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Salford Schools' Library Service

Resources List September 2025

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.
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.

We also supply **project loans** – the library is stocked with a very wide range of titles on subjects taught in schools, which can be made up into project loans to meet your needs. These cover too many topics to be included in a written list. Please contact us for further details.

Our stock is constantly updated. Please check that you are using the latest version of this list – visit our website www.salfordcommunityleisure.co.uk/libraries/sls and click on the list under **Downloads**.

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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Class Readers

This list details all the class reader sets held by Salford Schools' Library Service.
These are sets of up to 35 copies of the same title, chosen specifically to be used in work with large groups in the classroom. This list is annotated with details of the plot and written style and gives guidance as to the appropriate key stage level and reading age.

ADAMS, Georgie The Three Little Witches Storybook KS1/2 7 - 9
The Three Little Witches decide to throw a Halloween party. This story is divided into eight chapters, with a lively combination of text and illustrations on every page, including their party invitations and very varied replies. Great for encouraging confidence in reading.

AHLBERG, Allan The Cat Who Got Carried Away KS1/2 6 - 8
A grand and gripping Gaskitt story, in which Gus and Gloria have a lot of running to do, Mrs Gaskitt hardly ever gets out of bed and something dreadful happens to Horace! (Also starring: a brainy rat named Randolph; a barking pram; and a considerable number of penguins.) With great illustrations, a fun book to delight new or reluctant readers.

AHLBERG Allan The Children Who Smelled a Rat KS1/2 6 - 8
Another action-packed and very funny Gaskitt family story, with lively text and illustrations on every page. An encouraging read for new and reluctant readers.

AHLBERG, Janet & Allan Funnybones KS1 5 - 7
The first book in the classic series about the skeletons who live in a dark, dark cellar. In this story they decide to take the dog skeleton for a walk and look for somebody to frighten.

AHLBERG, Allan The Man Who Wore All His Clothes KS1/2 6 - 8
Mr Gaskitt puts on several layers of clothes before he goes out, which turns out to be very useful, as he manages to get caught up with an escaping bank robber and succeeds in stopping him, due to his bulky clothing. Later, we find out why Mr Gaskitt wears so many clothes - he is working as a plump and cosy Father Christmas! Lots of colourful illustrations throughout, and a shorter text, which will be welcoming for the more reluctant or new reader.

AHLBERG, Allan The Woman Who Won Things KS1/2 6 - 8
Mrs Gaskitt opens the post and finds she's won a prize! Next, she kisses the postman! Never mind, though - the postman is Mr Gaskitt doing his very latest job. Meanwhile, Gus and Gloria get a new teacher, Mrs Plum, with silvery hair, a big smile and a huge suitcase, who's ever so helpful when things start to go missing in the classroom. And then Mrs Gaskitt finds she's won another prize! Lots of colourful illustrations throughout, and a fairly short text which new or reluctant readers will enjoy.

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.

ANDERSON, Sophie **The Girl who Speaks Bear** **KS2/3** **8 – 12**
Found abandoned in a bear cave as a baby, Yanka has always wondered about where she is from. She tries to ignore the strange whispers and looks from the villagers, wishing she was as strong on the inside as she is on the outside. But, when she must flee her house, looking for answers about who she really is, a journey far beyond one that she ever imagined begins: from icy rivers to smouldering mountains, meeting an ever-growing herd of extraordinary friends along the way

ANDERSON, Sophie **The House with Chicken Legs** **KS2/3** **8 – 12**
The granddaughter of Baba Yaga yearns to change her destiny which ties her to her grandmother's enchanted house which moves from place to place at will. Marinka dreams of a normal life, where her house stays somewhere long enough for her to make friends. But her house has chicken legs and moves on without warning. For Marinka's grandmother is Baba Yaga, who guides spirits between this world and the next. Marinka longs to change her destiny and sets out to break free from her grandmother's footsteps, but her house has other ideas.

ANHOLT, Laurence **Billy Beast** **KS1/2** **7 - 9**
Billy Beast is tall and strong, with plenty of fleas and sharp brown teeth. He is 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 well-known, humorous author, Philip Ardagh. The first title in a popular trilogy, this is a Barrington Stoke book with a reading age of seven.

ARDAGH, Philip **The Secret Diary of Jane Pinny, Victorian House Maid (and Accidental Detective)** **KS2** **8 - 11**
Jane Pinny has moved to the very grand Lytton House to be a House Maid. But when a priceless jade necklace belonging to the lady of the house disappears, Jane turns accidental detective (with the help of her best friend, a pigeon called Plump...). Can she solve the mystery of the missing jewels before it's too late? The diary is illustrated and includes lots of footnotes with information about life in Victorian times.

ARDAGH, Philip **The Secret Diary of Thomas Snoop, Tudor Boy Spy** **KS2** **8 - 11**
Thomas Snoop is a Tudor boy spy, who has been given a most important mission: to help the fight against fellow Englishmen who are plotting with a foreign power - the Spanish! It will take all of Thomas's wits and cunning to uncover the traitors lurking at Goldenhilt Hall - and he must do so without being discovered himself. The diary is illustrated and includes lots of footnotes with information about life in Tudor times.

ARMITAGE, Ronda & David The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch KS1 5 - 7
Once there was a lighthouse keeper called Mr. Grinling. At night-time he lives in a small, white cottage perched high on the cliffs, and, in the daytime, he rows 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 must 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 – 9
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!

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. A picture book for older readers that is beautifully written and 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 must learn what he can eat and where he can go before becoming independent. The most dangerous thing of all, according to Harry's mum, are Hoo Mins (humans). Harry 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.

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.

BETHELL, Zillah The Shark Caller KS2/3 9 – 13
On the island of Papua New Guinea, where tradition and modernity clash, a young girl strives to become a shark caller to avenge the death of her parents, while helping a newcomer overcome the grief of losing her own mother to cancer. Desperate to become a shark caller to avenge the death of her parents, Blue Wing is instead charged with befriending infuriating newcomer Maple. At first they are angry and out of sync with the island and each other. But when the tide breathes the promise of treasure, can they overcome their differences and brave the deadliest shark in the ocean?

BILAN, Jasbinder Tamarind & the star of Ishta KS2/3 8 – 12

A young girl unravels the story of who she is when she goes to stay with her extended family in the Himalayas. Tamarind never knew her Indian mum, Chinty, who died soon after she was born. So when she arrives at her ancestral home, a huge mansion in the Himalayas surrounded by luxuriant gardens, she's full of questions for her extended family. But instead of answers, she finds an ominous silence - and a trickle of intriguing clues: an abandoned hut, a friendly monkey, a glowing star ring, and a strange girl in the garden who calls herself Ishta. Slowly, Tamarind unravels a mystery at the heart of who she is ...

BLACKMAN, Malorie **Grandpa Bert and The Ghost Snatchers** **KS1/2** **6 -10**

Anna and Kasper think Grandma Gertie is rather strange. With her big square glasses and a parrot on her hat, Anna and Kasper don't know what to make of her. But Grandma's got a secret...Grandpa Bert is a ghost and he's travelled all the way from Barbados squished inside her handbag! Even worse, they're being followed, and Grandpa Bert could be in very grave danger... Can Anna and Kasper help their grandparents before it's too late?

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.

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

A novel that has also been 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.

BROWN, Peter **The Wild Robot** **KS2/3** **9 – 12**

A robot awakens on a remote island with no knowledge of her past, or how she got to the island. When robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island. She has no idea how she got there or what her purpose is - but she knows she needs to survive. After battling a fierce storm and escaping a vicious bear attack, she realises that her only hope for survival is to adapt to her surroundings and learn from the island's unwelcoming animal inhabitants. As Roz slowly befriends the animals, the island starts to feel like home - until, one day, her mysterious past comes back to haunt her.

BROWNE, Anthony **Into the Forest** **KS1/2** **5 - 11**

A shortcut through the forest to Grandma's house produces some eerie moments – and some oddly familiar characters – in a strikingly illustrated tale about facing fears.

BROWNE, Eileen **Handa's Surprise** **KS1** **5 - 6**

In this picture book classic, a delightful surprise colourfully unfolds when a little girl called Handa puts seven delicious fruits in a basket to take to her friend.

BUNZL, Peter **Cogheart** **KS2/3** **9 - 13**

Lily's life is in mortal peril. Her father is missing, and now silver-eyed men stalk her through the shadows. What could they want from her? With her friends - Robert, the clockmaker's son, and Malkin, her mechanical fox - Lily is plunged into a murky and menacing world. Too soon Lily realizes that those she holds dear may be the very ones to break her heart. Murder, mayhem and mystery meet in this gripping Victorian adventure.

BURNETT, Frances Hodgson — **The Secret Garden** — **KS2** — **9 - 11**

The classic story of Mary Lennox, an unfriendly and unhappy child who is sent to live at Misselthwaite Manor, where she starts to make friends and uncover secrets.

BYNG, Georgia — **Molly Moon's Incredible Book of Hypnotism** — **KS2** — **9 - 12**

When Molly finds a book all about hypnotism, hidden away at her local library, it becomes her passport to a new life away from the cruelties of the children's home she lives in. She soon faces dangers of a different kind, however, and has to use all her cunning and resources. This title was the winner of the first ever Salford Children's Book Award.

CARPENTER, Humphrey — **Mr Majeika on the Internet** — **KS2** — **7 - 10**

Further adventures of the spell-casting teacher, Mr Majeika, in which he has trouble with a new computer. Soon, the whole class finds itself trapped on the Internet!

CARROLL, Emma — **Letters from the Lighthouse** — **KS2/3** — **9 - 13**

February 1941. After months of bombing raids in London, twelve-year-old Olive Bradshaw and her little brother Cliff are evacuated to the Devon coast. The only person with two spare beds is Mr Ephraim, the local lighthouse keeper. But he's not used to company, and he certainly doesn't want any evacuees. Desperate to be helpful, Olive becomes his post-girl, carrying secret messages (as she likes to think of the letters) to the villagers.
But Olive has a secret of her own. Her older sister Sukie went missing in an air raid, and she's desperate to discover what happened to her. And then she finds a strange, coded note which seems to link Sukie to Devon, and to something dark and impossibly dangerous.

CARROLL, Lewis — **Alice's Adventures in Wonderland** — **KS2** — **8 - 11**

The story of Alice's fall down the rabbit hole, and the extraordinary experiences she has there, is one of the best known of all the classics.

CARTER, James & MOSES, Brian — **Spooky Poems** — **KS2** — **8 - 11**

A collection of scary poems about ghosts, ghouls, bats, witches, vampires and all things creepy.

CHAN, Masie — **Stories from Around The World** — **KS2** — **7 - 11**

A collection of tales, myths and legends from around the world.

CHISHOLM, Alastair — **Orion Lost** — **KS2/3** — **9 – 13**

The transport ship Orion is four months out of Earth when catastrophe strikes - leaving the ship and everyone on board stranded in deep space. Suddenly it's up to thirteen-year-old Beth and her friends to navigate through treacherous and uncharted territory to reach safety. But a heavily-damaged ship, space pirates, a mysterious alien species, and an artificial intelligence that Beth doesn't know if she can trust means that getting home has never been so difficult...

CLIMO, Shirley — **Egyptian Cinderella** — **KS2** — **7 - 11**

A picture book retelling of an ancient Egyptian version of *Cinderella* features Rhodopis, who is devastated when a falcon swoops down and steals one of her precious red slippers, until the Pharaoh uses it as a clue to find his bride.

COHEN, Sharon **Halo Moon** **KS2/3** **8 – 12**
In Ethiopia, Ageze has unearthed an ancient device that can make predictions. It tells him: there is a date, there is a place, there is a moment when it will happen. A disaster that will change everything. Halo Moon loves stars, and the night sky is full of them in her remote Yorkshire village. But it's a place where nothing interesting ever happens, let alone a catastrophe. So, when a stranger appears at the end of a near-impossible journey and tells her lives are at risk, she can barely believe it. But if she doesn't help Ageze, everything and everyone she knows might disappear for ever.

COLFER, Eoin **Artemis Fowl** **KS2/3** **9 - 13**
Twelve-year-old Artemis Fowl is a criminal mastermind, a bit of an anti-hero. Then he captures fairy Captain Holly Short of the Leprecon unit; she is no storybook fairy, however, but an armed and dangerous foe. An exciting, fantasy tale, which is the first in a series.

COLFER, Eoin **The Legend of Captain Crow's Teeth** **KS2** **8 - 11**
A short, spooky and very funny read. Will's older brother Marty tells him the story of the ghost of Captain Crow, a pirate who will not rest until he gets revenge on his cabin boy – or any other nine-year-old boy he can find. But Will isn't scared. Even if he is the only nine-year-old boy around …

COLFER, Eoin **The Legend of Spud Murphy** **KS2** **8 - 11**
The first in the series about Will and his brother Marty. Spud Murphy is an alarming librarian who has novel ways to enforce library rules, especially the one about never stepping off the carpet in the children's section. Could she possibly have a softer side?

COLFER, Eoin **The Legend of the Worst Boy in the World** **KS2** **8 - 11**
Another funny, quirky, family story, about the sibling rivalry between Marty and Will.

COOKSON, Paul **The Poetry Store** **KS2/3** **8 - 12**
Compiled by Paul Cookson, this book has brilliant poems for every occasion, subject, or mood.

COTTRELL-BOYCE, Frank **Cosmic** **KS2/3** **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 tall 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.

COTTRELL-BOYCE, Frank **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.

COTTRELL-BOYCE, Frank **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.

COWELL, Cressida **How to Train Your Dragon** **KS2** **8 - 11**

The first in a very popular series, this book has now been made into a film. In this fantasy Viking world, Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third was a great swordfighter and dragon-whisperer. But he wasn't born that way. This is the hilarious story of how young Hiccup learned to be a Hero.

COWELL, Cressida **The Wizards of Once** **KS2** **8 - 12**
This is the story of a young boy Wizard and a young girl Warrior who have been taught since birth to hate each other like poison; and the thrilling tale of what happens when their two worlds collide.

CROSS, Vince **My Story: Blitz** **KS2** **9 - 11**
The "*My Story*" series are fictional diaries – this one runs from 1940 – 1941 and is the story of twelve-year-old Edie, who lives in London during the Blitz. It includes her evacuation to Wales.

DAHL, Roald **The BFG** **KS2** **8 – 11**
A book which needs little introduction. The Big, Friendly Giant and Sophie cook up a plan to rid the world of the child-snatching giants.

DAHL, Roald & WOOD, David **The BFG (Plays for Children)** **KS2** **8 - 11**
Adapted by David Wood, these plays can involve a group or a whole class.

DAHL, Roald **Billy and the Minpins** **KS2** **7 - 10**
Billy's mum says he must never go out through the garden gate and explore the dark forest beyond. So, one day, that's exactly what he does! There he meets the Minpins, tiny tree-dwelling people whose children are the size of matchsticks. They live in fear of the terrible, galloping Gruncher. Will it gobble Billy too - or can he find a way to defeat the hungry beast?

DAHL, Roald **Boy** **KS2/3** **9 - 13**
In Boy, Roald Dahl recounts his days as a child growing up in England. From his years as a prankster at boarding school to his enviable position as a chocolate tester for Cadbury's, Roald Dahl's boyhood was full of excitement and this biography is packed with anecdotes -- some funny, some painful, all interesting.

DAHL, Roald **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** **KS2** **8 - 11**
When Charlie Bucket finds a golden ticket to win a trip around Willy Wonka's chocolate factory, he has no idea what he has let himself in for!

DAHL, Roald **Danny the Champion of the World** **KS2** **8 - 11**
Danny and his dad live in a gipsy caravan, and Danny thinks his dad is the best dad ever, even when he discovers that he is a pheasant poacher. This is the story of their plot to capture all the pheasants in one night, and humiliate the rich and greedy landowner, Mr Hazell.

DAHL, Roald & WOOD, David **Danny the Champion of the World (Plays for Children)** **KS2** **8 - 11**
A book of nine lively plays for children based on Danny, the Champion of the World. Some plays can be performed with as little as three actors, and some work better with a whole class.

DAHL, Roald **Fantastic Mr Fox** **KS2** **7 - 10**

One of Roald Dahl's shorter stories, but just as much of a classic. Mr Fox must feed his family, but he will have to outwit the evil farmers, Boggis, Bunce and Bean.

DAHL, Roald **George's Marvellous Medicine** **KS2** **7 - 10**
George's grandma is rather strange, and not particularly nice to him. One day, when it is time for grandma's medicine, George mixes up some animal medicines, which have a disastrous effect on the old lady. A story with a mixture of wacky humour and magic which will keep readers amused.

DAHL, Roald **James and the Giant Peach** **KS2** **8 - 11**
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...

DAHL, Roald **The Magic Finger** **KS2** **7 - 10**
The girl in this story can't help pointing her Magic Finger at anyone who makes her cross. So, woe betide the family next door, who like to go out hunting and shooting. This is a short book with no chapters, about 60 pages long and fully illustrated.

DAHL, Roald **Matilda** **KS2** **8 - 11**
Matilda Wormwood's father thinks she's a little scab. Matilda's mother spends all afternoon playing bingo. And Matilda's headmistress Miss Trunchbull? Well, she's the worst of all. She is a big bully, who thinks all her pupils are rotten and locks them in the dreaded Chokey. As for Matilda, she's an extraordinary little girl with a magical mind - and now she's had enough. So, all these grown-ups had better watch out, because Matilda is going to teach them a lesson they'll never forget.

DAHL, Roald **The Twits** **KS2** **7 - 10**
Mr and Mrs Twit are a hateful couple, who can't resist playing horrible tricks on each other. They also make life a misery for the family of monkeys they keep in a cage in the back garden. But the Muggle-Wump monkeys get their revenge in the end.

DAHL, Roald **The Witches** **KS2** **8 - 11**
This Roald Dahl classic portrays a world where witches are all around us, disguised as ordinary women. They hate all children and want to turn them into mice. What will become of the small boy on holiday with his grandmother, at the same hotel as the annual witches' convention.

DASSU, A.M **Boy, Everywhere** **KS2/3** **9 – 14**
Boy, Everywhere chronicles the harrowing journey taken by Sami and his family from privilege to poverty, across countries and continents, from a comfortable life in Damascus, via a smuggler's den in Turkey, to a prison in Manchester. Once safe in the UK, Sami is bullied and decides he'd do just about anything to return to Damascus - including, possibly, becoming a stowaway.
His is a story of survival, of family, of bravery...and of how thin the line is between "them" and "us".

DAVIS, Ben **What's That in Dogs Years?** **KS2/3** **10 – 13**

A boy decides to create a bucket list for his dog who he knows is getting old. Gizmo has been his best friend since the day he was born - he's always been around. But now they're telling him he might not always be around which completely sucks. He's determined that him and Gizmo will have lots more fun and adventures before he goes. Gizmo loves parties, deserves pampering, and needs a break by the seaside. And as for that old saying about how you can't teach an old dog new tricks - it's true, you really can't! Gizmo's bucket list is up and running - unlike Gizmo who is totally lazy and demanding to be carried.

DAYWALT, Drew& JEFFERS, Oliver **The Day the Crayons Quit** **KS1** **5 - 7**

Poor Duncan just wants to colour. But when he opens his box of crayons, he finds only letters, all saying the same thing: His crayons have had enough! They quit! What is Duncan to do? A humorous, imaginative story.

DEARY, Terry **The Fatal Fire** **KS2** **7 - 9**

An exciting story set in Roman times. A young girl witnesses a terrible crime – she sees who started the burning of Rome.

NB: If a book is new to you, we recommend that you read it yourself before sharing it with pupils. This book may be unsuitable for younger children due to some violent content.

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DENNIS, Helen **River of Ink: Genesis** **KS3** **11+**

On a cold London day, a teenage boy washes up on the banks of the Thames. He remembers nothing. Not his name. Not where he's from. Or why he was in the river. As he begins to build a new life under a new name, the hunt for his real identity begins. His search for answers will lead him on a dangerous quest, which he has only one year to complete. Introducing the first book in a thrilling new series packed with adventure and mystery.

DICKENS, Charles **A Christmas Carol (Walker Illustrated Classics)** **KS2/3** **10+**

This is the Walker Illustrated Classics edition of Charles Dickens' famous story. It is the full unabridged version, lavishly illustrated by **P J Lynch**.

DICKENS, Charles **A Christmas Carol (Barrington Stoke)** **KS2/3** **10+**

This edition of the Charles Dickens classic includes features designed to help dyslexic readers. It's the full unabridged version, in dyslexia-friendly font on slightly tinted paper. No illustrations.

DICKENS, Charles **Oliver Twist** **KS2** **9 - 12**

This is a 'RealRead' little version of the of Charles Dickens classic story Oliver Twist, retold by Gill Tavner, and with colour illustrations by **Karen Donnelly**.

DOHERTY, Berlie **Street Child** **KS2/3** **9 - 12**

An adventure set in Victorian London and based on the true story of an orphan named Jim Jarvis, who inspired Dr Barnardo to set up his famous children's homes.

DONALDSON, Julia **Bombs and Blackberries (play)** **KS2** **9 - 11**

A play set in the Second World War, with speaking parts for twenty-nine pupils. The play follows the story of a Manchester family during the first two years of the war, with scenes including children being evacuated, and the family using their air-raid shelter.

DONALDSON, JULIA **The Gruffalo** **KS1** **5 - 7**

Julia Donaldson's classic picture book story. Mouse can scare hungry animals away with tall stories of the terrifying Gruffalo, but what happens when he comes face to face with the very creature he imagined… the Gruffalo! With fantastic illustrations by **Axel Scheffler**.

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**.

DONALDSON, JULIA The Snake Who Came To Stay KS1/2 6 - 8
A "*Little Gem*" book published by Barrington Stoke, this is a story in short chapters, with dyslexia-friendly features, and lots of colour illustrations. Polly has set up a pets' holiday home for the summer and with a house full of greedy guinea pigs, pesky parrots and slithering snakes, Mum is getting more fed up by the day! Especially when Doris the snake goes missing... Can Polly find Doris before the snake finds the guinea pigs?

DOWD, Siobhan The London Eye Mystery KS2/3 10 - 13
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 when 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*."

EDGE, Christopher The Infinite Lives of Maisie Day KS2/3 9 – 12
A 10-year-old science prodigy experiences two parallel stories centring on the events around her 10th birthday. How do you know you really exist? It's Maisie's birthday and she can't wait to open her presents. She's hoping for the things she needs to build her own nuclear reactor. But she wakes to an empty house and outside the front door is nothing but a terrifying, all-consuming blackness. Trapped in an ever-shifting reality, Maisie knows that she will have to use the laws of the universe and the love of her family to survive. And even that might not be enough.

ELSON, Jane How to Fly with Broken Wings KS2/3 10 - 12
Twelve-year-old Willem has Asperger's 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.

EVANS, Maz Who Let the Gods Out KS2/3 9 - 12
The first in a popular series, and a hilarious introduction to Greek mythology. Elliot's mum is ill and his home is under threat, but a shooting star crashes to earth and changes his life forever. The star is Virgo - a young Zodiac goddess on a mission. The pair accidentally release Thanatos, a wicked death daemon imprisoned beneath Stonehenge, and must then

turn to the old Olympian gods for help. After centuries of cushy retirement on earth, are Zeus and his crew up to the task of saving the world - and solving Elliot's problems too?

FALASE-KOYA, Alex **Marv and the Mega Robot** **KS1/2** **6 – 9**
Marvin is an ordinary boy who loves spending time with Grandpa, reading comics, and making science experiments with his best friend Joe. But everything changes when he discovers a mysterious superhero suit hidden in the attic...to his amazement, Marvin learns that he is next in a long line of superheroes. Now the time has come to meet his destiny! When the Science Fair is thrown into chaos by super-villain Mastermind and her giant robot, Marvin is the only one who can stop them. Will Marvin be brave enough to step into his power-and into his superhero suit-to become the great and marvellous superhero Marv? The first book in a powerful series of one boy's journey to unlock the superhero within.

FAN, Terry and Eric **Ocean Meets Sky** **KS1** **5 - 7**
Finn lives by the sea, and every time he looks out of his window it's a constant reminder of the stories his grandfather told him, about the place where the ocean meets the sky. Where whales and jellyfish soar, and birds and castles float. His grandfather is gone now, but Finn knows the perfect way to honour him. He'll build his own ship and sail out to find this magical place himself! This is a beautifully illustrated picture book.

FAROOK, Nizrana **The Girl who Stole an Elephant** **KS2/3** **9 – 12**
A young thief is drawn into a revolution when she has to flee her village after stealing jewels from the Queen's bedroom. Chaya can talk her way out of anything - except stealing the Queen's jewels. Even if she had the best of reasons. So, she escapes on the back of a stolen elephant and leads her friends on a jungle adventure, where leeches lurk and revolution is stirring. And this gives Chaya an idea. Maybe she can leave her village a thief but return a hero?

FINE, Anne **Stranger Danger** **KS1** **6 - 8**
Joe has an extraordinary day as he learns to follow the rules about keeping safe, and the importance of using some common sense!

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.

FOUNTAIN, Ele **Boy 87** **KS3/4** **12 - 16**
Shif is just an ordinary schoolboy who loves chess, maths and playing with his best friend. But one day, soldiers with guns come to his door - and he knows that he is no longer safe. Shif is forced to leave his mother and little sister and embark on a dangerous journey; a journey through imprisonment and escape, new lands and strange voices, and a perilous crossing by land and sea. He will encounter cruelty and kindness; he will become separated from the people he loves.

FOUNTAIN, Ele **Fake** **KS2/3** **10 -13**
When she turns fourteen, Jess can go to school with other children for the first time. Most of them hate the 'real' world, but Jess begins to question whether the digital world is 'perfect' after all. Back home, her sister Chloe's life-saving medication is getting ever more

expensive. Failing antibiotics have shifted society online. As big tech companies begin to dominate life, the boundaries between real and virtual have blurred. At 14, Jess is attending school for the first time. Meeting other children and making real friends is something she's dreamed of for years. When mysterious trouble starts at home, Jess turns to the digital world to fix things. She is a brilliant coder and programmer. But Jess takes her skills into forbidden territory and while trying to help her family, discovers explosive truths. Truths which reveal just how manipulated reality has become.

With her family's lives in the balance, Jess must defy everything she's been told to help them - before it's too late.

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.
NB: If a book is new to you, we recommend that you read it yourself before sharing it with pupils. This book contains sections that may be unsuitable for reading in class.

FUNKE, Cornelia **Molly Rogers to the rescue** **KS1/2** **5 – 8**
Molly faces Captain Firebeard and his crew again when they threaten to destroy the neighbouring Monkey Skull Island. Captain Firebeard is destroying Monkey Skull Island in search of lost treasure. But he didn't count on brave Molly Rogers coming to the rescue. Molly may be small, but she's also smart and fierce, so can she outwit the pirate captain and his crew?

GAIMAN, Neil **Fortunately, the Milk** **KS2** **8 – 11**
It begins and ends with milk. Without milk, there can be no breakfast. Without breakfast, the day cannot start. The delicious Toastios are dry and the children are hungry. But today, the fridge is milkless. From the moment Dad pops out to buy some and gets abducted by aliens, swashbuckled by pirates, nearly sacrificed to a volcano god and rescued by a time-travelling dinosaur in a hot-air balloon, it's clear that breakfast is going to be delayed by some quite unusual events. Fortunately, the milk will arrive at some point in the future. Or the past. Won't it?

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? How can a boy live with things like ghouls that aren't really one or the other? This chilling tale is Neil Gaiman's first full-length novel for children. **NB: If a book is new to you,** we recommend that you read it yourself before sharing it with pupils.

GETTEN, Kareen **When life gives you mangoes** **KS2/3** **9 - 13**
Nothing much happens in Sycamore, the small village where Clara lives - at least, that's how it looks. She loves eating ripe mangoes fallen from trees, running outside in the rainy season and escaping to her secret hideout with her best friend Gaynah. There's only one problem - she can't remember anything that happened last summer. When a quirky girl called Rudy arrives from England, everything starts to change. Gaynah stops acting like a best friend, while Rudy and Clara roam across the island and uncover an old family secret.

As the summer reaches its peak and the island storms begin, Clara's memory starts to return, and she must finally face the truth of what happened last year.

GOODFELLOW, Matt **The Final Year** **KS2/3** **9 – 12**

Life can be tough in your last year of primary school. Tests to take, preparing for the change to high school. Nate is ready for it all, knowing his best friend PS is at his side - they've been inseparable since Nursery. When they are put in two different classes and PS finds a new friend in Turner, the school bully, Nate's world turns upside-down. As he struggles to make sense of this and forge new friendships, he's dealt another blow when his youngest brother, Dylan is rushed into hospital. His new teacher, Mr Joshua, sees a spark inside of Nate that's lit by his love of reading and writing and shows him how to use this to process what's going on. But with so much working against him, and anger rising inside him, will this be enough?

GRAY, Kes **Daisy and the Trouble with School Trips** **KS1/2** **7 - 9**

A longer story about Daisy, the star of picture books such as "*Eat Your Peas*". In this very funny story, there's a school trip to a stately home, built in Tudor times, and the children are on the lookout for secret passages. The story is divided into chapters, with plenty of black and white illustrations by **Nick Sharratt.**

GREGORY, Lorraine **The Maker of Monsters** **KS2/3** **9 – 13**

A boy must venture beyond his island home to reclaim the monsters that his master has created and which have escaped into the wider world. Brat has always lived in the isolated castle on the island, taking care of the vicious creatures that his master creates, waiting in terror for the moment when they are ready to be put to use. But then the unthinkable happens. The monsters get out. Now Brat must overcome his fears, and venture into the world he has hidden from his whole life. For the fate of everyone rests on his shoulders alone...

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.

HADDON, Mark **The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time** **KS3/4** **13+**

Christopher John Francis Boone knows all the countries of the world and their capitals and every prime number up to 7,057. He relates well to animals but has no understanding of human emotions. Although gifted with a superbly logical brain, for fifteen-year-old Christopher everyday interactions and admonishments have little meaning. He lives on patterns, rules, and a diagram kept in his pocket. Then one day, a neighbour's dog, Wellington, is killed and his carefully constructed universe is threatened. Christopher sets out to solve the murder in the style of his favourite (logical) detective, Sherlock Holmes.
NB: If a book is new to you, we recommend that you read it yourself before sharing it with pupils This book was originally written for adults and contains some very strong language.

HALAM, Ann **The Shadow on the Stairs** **KS3/4** **10 - 13**

A dyslexia-friendly, Barrington Stoke book, aimed at readers with a reading age of 8+. This ghost story provides a gripping blend of realism and spookiness.

HARDSTAFF, Jane **The Executioner's Daughter** **KS2/3** **9 - 14**

A thrilling adventure set in the underbelly of the Tower of London and on the Thames in Tudor times. Moss is the daughter of the Executioner in the Tower of London, it's her job to catch the heads in her basket after her father has chopped them off. She dreams of leaving, but they are prisoners with no way out. Then Moss discovers a hidden tunnel that takes her to freedom, where she learns that her life isn't what she believes it to be and she doesn't know who to trust. Her search for the truth takes her on a journey along the great River Thames.

HITCHCOCK, Fleur **Murder in Midwinter** **KS2/3** **10 - 14**
Thirteen-year-old Maya takes a photograph from the top deck of a London bus and unwittingly records a crime which puts her life and family at risk. In a busy Regent Street filled with Christmas shoppers, Maya sees a couple arguing violently. They catch her eye and the next moment the woman is gone. Maya goes to the police to make a statement, but the police aren't interested in her story. Then a body turns up... and the setting of the book moves to rural Wales, in the winter, just as the snow starts falling. No-one can get out of the countryside, to go back to London but that doesn't mean that the mystery can't be solved. Winner of the Salford Children's Book Award 2018.

HOFFMAN, Mary **Amazing Grace** **KS1** **5 - 7**
Although a classmate says that she cannot play Peter Pan in the school play because she is black, Grace discovers that she can do anything she sets her mind to do. This classic picture book is brought to life with illustrations by **Caroline Binch**.

HOOPER, Mary **Time Flies (Tremors)** **KS1/2** **9 - 12**
The *Tremors* series are spine-tingling stories, in the form of short, fast-paced chapter books with black and white illustrations, aimed at older readers who need a quick read. In this story, Lucy's mum takes a job as housekeeper in a stately home, and Lucy travels back to the time of Queen Elizabeth I.

HO-YEN, Polly **Boy in the Tower** **KS2/3** **9 - 14**
Ade loves living at the top of a tower block. From his window, he feels like he can see the whole world stretching out beneath him. But one day, other tower blocks on the estate start falling down around them and strange, menacing plants begin to appear. Now their tower isn't safe anymore. Ade and his mum are trapped and there's no way out . . . *The Boy in the Tower* is a story of friendship in a time of adversity. Set in modern day London, it's about survival, hope and courage.

HUGHES, Ted **The Iron Man** **KS2** **8 - 11**
When a giant man topples from a cliff and smashes, the parts get up and search for each other in a strange, compelling fantasy. An acclaimed and vivid story.

HUGHES, Ted **The Iron Woman** **KS2** **8 - 11**
Sequel to *The Iron Man*, in which the Iron Woman takes revenge on mankind for polluting the Earth. Her target is the waste disposal factory where Lucy's dad works and, though Lucy understands the Iron Woman's anger, she also wants to save her dad - only Hogarth and the Iron Man can help her.

IBBOTSON, Eva, **Journey to The River Sea** **KS2/3** **9 - 13**
In 1910, Maia, a thirteen-year-old orphan, is excited to learn that she will live with distant relatives in Manaus, hundreds of miles up the Amazon River. She travels from England, accompanied by her strict, but kind-hearted governess, Miss Minton. Excited to experience the sounds, smells and delights of the rainforest and eager to meet her twin cousins, Maia

travels through South America and along the Amazon River but when she meets her new family, they are far from welcoming. However, the rainforest is a colourful, exotic world, full of adventure where she meets new friends. This award-winning, classic adventure is a warm-hearted tale of friendship. Particularly suitable for pupils in the KS2/KS3 transition stage and useful to support Science/Geography topics on animal habitats, rivers or environmental issues/conservation.

IMPEY, Rose **Kippers for Supper** **KS1** **5 - 7**

An *Orchard Colour Crunchie* book, suitable for beginner readers and older readers who require a quick, short read. Scout and Ace are a dog and a cat, lost in space and trying to find their way back to Earth. A very short story, with full colour illustrations.

IMPEY, Rose **Monster and Frog and the Big Adventure** **KS1** **5 - 7**

Another *Orchard Colour Crunchie* book, with full colour illustrations throughout. Frog wants an adventure, but Monster doesn't really like adventures. As they sail away in their little boat, Monster wonders if they will ever get home again

IMPEY, Rose **Pirate Patch and the message in a Bottle** **KS1** **5 - 7**

Patch wishes he could be a proper pirate and sets off with Granny Peg, Pierre the Parrot and Portside the Dog to find some real adventures. In this book, he finds a message in a bottle, from his mum and dad, castaways on Dead Man's Island, so Pirate Patch comes to the rescue!

JARMAN, Julia **Grandma's Seaside Bloomers** **KS1** **5 - 7**

The August Bank Holiday has just been introduced so a typical Victorian family put on their best clothes and go for a day out at the seaside. Grandma goes along, although she isn't at all sure she approves. A short story fully illustrated in colour.

JARMAN, Julia **The Time-Travelling Cat And the Egyptian Goddess** **KS2** **9 – 11**

A boy discovers his cat is a time traveller when he follows the mysterious feline back to Ancient Egypt. Topher and his father are trying to get over the death of Topher's mother, an Egyptologist, when they take in a stray cat. This cat bears an uncanny resemblance to a cat ornament given to Topher by his mother and so they name it "Ka", meaning "double". Topher becomes very attached to Ka and is puzzled by her mysterious absences.
One day when he is playing a computer game with an Egyptian theme, Ka jumps on the keys and spells out the name Bubastis, which was the centre of cat worship in Ancient Egypt. Could Ka really be leading a double life and what is she trying to tell Topher?

JARMAN, Julia **The Time-Travelling Cat and the Great Victorian Stink** **KS2** **9 - 11**

Topher's amazing cat, Ka, has time-travelled again and she has left him a clue. Following her, Topher finds himself in Victorian London where disease is rife and the Thames is clogged with stinking sewage! Topher discovers a plot to kill Joseph Bazalgette, the man who is trying to save the city. Determined to foil it, Topher must first escape from an arch-criminal and his den of thieves.

JARMAN, Julia **The Time-Travelling cat and the Roman Eagle** **KS2** **9 - 11**

When Topher's devoted cat, Ka, leaves a computer message saying she has gone, he follows her to a Roman-British settlement in AD 79. Ka is happy among the cat-adoring conquerors and their central heating! When the eagle, symbol of Roman power, disappears from the forum, threatening the fragile peace, Topher begins a desperate search. Can he find it and save his Roman friend, Marcus?

NB: If a book is new to you, we recommend that you read it yourself before sharing it with pupils. This book may be unsuitable for your class, due to strong language and a reference to drug taking.

JARMAN, Julia **The Time Travelling Cat and the Tudor Treasure** **KS2** **9 - 11**

An exciting and adventurous time-slip novel which also features Sir Francis Drake and the Golden Hind and – in the present time – issues of vegetarianism and animal rights! When Topher and his cat Ka escape from Ancient Egypt after a previous time-travel adventure, Topher begs Ka not to go time travelling again. But Ka disappears again leaving only the word RICHEMONT on Topher's computer screen. Escaping problems in his own contemporary world, Topher tracks Ka down to Tudor times and finds himself in the household of Dr Dee – scientist, geographer, inventor and astrologer… and trusted adviser of Queen Elizabeth.

JARMAN, Julia **The Time-Travelling cat and the Viking Terror** **KS2** **9 - 11**

Topher is planning a trip to London to visit his friend Ellie - but will it be safe, with all the terrorist threats? It worries him, and so do the extended absences of his beloved cat, Ka. She is going travelling again, and Topher doesn't want to lose her. And sure enough, in the middle of a big bomb alert, Topher is called away - to a Saxon village threatened by Norsemen. He must get the villagers to heed his warning and foil the aggressors who are led by the terrifying Viking, Ingwar the Boneless, infamous for his cruelty and devious tricks.

JEFFERS, Oliver **Lost and Found** **KS1** **5 - 7**

What is a boy to do when a penguin turns up at his door? Find out where it came from of course and return it, even if it means rowing to the South Pole. With beautiful illustrations and a charming storyline, this is a poignant and richly enjoyable picture book. Illustrated in Jeffers' inimitable style, it is a visual delight, and its themes of loneliness and friendship will resonate with young readers.

JEFFERS, Oliver **The Way Back Home** **KS1** **5 - 7**

One day a boy finds an aeroplane in his cupboard. Up, up, up and away he flies, high into the sky until he runs out of petrol! Miles from Earth, the boy crashes into the moon and meets a friendly Martian who also has a broken aircraft. Together, they come up with a super plan to float the boy back down to Earth to collect his toolbox. Can the boy find his way back home safely and will he ever make it back up to the moon to rescue his friend? A bestselling picture book by the creator of *Lost and Found*.

JOHNSON, Mitch **Kick** **KS3/4** **10 – 14**

Set in Jakarta, Indonesia, a boy who dreams of being a professional football player is caught up in the criminal underworld. Budi dreams big. He's going to be a star footballer playing for Real Madrid like his idol, instead of working in a sweatshop making the boots his idol wears. But one unlucky kick brings the real world crashing down. Because now he owes the Dragon, the deadliest gang lord in Jakarta. And if he doesn't pay up, his family's lives are at stake...

JUDGE, Chris **The Great Explorer** **KS1** **5 - 7**
A picture book adventure. When a great explorer goes missing, his son, Tom, decides he must find him. A daring adventure begins across the treacherous, icy terrain of the North Pole. Will Tom be able to overcome the many challenges ahead and find his father?

KENNEN, Ally **Sparks** **KS2/3** **8 - 12**
(or The Secret Viking Adventure)
A great family story, with plenty of suspense, humour and emotion. Carla's Grandpa dies, and she knows that he'd really like a Viking funeral – to be sent out to sea on a burning boat. She decides to arrange it for him, with the help of siblings and various other accomplices. Will they manage to conceal the truth from mum and dad, and will they really go through with this law-breaking act?
NB: This story was originally published with the title "*Sparks*" (2010) but in a later edition, the story is called "*The Secret Viking Adventure"* (2018).

KERR, Judith **The Tiger Who Came to Tea** **KS1** **4 - 6**
The classic picture book, written and illustrated by Judith Kerr and first published in 1968. The doorbell rings just as Sophie and her mummy are sitting down to tea. Who could it possibly be?

KESSLER, LIZ **Code Name Kingfisher** **KS2/3** **9 – 13**
When Liv finds a secret box from her grandmother's childhood she uncovers an extraordinary war-time story of bravery, betrayal and daring defiance in Holland, 1942. The world is at war and as the Nazis' power grows, Jewish families are in terrible danger. Hannie, determined to fight back, is swept into the Dutch resistance as an undercover agent: Code Name Kingfisher. And though Mila does her best to make friends and keep out of trouble, there is danger at every turn and the sisters are soon left questioning who they can trust...

KING, Clive **Stig of the Dump** **KS2/3** **8 - 12**
Barney is a solitary little boy who often wanders off by himself in the countryside. Exploring an old chalk pit, he finds himself in a cave where he meets a strange boy who wears a rabbit skin and speaks in grunts. This lovely story about the unlikely friendship between Barney and stone-age Stig has stood the test of time. Although it is now over 50 years old, contemporary children will love reading about the pair's lively adventures. Clive King's story is perfectly accompanied by Edward Ardizzone's classic illustrations.

KING-SMITH, Dick **Hairy Hezekiah** **KS2** **7 - 10**
The hilarious tale of Hezekiah, a lonely and very hairy camel, who escapes from the zoo. After many funny adventures, he eventually finds a friend.

KING-SMITH, Dick **The Hodgeheg** **KS2** **7 - 10**
Another generously-illustrated animal story from Dick King-Smith. Max is a bright young hedgehog, who is determined to solve a dangerous problem. Can he find a safe way for his family to cross the road?

KING-SMITH, Dick **The Sheep-Pig** **KS2** **8 - 11**
Well known story of the antics and adventures of the pig who wanted to herd sheep like his friend Fly, the sheepdog. Made increasingly popular by the film adaptation, *Babe*.

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 readers who prefer to read in short sessions with plenty of visual cues and humorous touches.

KITAMURA, Satoshi **Stone Age Boy** **KS1/2** **7 - 9**
This picture book tells the story of a boy who falls down a hole to find himself back in time 15,000 years. He wakes in a prehistoric camp and finds out about life in a Stone Age village. Good for a Stone Age topic with enticing illustrations and accessible text.

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.

L**EONARD, 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, a 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 - 12**
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 **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.

LOWERY, Mark **Eating Chips with Monkey** **KS2/3** **9 – 13**
Ten-year-old Daniel is never happier than when he is eating chips. Especially during his family's annual Chip Shop Championships, the highlight of his year. And especially when he can also eat chips with Monkey, his beloved soft toy and trusty companion. But one terrible November day, the lives of Daniel and his family are changed forever when an accident renders Daniel a shadow of his former self. As Daniel retreats into himself, his family slowly begin to fall apart, without this bright boy at the heart of their lives. When an impromptu trip to a chip shop seems to briefly engage Daniel with the real world, the family decide to revisit their Chip Shop Championships, on a quest to find the best chip shop in the country. Along the way, as they attempt to rebuild their family and regain Daniel, they must contend with

hungry giraffes, nouveau cuisine, the loss of Monkey, the theft of Grandma, and lots of chips.

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, she has come 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 the author of the *Magnus Fin* series, is full of funny misunderstandings and gripping action.

MACKENZIE, Ross **The Nowhere Emporium** **KS2/3** **9 - 13**
A magical fantasy story about the power of imagination. When the mysterious Nowhere Emporium arrives in Glasgow, orphan Daniel Holmes is drawn into a breath-taking world of magic and enchantment. Recruited as Mr Silver's apprentice, Daniel learns the secrets of the Emporium's vast labyrinth of passageways and rooms - rooms that contain wonders beyond anything he has ever imagined. But when Mr Silver disappears, and a shadow from the past threatens everything, the Emporium and all its wonders begin to crumble.

MCNAUGHTON, Colin **Captain Abdul's Pirate School** **KS1/2** **5 - 8**
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.

MAGORIAN, Michelle **Goodnight Mister Tom** **KS2/3** **10 - 14**
Young Willie Beech is evacuated to the countryside during the Second World War and starts to find happiness in the care of old Tom Oakley. Then Willie's mum brings him back to London and he has to face further sorrows. An emotional and prize winning read which will appeal to more capable readers.

MARK, Jan **The Snow Maze** **KS1/2** **6 - 8**
One day, on the way to school, Joe finds a large, heavy key in the long grass. Joe thinks a giant might have dropped it. His friend, Irrum, thinks it might be magic and Akash says the key is no good because it doesn't open anything. But when Joe tries the key in the lonely gate, he opens up a whole new world...

MIAN, Zanib **Planet Omar: Accidental Trouble Magnet** **KS2** **7 - 10**
The first book in the *Planet Omar* series follows the daily tribulations of a young, Muslim boy, as he deals with his family, moving to a new house and starting a new school. Illustrated throughout, this is a great read for fans of *Wimpy Kid* or Tom Gates books.

MIAN, Zanib **Planet Omar: Unexpected Super Spy** **KS2** **7 - 10**
In the second book in the *Planet Omar* series, Omar and his friends have been saving up their pocket money for ages so they can have the world's most epic Nerf Blaster battle. But when Omar discovers that his mosque is in trouble, they decide to donate their pennies to help save it.

MORGAN, Michaela **Walter Tull's Scrapbook** **KS2/3** **8-12**
When Walter Tull joined the Footballers' Battalion during the First World War, his leadership and courage won him a commission and a recommendation for the Military Cross. But

Walter wasn't just a great footballer and British officer. He happened to be black, at a time when the rule book stated that only white men could become officers. In personal jottings, photos and pictures, this scrapbook brings alive a man who lived outside the limitations of his age - from Walter's childhood in an orphanage through his footballing years at Spurs and Northampton to the Western Front, highlighting the Christmas Day Truce of 1914, Walter's officer training - pipe, moustache and all! - ending with his death on the Somme, his memorials and his legacy.

MORPURGO, Michael **The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips** **KS2** **8 - 11**
Set against the backdrop of the Second World War, this story reflects real events in Devon at that time, but also follows the fictional experiences of one girl, Lily Tregenza. Her diary follows her family's enforced relocation, her concerns for her missing cat Tips, and the development of a lifelong friendship with a young American soldier.

MORPURGO, MICHAEL **Beowulf** **KS2** **8 - 11**
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. Illustrated by Michael Foreman.

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, heart-warming story, with evocative illustrations.

MORPURGO, Michael **Dear Olly** **KS2/3** **8 – 12**
A boy rejects a possible career as a vet and travels to Rwanda to be a clown in an orphanage. While in Rwanda his leg is blown off by a landmine. As Olly waits for her brother's letters, she watches the swallows preparing to leave for the winter. Hero the swallow starts his long journey to Africa, not knowing the terrible dangers he will meet on the way. And when Matt sees the children in the African orphanage - sick, injured and lonely - he knows he's made the right decisions, but he never could have dreamt of what was going to happen to him there...

MORPURGO, Michael **The Fox and the Ghost King** **KS2** **8 - 11**
A family of football-loving foxes help free the ghost of King Richard III from his grave underneath a car park, in return for their most heartfelt wish. This book is in an accessible format, with well-spaced text and wide margins, and lots of **Michael Foreman** illustrations. It includes a fictional "newspaper article", and factual notes on Leicester City FC, and Richard III. The story also includes some references to Shakespeare and his plays.

MORPURGO, Michael **Friend or Foe** **KS2/3** **8 - 12**
Evacuated from London during World War Two, David and Tucky feel like the war is a long way away from their new life in the countryside. Then one night the skyline of the moor is lit up with gun flashes, and the distant crump of bombing miles away brings the war back to them and shatters their new-found peace. When a German bomber crashes, the boys feel they should hate the airmen inside. But one of them saves David's life.

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 orangutan hunters. Kensuke wants to stay on the island forever, but Michael wants to return to his previous life – can their friendship survive, and will Michael ever be reunited with his family? An exciting, heart-warming read.

MORPURGO, Michael A Medal for Leroy KS2/3 8 – 12
A young mixed-race boy discovers the history of his father, an RAF pilot who was killed during World War II. Michael is a young boy growing up in London after the Second World War. He doesn't remember his father, an RAF pilot shot down in the war. And his French mother, heartbroken and passionate, doesn't like to talk about her husband. But then Auntie Snowdrop gives Michael a medal, followed by a photograph, which begin to reveal a hidden history. Inspired by the true story of Walter Tull, the first black officer in the British army.

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 people from 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 post in the trenches, 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 **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 short novel 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 **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 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.

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 **Peace at Last** **KS1** **3 - 6**
The classic picture book tale of Mr Bear's sleepless night which is caused by all the noises in and around the family's home. The story includes repetition, and lots of familiar sounds.

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.

NADIN, Joanna **Fabulous Fables** **KS2** **7 - 9**
Edited by Michael Morpurgo, this book contains 3 traditional fables from Aesop: *The Dog and His Reflection*, *The Fox and the Crow*, and *The Farmer and the Eagle*. The stories are brilliantly retold with vibrant illustrations.

NASH, Margaret **Toby and the Great Fire of London** **KS1** **6 - 9**
Recounts the events of the fire of London as experienced by a small boy. Master is cross when Toby forgets a delivery for Mr. Pepys. As Toby races across the city, he sees the sky

is full of flames - London is burning! Can he find Mr. Pepys quickly and help save London from the fire?

NEWBERY, Linda **A Dog Called Whatnot** **KS1/2** **7 - 9**
Tim is delighted to find a dog in the park – he and his Grandad really love dogs. But there's a big problem – Tim's sister Louisa is allergic to animal fur. A *Red Banana* book, with colourful illustrations on every page.

PALACIO, R J **Wonder** **KS2/3** **10+**
First recommended to the Schools' Library Service by a Year 5 teacher, *Wonder* now looks set to be a modern classic. August Pullman is a ten-year-old boy with a serious facial abnormality, and he has never been to school. This is the story of his first year at school, told partly by August himself but also by others including his sister and classmates.

PALMER, Tom **After the War: from Auschwitz to Ambleside** **KS2/3** **9 - 13**
Based on the real events and lives of the Windermere Boys - a group of 300 refugee children who survived the concentration camps of World War Two and were relocated to Cumbria. This is a "*Conkers*" book – a longer Barrington Stoke book, where the reading level matches the interest age. Like other Barrington Stoke titles, the layout and typeface are designed to make it an accessible read. Tom Palmer's website includes Second World War resources related to this book.

PALMER, Tom **Armistice Runner** **KS2/3** **9 – 13**
A girl finds her great-great-grandfather's diaries about his experiences during World War I which inspires her to overcome her fears about competing in a fell-running race that is coming up. Lily has lots of worries. She's struggling to compete in her fell-running races and, worse, she's losing her gran to Alzheimer's. But then she discovers her great-great-grandfather's diaries from the First World War. Could his incredible story of bravery help her reconnect with her gran and even give her the inspiration she needs to push through and win?

PATRICK, S. A **The Darkness of Dragons** **KS2/3** **9 – 12**
After playing a forbidden spell-song to save a village from rats, 12-year-old piper Patch Brightwater is thrown in jail. But there he meets Wren - a noble girl under a rat-shaped curse - and together they befriend Barver, a fearsome dracogriff, and set off on a grand adventure filled with sorcerers, dragons, bandits...and one very deadly enemy. From the depths of the Tiviscan dungeons to the highest peak of Gemspar Mountain, this stunning book reminds us of the soaring joy of adventure, the captivating danger of magic, and of the delight of finding friends in unexpected places.

PEARCE, Philippa **Tom's Midnight Garden** **KS2** **9 - 12**
When Tom is sent to stay at his aunt and uncle's house for the summer, he resigns himself to endless weeks of boredom. As he lies awake in his bed, he hears the grandfather clock downstairs strike ...eleven ...twelve ...thirteen ...Thirteen! Tom races down the stairs and out the back door, into a garden everyone told him wasn't there. In this enchanted, thirteenth hour, the garden comes alive - but Tom is never sure whether the children he meets there are real or ghosts.

PRIESTLEY, Chris **Tales of Terror from the Black Ship** **KS2/3** **9 - 12**
A book of seriously scary, short stories, linked together by the scariest one of all ... Two children are left alone in their cliff top home on a stormy night. A stranger comes to the door

asking for shelter, and spends the night telling them these terrifying tales from the high seas.

PULLMAN, Philip **Clockwork** **KS2/3** **9 - 11**
This modern classic is a gothic fairy-tale, 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** **8 -11**
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*".

RAI, BALI **Bobby Bains Plays A Blinder** **KS2** **9 – 12**
When he spots a lonely old man watching his football games in the park, and then sees him again eating at the local gurdwara kitchen, Bobby wants to help. At first the man doesn't seem very friendly and he doesn't want to take part in the local walking football league for older people that Bobby tells him about. But when Bobby eventually changes his mind, it turns out that the man is a talented former professional footballer who has recently been widowed, and Bobby's invitation opens up a rewarding new opportunity for him to make connections in his local community. This Barrington Stoke book is a quick read, designed to appeal to reluctant readers, and to be accessible to readers with dyslexia.

RAUF, Onjali Q **The Boy at the Back of the Class** **KS2/3** **10 - 13**
A nine-year-old boy befriends a refugee who has just started as a new pupil in his class at school. At first, the new boy, Ahmet is a bit of a puzzle. He never talks or smiles and he's not even sure whether he likes lemon sherbet sweets! As Ahmet settles into a new life in the UK, the other children in the class learn more about him. They learn how he ran away from war. Not a make-believe, playground war but a real war, with bombs and fires and bullets and fear. The more the children learn about Ahmet, the more they want to help. The story is told with humour whilst conveying some important, serious messages such as the importance of friendship and kindness in a world that doesn't always make sense.

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.

REYNOLDS, Jason **Ghost** **KS2/3** **10 - 14**
Three years ago, Ghost's dad chased him and his mum down the road with a gun. His dad got ten years in prison, and Ghost learned how to run. Now he's won himself a place on an elite running team, and meets Coach, who sees something in him: crazy natural talent. If Ghost can stay on track, literally and figuratively, he could be the best sprinter in the city. Can he harness his raw talent for speed, or will his past finally catch up with him? "*Ghost*" is the first in a series of four great reads about members of the Run Club.

RHODES, Jewell Parker **Ghost Boys** **KS3/4** **10 - 16**
Twelve-year-old Jerome doesn't get into trouble or mischief or cause any heartache for his family. Then, Jerome is shot by a police officer who mistakes his toy gun for a real one.

Later, as a ghost, Jerome watches on as his family think about his death and try to understand what happened. He notices other ghost boys who each have a story to tell too. Gradually, Jerome begins to understand what really happened - to himself… and to all the ghost boys. This story reflects real-life events and will initiate discussion about the complexities of race in the modern world.

NB: If a book is new to you, we recommend that you read it yourself before sharing it with pupils. Please make sure that you are fully aware of the content of this book, so you can decide whether it is suitable for your class.

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.

ROBERTS, Tomos **The Great Realisation** **KS 1/2** **5 – 8**

A poem in celebration of things people have found to be positives during the Covid-19 lockdown. The Great Realisation is a celebration of the many things that have brought us together at a time of crises. It captures, with magical resonance, the thoughts and feelings of millions worldwide as we adapt to a new way of life, cast aside old habits and reflect on what truly matters to us. It is a story for all readers, young or old, who dare to dream of a fairer, kinder, more loving world.

ROBERTS, Tomos **The World Awaits** **KS1/2** **5 – 8**

An older brother tells his younger brother about all the good things that can or might happen as long as we don't waste our time, especially when we feel overwhelmed. As one little boy lies in bed one morning, not wanting to face the day, it's up to his older brother to show him the extraordinary potential within him and how even the smallest of his actions will make the world a better place...

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 so her mother sends Grace to the countryside to stay with her mysterious Aunt Emily.

ROWLING, J. K **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets** **KS2/3** **9 - 14**

Harry Potter can't wait for his holidays with the dire Dursleys to end. But a small, self-punishing house-elf warns Harry of mortal danger awaiting him at Hogwarts. Returning to the castle nevertheless, Harry hears a rumour about a Chamber of Secrets, holding unknown horrors for wizards of Muggle parentage. Now someone is casting spells that turn people to stone, and a terrible warning is found painted on the wall. The chief suspect - always in the wrong place - is Harry. But something much more terrifying has yet to be unleashed.

ROWLING, J. K. **Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone** **KS2/3** **9 - 14**

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 eleven years old, he must go to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry where nothing is ever ordinary again!

RUNDELL, Katherine **The Explorer** **KS2/3** **10 - 14**
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, also, to a secret.

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.

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.

SHARRATT, Nick **The Cat and the King** **KS1/2** **6 - 9**
The King and his very clever cat must find a new home after their castle burns down in an unfortunate Incident with a dragon! They choose to live at number 37, Castle Close which is an ordinary house, in an ordinary street. It's very exciting, learning to live a normal (if still quite royal) life. Then the pesky, fire-breathing dragon finds the cat and the king in their new home! With charming, 2-colour illustrations by the author, this is a short chapter book for newly independent readers who will appreciate the gentle story, the innocence of the king and the intelligence and resourcefulness of the cat.

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.

SHEPHERD, ANDY **The Boy Who Grew Dragons** **KS1/2** **6 - 10**

When Tomas discovers a strange old tree at the bottom of his grandad's garden, he doesn't think much of it. But he takes the funny fruit from the tree back into the house - and gets the shock and delight of his life when a tiny dragon hatches! The tree is a Dragon Fruit tree, and Tomas has got his very own dragon, Flicker. Tomas soon finds out that life with Flicker is great fun, but also very ... unpredictable. Yes, dragons are wonderful, but they also set fire to your toothbrush and leave your pants hanging from the TV aerial. Tomas must learn how to look after Flicker - and quickly. And then something extraordinary happens - more Dragon fruits appear on the tree. Tomas is officially growing dragons.

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 Dinner Lady** **KS1/2** **6 - 8**
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.

SMITH, Alexander McCall **Good Dog Lion** **KS1/2** **6 – 10**
A boy saves the life of a dog bitten by a snake, who in return saves the life of his new owner when he falls from a tree while picking fruit for his mother in a remote part of the country. A beautiful, heartwarming story set in Africa about a young boy and his yearning for a pet dog. Timo and his mother do not have much money - in fact, they have almost none. But that does not matter too much, because Timo has his mother, and she has him. They have their little house. They have friends and neighbours. They have the world about them. All of that can be enough for happiness. There is one more thing, though, that Timo would like to have... A dog!

SMITH, Dan **Nisha's War** **KS2/3** **9 – 13**
When Amma falls gravely ill, Nisha is left to face her formidable grandmother alone. Grandmother's rules are countless, and her Anglo-Indian granddaughter is even forbidden from climbing the old weeping tree. But when a ghost child beckons Nisha to sit under its boughs, and promises her Amma's life in return for three truths, its pull proves irresistible...

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 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** **9 - 12**
A dyslexia-friendly, Barrington Stoke book, with a reading age of 8+. Matthew Buzzington is a ten-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 is all about him… and an angry fairy who lives in his bathtub… and Jake the dog (who must be saved from terrible, terrible evil). There’s also 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!

STEWART, Alexandra **Everest** **KS2/3** **9 – 13**
This is the breathtaking story of how two very different yet equally determined men battled frost-biting temperatures, tumbling ice rocks, powerful winds and death-defying ridges to reach the top of the world's highest mountain. Join these two unlikely heroes on the most amazing of adventures and discover the impact of hundreds of men and women that helped Hillary and Tenzing achieve their goal. But triumphs can be marred with tragedy as not everyone who climbs Everest survives.

STEWART, PAUL & RIDDELL, Chris **Barnaby Grimes: Return of the Emerald Skull** **KS2/3** **10 - 12**
The second *Barnaby Grimes* adventure – a fantastic and gruesome Dickensian romp. Barnaby Grimes is a tick-tock lad on a mission – to deliver a strange parcel to the local schoolmaster. He soon realises that all is not well at the school – it is overrun by a terrible curse. Who will survive?

STRONG, Jeremy **Nellie Choc-Ice and the Plastic Island** **KS1/2** **6 - 10**
Nellie Choc-Ice and Captain Beardy-Beard are sailing in a submarine back to the South Pole so that Nellie can return home to her family. On the way, the submarine sails into a sea of plastic, made up of discarded rubbish that has found its way into the ocean. Nellie decides to try to help and untangle everyone who is caught in the plastic mess. But what is the best way to clean up the ocean? A light read for newly confident readers, with a reading age of 6+. Good to support environmental projects the story is a child-friendly way to approach serious topics. This is a Barrington Stoke “*Little Gems*” title, printed in a dyslexia-friendly style on cream paper in an easy-to-read font with plenty of colour illustrations to aid readers as they decode the text. Very useful for older children in KS2 who require some reading support.

STRONG, Jeremy **Romans on the Rampage** **KS2** **7 - 11**
Perilus is a Roman boy who is *crazy* about chariot racing. He loves to practise in his own homemade chariot (pulled by the family goat) and dreams of riding in the Circus Maximus himself one day. But when Perilus's hero, the brilliant charioteer Scorcha , goes missing on the day of the big race, Perilus finds his wish coming true sooner than he'd imagined! A laugh-out-loud story from King of Comedy, Jeremy Strong.

STRONG, Jeremy **There's a Pharaoh in Our Bath** **KS2** **7 - 11**
When a 4,600-year-old Pharoah, wrapped in bandages, visits his ice-cream van, Tony Lightspeed is kind enough to take him home to meet the family. But Pharoah Sennapod is on the run from two grave robbers, so he's going to need some help. A hilarious adventure from a very popular author.

STROUD, Jonathan **The Screaming Staircase** **KS3** **11 - 14**
There's an epidemic of ghosts in Britain. Their touch brings death, and only children have the power to fight them. Lucy Carlyle, a young psychic investigator, joins London's smallest agency, run by the charismatic Anthony Lockwood and his ever-hungry assistant George Cubbins. Together the trio must investigate some of the spookiest and spectral hauntings in the city, armed with only the tools of the trade (magnesium flares, iron filings, chains and salt bombs), their courage and a thermos of tea. A fast paced, supernatural adventure

SWINDELLS, Robert **Blitzed** **KS2** **9 - 11**
George loves finding out about World War Two, so when his class visits a war museum, he is elated. But then his visit becomes a bit too realistic for comfort, and George is caught in a time slip, taken back to wartime Britain. An exciting time-travel story with a satisfying ending.

SWINDELLS, Robert **Ice Palace** **KS2** **7 - 9**
No one sees Starjik and his hungry wolves when they come in the dead of night, but there is always a child missing in the morning. Who can rid the land of this curse and melt the fear in its people's hearts? Only Ivan, who loves his little brother enough to follow him through many dangers to Starjik's cavern.S

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, ANGIE **The Hate U Give** **KS4+** **15+**
A tough and uncompromising read for young adults, which has also been made into a film. Sixteen-year-old Starr lives in two worlds: the poor neighbourhood where she was born and raised, and her posh high school in the suburbs. The uneasy balance between them is shattered when Starr is the only witness to the fatal shooting of her unarmed best friend, Khalil, by a police officer.
NB: If a book is new to you, we recommend that you read it yourself before sharing it with pupils. Please make sure that you are fully aware of the content of this book, so you can decide whether it is suitable for your class.

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 pleasant, little planet and Winnie unpacks their space picnic. Living on the planet are some tiny, long-eared, space rabbits with twitchy noses. When they nibble Winnie's rocket away, can Winnie use magic 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?

THOMPSON, Lisa **The Goldfish Boy** **KS2/3** **9 – 13**

Twelve-year-old Matthew is trapped in his bedroom by crippling OCD, spending most of his time staring out of his window as the inhabitants of Chestnut Close go about their business. Until the day he is the last person to see his next-door neighbour's toddler, Teddy, before he goes missing.
Matthew must turn detective and unravel the mystery of Teddy's disappearance.

THOMPSON, Lisa **Owen and the Soldier** **KS2/3** **9 - 12**

A boy decides to try and save a statue of a soldier in his local park when he hears that it is going to be scrapped when the park is revamped. Owen and his mum are struggling. It's just the two of them at home now and they're finding it difficult to ask for the help they need. When Owen discovers a crumbling stone soldier in the local park, it feels like he finally has someone he can talk to about his worries. But the town council can't see how important the soldier is and they want to remove him. Owen's scared that he'll be left on his own again, but can he find the courage he needs to save the soldier before it's too late?

TSANG, Katie & Kevin **Sam Wu is Not Afraid of Ghosts** **KS2** **7 - 11**

This funny, fast-paced, chapter book is the first of the *Sam Wu* adventures, and it's a great choice for fans of Tom Gates. Sam Wu is scared of many things but is determined not to let anyone find out. However, after an unfortunate incident in a space simulator on a school trip, he becomes a target for the class bully, Ralph, who nicknames him Scaredy-Cat Sam.

TSANG, Katie & Kevin **Sam Wu is Not Afraid of Sharks** **KS2** **7 -11**

Sam worries about the dangers of sharks when he is invited to a beach birthday party. Sam Wu is NOT a scaredy-cat (except when he is). And when a shark TOTALLY tries to eat him at the local aquarium, he decides he's not going to take any more chances. So, at his friend's birthday party at the beach, Sam refuses to dip even a toe in the water. Nothing could go wrong now, could it?

VEGARA SANCHEZ, Maria **Florence Nightingale** **KS1/2** **6 – 9**

Growing up in an upper-class family, it was expected that Florence would find a husband and live a life of luxury - but that kind of life wasn't for her. Her calling was caring for the sick and the poor, so she followed her passion with her whole heart and trained to be a nurse. When war broke out, Florence travelled to nurse wounded soldiers but found that the hospitals were so dirty that they were making people ill! This experience inspired her to lead a healthcare revolution, and she became the mother of modern nursing, introducing care practices still followed today.
This inspiring book, part of the "Little People, Big Dreams" series, features stylish and quirky illustrations and extra facts at the back, including a biographical timeline with historical photos and a detailed profile of the social reformer's life.

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 orangutan. 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 a story about following your dreams. 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 **The First Hippo on the Moon** **KS1** **4 - 6**
Two hippopotamuses build space rockets competing to become the first hippo to walk on the moon.

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 **There's a Snake in My School** **KS1** **4 - 7**
A girl brings her pet snake to school much to the disgust of the headmistress who hates animals. Miranda loves to be different, and on Bring-your-pet-to-school Day she introduces everyone to her very different pet…...Penelope the snake. Miss Bloat the headmistress doesn't think snakes should be allowed in school. But Penelope has other ideas...

WALLIAMS, David **The World's Worst Teachers** **KS2** **8 - 12**
Ten tales of the world's most dreadful teachers who would find it difficult to cope with life in modern schools. Dr Dread teaches science and is half man, half monster. Miss Seethe is ALWAYS angry, her fury knows no bounds, especially when she is on a mission to exceed her record for giving detentions! There's also Mr. Pent, who struggles to do his job well because he is terrified all the time… terrified of children! With colour illustrations by **Tony**

Ross, this humorous read is great for children to “dip into” and read in several, short reading sessions.

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.

WHITTAM, Kimberly **Quiet Storm** **KS2/3** **8 - 12**
Storm has never liked to stand out from the crowd, but ever since she started Year 7, her life has been full of people telling her she needs to speak up, make friends and be more like her popular big brother. Then Storm breaks a school record, and finds herself the new star of the athletics team. But as she's thrust into the spotlight, her home life and friendships start spiralling out of control, and it's time for Quiet Storm to show that she has something to say.

WHYBROW, Ian **Harry and the Dinosaurs Go to School** **KS1** **4 - 7**
A picture book about the much-loved Harry and his bucketful of dinosaurs. In this story, Harry and the dinosaurs experience their first day at school.

WILLIAMS, Brian **World War II** **KS2** **7 – 11**
From the causes of the conflict to the most important battles, discover key World War 2 facts and hear from people who lived through it. This book in the “DK find out!” series looks at all aspects of the Second World War, including the Normandy landings and propaganda posters and is a must have for any budding historian.

WILLIAMS, Marcia **Greek Myths** **KS2** **8 - 11**
In this comic-strip style book, you'll find the stories of Theseus, conqueror of the dreaded Minotaur; the mighty Heracles and his twelve tasks; the tragic lovers Orpheus and Eurydice; Perseus, the Gorgon-slayer; the musician Arion and his rescue by the dolphins; Pandora and her little box of horrors; the feather-clad fliers Daedalus and Icarus; and the weaving contest between Arachne and the goddess Athene. Each of these tales has been retold with lively text and dramatic cartoon style, making them accessible and fun for young children.

WILLIAMSON, Lara **A Boy Called Hope** **KS2/3** **9 - 12**
‘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 to be the first eleven-year-old to land on the moon. 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.

WILLIS, Jeanne **Penguin Pandemonium** **KS2** **8 - 11**
Rory the rockhopper penguin loves showing off, but with few visitors to the zoo, life has become a little dull. If things don't improve the zoo might have to close. So, when the keepers install 'Penguincam' Rory grabs his chance with both flippers, organising a dazzling penguin talent show to pull in the crowds…

WILSON, Jacqueline **Wave Me Goodbye** **KS2/3** **8 - 13**
In September 1939, at the outbreak of the 2nd World War, thousands of children board trains with their classmates on a journey away from danger. The children were told that they were going on "*a little holiday*" but they had no idea where they were going and who they would stay with. 10-year-old Shirley is one of the evacuees. At the end of her journey, she finds herself in Meadow Ridge, a village far from home, living in a grand old house with the eccentric, reclusive Mrs Waverley. Shirley slowly adapts to this new life in the country but there are lots of adjustments for her to make. The two East End lads billeted with her, Kevin and Archie, exasperate Shirley at first but eventually win her trust. This is the first time that Jacqueline Wilson has written about WW2 but her skills in writing about the experiences of children in difficult circumstances make this a moving story of friendship and bravery. Great for supporting KS2 projects on WW2 but also a wonderful story of resilience.

WILSON, Joe **The island that didn't exist** **KS2/3** **9 – 13**
When twelve-year-old Rixon's great-uncle leaves him a mysterious island in his will, he sets off to see it for himself. And what Rixon finds there might hold the key to the future of the planet: four children brought up with an altogether different set of values. But can Rixon save the island when he is suddenly beset by dangers and soon fighting for his own life?

WILSON-MAX, Ken **Astro Girl** **KS1** **3 – 6**
A little girl dreams of following in her mother's footsteps and becoming an astronaut. Astrid has always loved the stars and space. While Mama is away, Papa and Astrid have fun acting out the challenges an astronaut faces on a space mission - eating food from a tube, doing space experiments, living, and sleeping in near-zero gravity. Astrid can do it all! Then it's time to meet Mama at the airbase. But where has Mama been?

WOODFINE, Katherine **The Clockwork Sparrow** **KS2/3** **9 - 12**
A fast-paced historical mystery adventure with gorgeous Edwardian period detail. You are cordially invited to attend the Grand Opening of Sinclair's department store! Enter a world of bonbons, hats, perfumes and mysteries around every corner. Wonder at the daring theft of the priceless Clockwork Sparrow! Tremble as the most dastardly criminals in London enact their wicked plans! Gasp as our bold heroines, Miss Sophie Taylor and Miss Lilian Rose, crack codes, devour iced buns and vow to bring the villains to justice…

YARLETT, EMMA **Nibbles the Book Monster** **KS1** **4 - 8**
An endearing, yellow monster, named Nibbles escapes from its own story book and finds its way into some classic fairy story books, nibbling the pages as it goes. Nibbles likes to eat paper and leaves a trail of holes in every book it finds its way into. Pupils in KS1 will have a great time lifting the flaps and peeking through the tell-tale holes that Nibbles leaves behind as they chase the monster on a fantastical tale through fairy land. The book is a good way to introduce children to alternative, silly versions of fairy tales as Nibbles causes havoc in

the Three Bears' House, saves grandma from the big, bad wolf and steals a golden goose from a giant. Younger children will just enjoy following Nibbles on a quest through fairy land because the cheeky-eyed, round monster is so cute!

ZEPHANIAH, B **Windrush Child** **KS2/3** **9 – 14**

A young Jamaican boy arriving in Britain with his parents in the late 1940's tries to make the best of things despite of the racism he encounters. The Windrush generation are named after one of the first ships that arrived in the UK from Jamaica in 1948. In this heart-stopping adventure based on real historical events, Benjamin Zephaniah shows us what it was like being a child of the Windrush generation, an important and intriguing time in Britain.

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.

ANDERSON, Sophie **The Girl who Speaks Bear** **KS2/3 8 – 12**
Found abandoned in a bear cave as a baby, Yanka has always wondered about where she is from. She tries to ignore the strange whispers and looks from the villagers, wishing she was as strong on the inside as she is on the outside. But, when she must flee her house, looking for answers about who she really is, a journey far beyond one that she ever imagined begins: from icy rivers to smouldering mountains, meeting an ever-growing herd of extraordinary friends along the way.

ANDERSON, Sophie **The House with Chicken Legs** **KS2/3 8 – 12**
The granddaughter of Baba Yaga yearns to change her destiny which ties her to her grandmother's enchanted house which moves from place to place at will. Marinka dreams of a normal life, where her house stays somewhere long enough for her to make friends. But her house has chicken legs and moves on without warning. For Marinka's grandmother is Baba Yaga, who guides spirits between this world and the next. Marinka longs to change her destiny and sets out to break free from her grandmother's footsteps, but her house has other ideas

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.

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.

CHISHOLM, Alastair **Orion Lost** **KS2/3 9 – 13**
The transport ship Orion is four months out of Earth when catastrophe strikes - leaving the ship and everyone on board stranded in deep space. Suddenly it's up to thirteen-year-old Beth and her friends to navigate through treacherous and uncharted territory to reach safety. But a heavily-damaged ship, space pirates, a mysterious alien species, and an

artificial intelligence that Beth doesn't know if she can trust means that getting home has never been so difficult...

COTTRELL-BOYCE, Frank 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.

COTTRELL-BOYCE, Frank 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.

CROSS, Gillian After Tomorrow KS3 11 - 14
What if you woke up tomorrow and everything had changed? Money is worthless. Your friends are gone. Armed robbers roam the streets. No one is safe. For Matt and his little brother, Taco, that nightmare is a reality. Their only hope of survival is to escape through the Channel Tunnel. But danger waits on the other side...Stay or go. What would you do? This title was a winner of the Salford Children's Book Award.

DAHL, Roald Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator KS2 8 – 11
Charlie Bucket has won Willy Wonka's chocolate factory and is on his way to take possession of it - in none other than a great glass elevator! But when the elevator makes a fearful whooshing noise, Charlie and his family find themselves in splendid orbit around the Earth. A daring adventure has begun, with the one and only Mr Willy Wonka leading the way.

DAHL, Roald James and the Giant Peach KS2 8 - 11
The much-loved tale of James' adventures aboard a flying peach, with its crew of eccentric but kind creepy-crawlies.

DAHL, Roald The Magic Finger KS2 8 – 10
A little girl gets revenge on people with her magic finger. Every Saturday morning the Greg family goes off to shoot animals and birds. But the girl who lives next door hates hunting. Now it's made her so angry she's put the Magic Finger on them all. And very strange things have begun to happen...

DOHERTY, Berlie Street Child KS2/3 9 - 12
An adventure set in Victorian London and based on the true story of an orphan named Jim Jarvis, who inspired Dr Barnardo to set up his famous children's homes.

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*."

EVANS, Lissa Small Change for Stuart KS2/3 9 - 12
Stuart is swept up in a quest to find his great-uncle's lost workshop - a workshop stuffed with trickery and magic. There are clues to follow and puzzles to solve, but what starts as

fun ends up as danger, and Stuart begins to realize that he can't finish the task by himself. A fast-moving blend of comedy and magic.

FAROOK, Nizrana **The Girl who Stole an Elephant** **KS2/3** **9 – 12**
A young thief is drawn into a revolution when she has to flee her village after stealing jewels from the Queen's bedroom. Chaya can talk her way out of anything - except stealing the Queen's jewels. Even if she had the best of reasons. So, she escapes on the back of a stolen elephant and leads her friends on a jungle adventure, where leeches lurk, and revolution is stirring. And this gives Chaya an idea. Maybe she can leave her village a thief but return a hero?

FOUNTAIN, Ele **Boy 87** **KS3/4** **12 – 16**
Shif is just an ordinary schoolboy who loves chess, maths and playing with his best friend. But one day, soldiers with guns come to his door - and he knows that he is no longer safe. Shif is forced to leave his mother and little sister and embark on a dangerous journey; a journey through imprisonment and escape, new lands and strange voices, and a perilous crossing by land and sea. He will encounter cruelty and kindness; he will become separated from the people he loves.

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.

KING, C
Stig of the Dump
KS2/3 **8 - 12**
Barney is a solitary little boy who often wanders off by himself in the countryside. Exploring an old chalk pit, he finds himself in a cave where he meets a strange boy who wears a rabbit skin and speaks in grunts. This lovely story about the unlikely friendship between Barney and stone-age Stig has stood the test of time. Although it is now over 50 years old, contemporary children will love reading about the pair's lively adventures. Clive King's story is perfectly accompanied by Edward Ardizzone's classic illustrations.

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?

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.

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.

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.

MCNISH, Cliff Breathe KS2/3 10 - 14

A truly scary ghost story, and the winner of the 2007 Salford Children's Book Award. Jack, who has severe asthma, moves into an old farmhouse with his mother, but discovers it is already inhabited - by the spirits of four children and the malevolent Ghost Mother.

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 Dear Olly KS2/3 8 – 12

A boy rejects a possible career as a vet and travels to Rwanda to be a clown in an orphanage. While in Rwanda his leg is blown off by a landmine. As Olly waits for her brother's letters, she watches the swallows preparing to leave for the winter. Hero the swallow starts his long journey to Africa, not knowing the terrible dangers he will meet on the way. And when Matt sees the children in the African orphanage - sick, injured and lonely - he knows he's made the right decisions, but he never could have dreamt of what was going to happen to him there.

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 post in the trenches, 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 must 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.

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 must convince her brothers the treasure is real and get to it before anyone else does.

PATRICK, S. A The Darkness of Dragons KS2/3 9 – 12
After playing a forbidden spell-song to save a village from rats, 12-year-old piper Patch Brightwater is thrown in jail. But there he meets Wren - a noble girl under a rat-shaped curse - and together they befriend Barver, a fearsome dracogriff, and set off on a grand adventure filled with sorcerers, dragons, bandits...and one very deadly enemy. From the depths of the Tiviscan dungeons to the highest peak of Gemspar Mountain, this stunning book reminds us of the soaring joy of adventure, the captivating danger of magic, and of the delight of finding friends in unexpected places.

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.

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?

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.

SWINDELLS, Robert **Room 13** **KS2/3** **8 – 12**

Some school friends discover a seemingly haunted hotel room. There is no room thirteen in the creepy Crow's Nest Hotel, where Fliss and her friends are staying on a school trip. Or is there? For at the stroke of midnight, something peculiar happens to the door of the linen cupboard next to room twelve. And something is happening to Ellie-May Sunderland, too - something very sinister.

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!

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.

Big Books

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

ADAMS, P	Mrs Honey's Hat
AHLBERG, J & A	Funnybones
AKTAR, N	Samira's Eid (English/Bengali)
ALIKI	My Five Senses
ALLISON, C	Holidays by the Sea
ALTES, M	Little Monkey
ANHOLT, L	Chimp and Zee
ANNESS, P. L	Rapunzel
ASHBY, G	School by a Volcano
BAKER, J	Belonging
BAKER, J	Window
BAXTER, N	Catch That Plane!
BAXTER, N	Follow That Fire Engine!
BAXTER, N	Trouble in Space
BAXTER, N	Chase that Car!
BECK, I LENTON, S	The Ugly Duckling
BIRCHALL, M	Rabbit's Woolly Jumper
BROMLEY, N	Open Very Carefully
BROWN, J	Cinderella
BROWN, J	The Gingerbread Man
BROWN, J	Hansel and Gretel
BROWN, J	Jack and the Beanstalk
BROWN, J	Pinocchio
BROWN, J	Puss in Boots
BROWN, J	Little Red Riding Hood
BROWN, J	The Three Billy Goats Gruff
BROWNE, A	Gorilla
BROWNE, E	Handa's Surprise Busy Animals
CARLE, E	"Slowly, Slowly, Slowly," Said the Sloth
CASTOR, H	Guy Fawkes
CHILD, L	But Excuse ME, THAT is My Book
COLEMAN, M	Ridiculous!
DALE, P	Ten in the Bed
DALY, N	Jamela's Dress
DAS, P	I is for India
DODD, L	Hairy MacClairy From Donaldson's Dairy
DONALDSON, J	The Gruffalo
DONALDSON, J	Sharing a Shell
DONALDSON, J	The Snail and the Whale
DONALDSON, J	A Squash and a Squeeze
EDMUNDS, K	Dry Bones
FOGES, C & MURPHY, A	Kitchen Disco
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
GOGERLY, L	The Great Fire of London
GRAY, K & FIELD, J	Oi Frog!
HARNETT, P	A Day in the Life of a Victorian Child
HAYES, S	The Bear
HODGSON, R	The Cave
HOFFMAN, M	Amazing Grace
HUGHES, M	Seasons
HUGHES, M	The Story of Toys
HUNT, R	My Home
IVES, P	Five Little Ducks
JAMES, S	Dear Greenpeace
JENKINS, M	The Emperor's Egg
JENNINGS, L	Titus's Troublesome Tooth
KARAVIS, S	
LAIRD, E.	Beautiful Bananas
LYNCH, E	The Life of Guy Fawkes
McBRATNEY, S	Guess How Much I Love You
MCGINLAY, R.	My First Encylopedia of British Wildlife
MCGINLAY, R	My First Encyclopedia of Fish
MCKEE, D	Elmer
MILLS, D	Lima's Red Hot chilli (English/Bengali)
MURPHY, J	Peace at Last
ONYEFULU, I	Chidi Only Likes Blue
ORAM, H	All-Better Bears
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
PHINN, G	Our Cat Cuddles
PICKFORD, T	At the Seaside
POTTER, D	I am the Music Man
RABY, C	Animal Fun
ROBINSON, H	Snow White and the Enormous Turnip
ROSEN, M	Rover
ROSS, M	Victorian Britain
ROSS, S	Florence Nightingale
ROSS, S	The Great Fire of London
ROSS, S	Homes
ROSS, S	Toys
SADLER, W	How do they work?
SAMSON, L	The Girl and the Waterfall: A Tale from China
SHIREEN, N	The Bumblebear
SOUHAMI, J	Rama and the Demon King
SOUHAMI, J	Sausages
	Spencer
SPILSBURY, R & L	Look Inside Habitats
SPILSBURY, R & L	Shark Snacks

STEFFORA, T	My Five Senses
SQUILLACE, E	Down in the Jungle
WADDELL, M	Farmer Duck
WADDELL, M	Owl Babies
WADDELL, M	The Pig in the Pond
WALSH, E S	Mouse paint
WEATHERILL, S	Baby Goz
WILSON-MAX, K	Lenny and Wilbur
YOUNG, L	Aladdin
YOUNG, L	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’, ‘The Very Busy Spider’, and “The Bad-Tempered Ladybird’

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

Smriti HALLS
A wonderful selection of picture books by this award winning author.

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

Dapo ADEOLA
A selection of books showcasing this award winning illustrator

Laurence ANHOLT
A selection of his short reads, such as 'Seriously Silly Stories', along with a few picture books

ATINUKE
A selection of picture books and fiction books by this award winning author

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.

Joseph COELHO
Poetry and picture books by the 2022-24 Children's Laureate

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.

Tom PERCIVAL
A selection of picture books and fictions books written and illustrated by this author.

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

Chitra SOUNDAR
A selection of pictures books, short reads and short story collections, inspired by the author's childhood in India.

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
This box includes a selection of books suitable for key stage 2, covering a range of levels

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

Frank COTTRELL-BOYCE
The award-winning author of 'Millions', 'Cosmic' and the official sequels to Ian Fleming's 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang'

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

Zanib MIAN
Includes two popular series, "Planet Omar" and "Meet the Maliks"

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 several other "Winnie" stories, which also feature her big, black cat, Wilbur.

Katie & Kevin TSANG
Authors of the 'Sam Wu is not afraid' series and the Dragon Realm series

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
This box contains a selection of titles for KS3 readers.

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

Author boxes for key stage 3/4

Benjamin ZEPHANIAH
A mixture of poetry and fiction by this well known author and poet

Author boxes for key stage 4

Malorie BLACKMAN
A selection of titles suitable for older readers including the Noughts and Crosses series.