbit Run
MORPURGO, M	An Elephant in the Garden
MORPURGO, M	Beowulf
MORPURGO, M	Fox Friend
MORPURGO, M	Kensuke's Kingdom
MORPURGO, M	Private Peaceful
MORPURGO, M	Shadow
MORPURGO, M	Sir Gawain and the Green Knight
MORPURGO, M	Snakes and Ladders
MORPURGO, M	War Horse
MORPURGO, M	Why the Whales Came
MORRIS, J	Little Evie in the Wild Wood
NASH, M	The Sleeping Beauty
NESS, P	A Monster Calls
O'BRIEN, C	The Wind in the Willows
PENNYPACKER, S	The Talented Clementine
PULLMAN, P	Clockwork
PULLMAN, P	The Firework Maker's Daughter
PULLMAN, P	I Was a Rat
PULLMAN, P	Northern Lights
PULLMAN, P	The Scarecrow and his Servant
REYNOLDS, A	How the Elephant got its trunk
SAGE, A	Magyk
SEDGWICK, M	Revolver
SIMON, F	Horrid Henry and the Demon Dinner lady
SIMON, F	Horrid Henry and the Zombie Vampire
SIMON, F	Horrid Henry Tricks the Tooth Fairy
STRONG, J	Mad Iris
STRONG, J	Mad Iris Goes Missing
STRONG, J	Pandemonium at School
SWINDELLS, R	Ice Palace
SWINDELLS, R	Room 13
THEBO, M	Dreaming the Bear
THOMAS, V	Winnie in Space
TOLKIEN, J.R.R.	The Hobbit
TOWNSEND, J	Icefall
WADDELL, M	Arabian Nights
WALKER, D	Sky Thieves
WALSH, P	The Crowfield Curse
WHITE, E B	Charlotte's Web

WILSON, J
WILSON, J
WOODFINE, K

Lily Alone
The Worst Thing About My Sister
The Painted Dragon
WOW! 366 Short story collection

Key stage 3/4 Fiction:

ALEXANDER, K
BLACKMAN, M
BUTTERWORTH, J
DENNIS, H
DENNIS, H
FOUNTAIN, E
FRAILLON, Z
GIBBONS, A
GOLDING, J
MCLACHLAN, J
NADIN, J
NICHOLLS, S
NIELSEN, S
NORRIS, A
NOWRA, L
OPPEL, K
PENNYPACKER, S
PLATT, R
PRIESLEY, C
REEVE, P
RHODES, J. P
WILKINSON, S
WILLIAMSON, L
ZEPHANIAH, B

Booked
Noughts and Crosses
Running on the Roof of the World
River of Ink: Mortal
River of Ink: Immortal
Boy 87
The Bone Sparrow
Raining Fire
Ringmaster
Stargazing for Beginners
Joe All Alone
An Island of Our Own
We Are All Molecules
Jessica's Ghost
Into that Forest
The Nest
Pax
Double Crossing
The Dead of Winter
Mortal Engines
Ghost Boys
Star by Star
A Boy Called Hope
Terror Kid

Key stage 1: rhymes, riddles & poetry

SIERRA, J
VOCE, L

Wild About Books
Over in the Meadow

Key stage 2/3: rhymes, riddles & poetry

COOKSON, P

Amazing Captain Concorde

Key stage 2/3: plays

CASSIDY, A
DAHL, R
DAHL, R
DONALDSON, J
DONALDSON, J
DONALDSON, J
GOWAR, M & ARCHBOLD, T

Wizard Prince
The BFG
The Witches
The Gruffalo Play
Play Time
The What the Ladybird Heard Play
Finn and the Fair

PETERS, A F
ROSE, H
SHAKESPEARE, W

Flipside
Plays for Children
The Tempest

Foreign language titles

Spanish

ROSS, T

Quiero mi Comida

Non-fiction

General

CAMPBELL, J
COLLINS
FIRST FACTS
MASON, P
PIPE, J.

The Funny Life of Pets
My first book of Dinosaurs
Dinosaurs
Minibeasts
Seasons

Geography

ALCRAFT, R
PARKER, V

A visit to Mexico
A Visit to Poland

History

General

YATES, V
GANERI, A

Then and Now: Travel
King Arthur's Tale

Ancient Egypt

CLARKE, P
LAIDLAW, J
MORLEY, J
NICHOLSON, R &
WATTS, C

The Story of Mummies
Ancient Egypt
How Would You Survive as an Ancient Egyptian?
Ancient Egypt

Ancient Greece

FORD, M
PIROTTA, S
PIROTTA, S
WILLIAMS, M

100 Facts About Ancient Greece
Avoid Entering the Ancient Greek Olympics!
Arachne the Spiderwoman
Jason and the Golden Fleece
Greek Myths

Ancient Rome

BUTTERFIELD, M
HARMAN, A

The Romans
Ancient Romans

Anglo-Saxons

WADDELL, M

Beowulf and Grendel

Aztecs SHUTER, J	The Aztecs
Great Fire of London LEWIS, C	The Great Fire of London
Gunpowder Plot RIDLEY, S	Guy Fawkes...and the Gunpowder Plot
Mayans SPILSBURY, L	The Mayans
Stone Age MANNING, M	Stone Age Bone Age
Tudors and Stuarts GOWAR, M MINNIS, I.	Remember the 5 th of November You are in Tudor Times
Vikings MALAM, J RAYNER, S	The Vikings Viking Vik and the Wolves
World War Two CHILDS, A GIBBONS, A McEwan, I NASH, M PRINCE, A	A WWII Evacuee Street Corner Dad Rose Blanche Ben's Escape from the Blitz Doodlebug Summer
Science BARRACLOUGH, S BOND, P HUGHES, M KHAN, S & ROGERS, K MALAM, J MURPHY, G. ROYSTON, A	Pushing and Pulling Space Scary Snakes Wildflowers First Man on the Moon How Loud Can You Burp? Bugs
Transport MAYER, C	Getting Around by Plane
Using Instructions HUMPHREY, P ROONEY, A THROP, C THROP, C	How to Make a Cookies Using Instructions (ICT) Information Around Us: What's It About What's Next?: Instructions and Directions

Big Books

The following big books (fiction and non-fiction) are available from the Schools' Library Service.

ACTIONAID	Footprints in the forest: A Chembakoli story
ADAMS, P	Mrs Honey's Hat
AKTAR, N	Samira's Eid (English/Bengali)
AHLBERG, J & A	Each Peach Pear Plum
ALIKI	My Five Senses
ALLISON, C	Holidays by the Sea
ANHOLT, L	Chimp and Zee
ASHBY, G	School by a Volcano
BAKER, J	Belonging
BAKER, J	Where the Forest Meets the Sea
BAKER, J	Window
BAXTER, N	The Little Red Hen
BECK, I	The Ugly Duckling
BROWN, J	The Gingerbread Man
BROWN, J	Goldilocks and the Three Bears
BROWN, J	Jack and the Beanstalk
BROWN, J	Red Riding Hood
BROWN, J	The Three Billy Goats Gruff
BROWNE, A	Gorilla
BROWNE, E	Handa's Hen
BROWNE, E	Handa's Surprise
BURNINGHAM, J	Mr Gumpy's Outing
CAMPBELL, R	Dear Zoo
CARLE, E	The Very Hungry Caterpillar
CASSELDEN, R	Fun Things to Make and Do
CASTOR, H	Guy Fawkes
CHILD, L	But excuse ME, THAT is my book
CHILD, L	I Want a Pet
CLARKE, E.C	Little Miss Muffet counts to ten
COLTMAN, P	World Weather
CULLIMORE, S	Jack and the Beanstalk
DALY, N	Jamela's Dress
DAS, P	I is for India
DONALDSON, J	Charlie Cook's Favourite Book
DONALDSON, J	The Gruffalo
DONALDSON, J	Monkey Puzzle
DONALDSON, J	The Princess and the Wizard
DONALDSON, J	Room on the Broom
DONALDSON, J	Sharing a Shell
DONALDSON, J	The Smartest Giant in Town
DONALDSON, J	The Snail and the Whale
DONALDSON, J	A Squash and a Squeeze
ELY, J	Looking After Louis
FOX, D	The Great Fire of London
GANERI, A	The Hannukah Story
GANERI, A	The Passover Story
GANERI, A	The Patron Saints of Britain and Ireland
GRAVETT, E	Monkey and Me
GRAY, K & FIELD, J	Oi Frog!

GUILLAIN, C	Goldiclucks and the Three Bears
GUILLAIN, C	Little Red Riding Duck
HARNETT, P	A day in the life of a Victorian child
HENDRY, D	The Very Noisy Night
HILLMAN, J	Goldilocks and the Three Bears
HOFFMAN, M	Amazing Grace
HOSACK, K	How Artists See
HUGHES, M	Seasons
HUGHES, M	The Story of Toys
HUNT, R	My Home
INKPEN, M	Kipper's Birthday
JENKINS, M	The Emperor's Egg
KARAVIS, S &	
KAUR-SINGH, K	My Sikh Faith
KUBLER, A	The Wheels on the Bus
LACOMBE, J	Walking through the Jungle
LAIRD, E.	Beautiful Bananas
LIU, G.	How do you feel?
LYNCH, E	The Life of Guy Fawkes
MARSH, L	An Introduction to A Midsummer Night's Dream
McBRATNEY, S	Guess How Much I Love You
MCNAUGHTON, C	Suddenly!
MCKEE, D	Elmer
MCGINLAY, R.	My First Encyclopedia of Fish
MCGINLAY, R.	My First Encyclopedia of Trees
MADDERN, E	Rainbow Bird
MILLS, D	Lima's red hot chilli (English/Bengali)
MILLS, D	Lima's red hot chilli (English/Urdu)
MOSES, B	Character Portraits
MOSES, D & ORME, D	Classic Poems 3
MURPHY, J	Peace at Last
ONYEFULU, I	Chidi Only Likes Blue
ORME, D	Fiction
OXLADE, C	Levers
PARKER, V	Is It Rough or Smooth?
PARKER, V	Mixing Colours With Yellow
PARKER, V	We're From India
PATTEN, H	Clever Anansi and Boastful Bullfrog
PFISTER, M	Rainbow Fish to the Rescue
PFISTER, M	The Rainbow Fish
PICKFORD, T	At the Seaside
POTTER, B	The tale of a naughty little rabbit
RIORDAN, J	The Coming of Night
ROBINSON,H	Snow White and the Enormous Turnip
ROCK, L	The Good Samaritan
ROCK, L	The Lost Sheep
ROSEN, M	The Man Who Sold His Shadow
ROSEN, M	We're going on a bear hunt
ROSS, M	Victorian Britain
ROSS, S	Florence Nightingale
ROSS, S	Homes
ROSS, S	The Great Fire of London
SADLER, W	How do they work?
SCHAEFER, T & L	What's On Your Plate?
SOUHAMI, J	Leopard's Drum

SOUHAMI, J
SPILSBURY, R & L
SPILSBURY, R & L
SPILSBURY, R & L
STEFFORA, T
VAISEY, G
VAISEY, G
WADDELL, M
WADDELL, M
WADDELL, M
WALSH, E S
WEATHERILL, S
WESTON, C
WITHERINGTON, A
YOUNG, L
YOUNG, L

Sausages
The Future: Bleak or Bright?
Look Inside Habitats
Shark Snacks
My Five Senses
Dorian Celebrates Purim
Joanna Goes to Gospel Gang
Farmer Duck
Owl Babies
The Pig in the Pond
Mouse paint
Baby Goz
Oh, Boris!
Food for festivals
Aladdin
Beauty and the Beast

Author Boxes

The following Author Boxes are available from the Schools' Library Service.

Each box contains several different titles by the same author or illustrator.

Author boxes for key stage 1

Allan AHLBERG

Contains picture books and some from the popular 'Happy Families' series

Laurence ANHOLT

Contains picture books and some 'Seriously Silly Stories' and 'Seriously Silly Rhymes'

Anthony BROWNE

Includes his most popular titles such as 'Willy the Wimp'

John BURNINGHAM

The much-loved author and illustrator of classic picture books such as 'The Shopping Basket', 'Mr Gumpy's Outing' and 'Come Away from the Water, Shirley'

Nick BUTTERWORTH

A selection of his work, including several Percy the Park Keeper titles

Rod CAMPBELL

A selection of picture and board books including 'Dear Zoo'

Eric CARLE

Contains his most popular picture books, such as 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', 'The Mixed Up Chameleon', and 'Today's Monday'

Lauren CHILD

A selection of titles from the 2017 – 2019 Children's Laureate, including some 'Charlie and Lola' picture books

Emma CHICHESTER CLARK

A selection of picture books, including some from the 'Blue Kangaroo' and 'Melrose and Croc' series

Lucy COUSINS

A colourful selection of picture books, board books and touch & feel / lift the flap books, mainly featuring the famous mouse, Maisy.

Lynley DODD

Includes a selection of the popular 'Hairy MacLary' books

Julia DONALDSON

A selection of titles from the author of 'The Gruffalo'

Michael FOREMAN

The author and illustrator of numerous classic picture books, twice winner of the Greenaway Award

Emily GRAVETT

Humorous and thought provoking picture books, suitable for a wide range of ages

Kes GRAY

The author of the 'Oi Dog!' and 'Oi Frog!' books

Mairi HEDDERWICK

The author of the very popular Katie Morag island stories

Sue, HENDRA

This box consists of a range of brightly coloured storybooks, including 'Supertato'.

Shirley HUGHES

This box includes books about Alfie and his sister Annie Rose, and other stories and rhymes for the very young

Mick INKPEN

Includes some books featuring well-loved characters Kipper and Wibbly Pig, as well as other picture book titles

Simon JAMES

The author of 'Dear Greenpeace' and the 'Baby Brains' titles

Judith KERR

Includes a selection of the most famous stories from one of the most beloved children's authors.

David MCKEE

Contains a range of titles including some of the popular "Elmer the Elephant" books

Jill MURPHY

Contains a selection of her best stories including tales of the ever popular Large family

Catherine RAYNER

All these books feature animals. Catherine Rayner has created several picture books such as 'Augustus and His Smile' and 'Harris Finds His Feet'. She has also illustrated new editions of classic titles such as 'The Tales of Olga da Polga'

Tony ROSS

Contains a selection of Ross's humorous books, such as 'I Want My Potty' and other Little Princess stories

Dr SEUSS

A selection of the famous stories, like 'The Cat in the Hat' and 'Fox in Socks'

Nick SHARRATT

A wide variety of bright and colourful picture books by this popular illustrator and author

Martin WADDELL

A selection of picture books written by Martin Waddell and featuring a range of illustrators, including Barbara Firth's illustrations for the 'Little Bear' books.

Author boxes for key stage 1 / 2

Laurence ANHOLT

A selection of his short reads, such as ‘Seriously Silly Stories’, along with a few picture books

Quentin BLAKE

One of our best-loved and most successful illustrators and children’s authors, and the first ever Children’s Laureate. This box includes a selection of his wide-ranging work.

Oliver JEFFERS

The author and illustrator of picture books such as “Lost and Found” and “The Way Back Home”, Oliver Jeffers also illustrates books by other authors, including “The Day the Crayons Quit” by Drew Daywalt.

Michael ROSEN

A mixture of poetry and picture books by the author and poet. He served as Children’s Laureate from 2007 to 2009.

Author boxes for key stage 2

Laurence ANHOLT

A selection of titles from the ‘Seriously Silly Stories’, ‘Seriously Silly Rhymes’ and ‘The One and Only’ series

Simon BARTRAM

Includes a selection of books starring Bob, the Man on the Moon

Guy BASS

Guy Bass’s books are full of humour and monsters. In 2010 his book ‘Dinkin Dings and the Frightening Things’ won the Blue Peter Book Award for Most Fun Story With Pictures

Malorie BLACKMAN

The Children’s Laureate for 2013 – 15. This box includes books suitable for key stage 2, covering a range of levels

Frank Cottrell BOYCE

The award-winning author of ‘Millions’, ‘Cosmic’ and the official sequels to Ian Fleming’s ‘Chitty Chitty Bang Bang’

Eoin COLFER

A selection of this author’s longer novels, including the bestselling Artemis Fowl titles, along with a few shorter reads

Cressida COWELL

Books by the author of ‘How to Train Your Dragon’ and the Emily Brown picture books

Roald DAHL

A selection of classic titles from the author of ‘Matilda’ and ‘Charlie and the Chocolate Factory’

Charles DICKENS

A range of Dickens’ classic titles, most of them abridged to make them more accessible to this age group

Anne FINE

Contains stories such as 'Bill's New Frock' and 'How to Write Really Badly'.

Mini GREY

Mainly contains picture books for older readers, such as 'Egg Drop', 'The Adventures of the Dish and the Spoon', and the Traction Man series

Rose IMPEY

A bright and inviting selection of easy reads, from series such as Animal Crackers, Scout and Ace, and Pirate Patch

Dick KING-SMITH

Contains a selection of animal stories and a range of other titles

Michael MORPURGO

A selection of titles by this ever-popular author, the winner of two Salford Children's Book Awards and a former Children's Laureate

J K ROWLING

The record-breakingly popular Harry Potter series

Chris RIDDELL

Wonderfully illustrated fiction and picture books by the author and illustrator, the 2015 - 2017 Children's Laureate

William SHAKESPEARE

Contains a range of Shakespeare titles accessible to KS2 children, including background information about the plays, Shakespeare, and his life and times

Francesca SIMON

A selection of titles by the author of the popular Horrid Henry books

Andy STANTON

The author of the hilarious Mr Gum series

Jeremy STRONG

The popular author of funny books like 'The Karate Princess' and 'My Granny's Great Escape'

Valerie THOMAS

Creator of the 'Winnie' series, this selection of stories includes 'Winnie the Witch' and 'Winnie in Space'.

David WALLIAMS

Comedian and actor David Walliams is also the author of several bestselling novels and picture books for children

Jacqueline WILSON

A range of titles by this bestselling author

Author boxes for key stage 2/3

Anthony HOROWITZ

Contains a few older reads such as the popular Alex Rider series, plus a selection of his titles for younger readers

Philip PULLMAN

A selection of titles, including the His Dark Materials trilogy, and shorter stories such as 'Clockwork' and 'The Firework-Maker's Daughter'

Author boxes for key stage 3

Malorie BLACKMAN

The Children's Laureate for 2013 – 15. This box contains a selection of titles for older readers, including the Noughts and Crosses series

Neil GAIMAN

A selection of picture books and novels by the author of 'Coraline' and 'The Graveyard Book'