

Salford Schools' Library Service



Resources List May 2026

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.

NEW Enhanced learning packs – contain 2 copies of a book and a number of objects that will enable children to access the story in a range of different ways.

NEW Big book packs – contain a big book, a touch and feel book, a non-fiction book and a puppet/s. These are to encourage children to explore different links to the big book title and enhance their lesson.

NEW Fairy tale packs – contain a traditional fairytale, a twisted fairytale and a touch and feel book. Can be used to enhance or support a story or project loan.

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.

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We hope you will find new titles in this list that you will want to try with your class.

If a book is new to you, we recommend that you read it yourself before sharing it with pupils.

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We are open during all school holidays (except Christmas).

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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.

underground beneath a mountain with her child, Blue John, a boy she made from the blue of the glacier and the hot yellow light of the sun. Blue John is forbidden to leave his mother's side, but the lure of the light above is too strong. When a singing, dancing girl comes to the caves, Blue John must make a choice between darkness and light.

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.

DOHERTY, Berlie **Treason** **KS2/3** **9 13**

Will Gaveston is page boy to little Prince Edward, son of King Henry VIII. When his father is accused of treason and thrown into Newgate Prison, Will has to go into hiding in the back streets of London. He is befriended by a poor boy, Nick Drew, and together they brave imprisonment and death as they try to gain pardon for Will's father.

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

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, Aily **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...

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. Set in Tudor times.

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 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.

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?

NEWBERRY, 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

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.

But before that Croakbag has got to solve the mystery of who stole all the money from the Imperial Mint.

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 Pharaoh, wrapped in bandages, visits his ice-cream van, Tony Lightspeed is kind enough to take him home to meet the family. But Pharaoh 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** **KS1** **4 - 7**
Go to School

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 propagand 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 ‘Pinguinacam’ 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

- 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** **9 - 11**
 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** **KS2/3** **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

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/Bengal)
ALLISON, C	Holidays by the Sea
ANNESS, P. L	Rapunzel
BAXTER, N	Catch That Plane!
BAXTER, N	Follow That Fire Engine!
BAXTER, N	Chase that Car!
BAXTER, N	Trouble in Space
BECK, I	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	Pinocchio
BROWN, J	Puss in Boots
BROWN, J	Little Red Riding Hood
BROWN, J	The Three Billy Goats Gruff
BROWNE, E	Handa's Surprise
	Busy Animals
CARLE, E	"Slowly, Slowly, Slowly," Said the Sloth
CASTOR, H	Guy Fawkes
COLEMAN, M	Ridiculous!
DALE, P	Ten in the Bed
DODD, L	Hairy MacClairy From Donaldson's Dairy
DONALDSON, J	The Gruffalo
DONALDSON, J	Sharing a Shell
DONALDSON, J	The Snail and the Whale
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
GOGERLY, L	The Great Fire of London
GRAY, K & FIELD, J	Oi Frog!
HARNETT, P	A Day in the Life of a Victorian Child
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
JENNINGS, L	Titus's Troublesome Tooth
MCGINLAY, R	My First Encyclopedia of Fish

MCKEE, D	Elmer
MURPHY, J	Peace at Last
ORAM, H	All-Better Bears
OXLADE, C	Levers
PATTEN, H	Clever Anansi and Boastful Bullfrog
PFISTER, M	Rainbow Fish
PHINN, G	Our Cat Cuddles
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
	Spencer
SPILSBURY, R & L	Look Inside Habitats
STEFFORA, T	My Five Senses
SQUILLACE, E	Down in the Jungle
WADDELL, M	Farmer Duck
WADDELL, M	The Pig in the Pond
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

Dapo ADEOLA

A selection of his most popular titles

Allan AHLBERG

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

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

Anna MCQUINN (Also suitable for early years)

This box contains a selection of books about Lulu's and her baby brother Zeki

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

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

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.

Rose IMPEY

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

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**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

Emma CARROLL

A selection of books by this best selling author for key stage 2.

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

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'

Lisa THOMPSON

Contains a selection of books including The Goldfish Boy and The Light Jar.

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

NEW Enhanced Learning Packs

These new packs come in red bags, containing about 6 items carefully selected to complement and enhance the book, and to help all children engage with the story. Each pack also includes 2 copies of the book, flashcards and a sheet of teachers' notes.

Please note that the ages and key stages given below are only an approximate guide to the level of the book, and these packs may be useful for a wide range of ages.

Grandpa Bert and the Ghost Snatchers – Malorie Blackman KS1/2, age 6 - 10

In this Barrington Stoke Little Gem chapter book, Anna and Kasper think Grandma Gertie is rather strange. With her big square glasses and a parrot on her hat, they 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!



Handa's Surprise – Eileen Browne KS1, age 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.

The Snail and the Whale – Julia Donaldson KS1, age 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.



Molly Rogers to the Rescue – Cornelia Funke
KS1/2, age 5 – 8



Another Barrington Stoke Little Gem chapter book. 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?

Lost and Found – Oliver Jeffers
KS1, age 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. This poignant and richly enjoyable picture book is a visual delight, and its themes of loneliness and friendship will resonate with young readers.



The Great Explorer – Chris Judge
KS1, age 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?

The Tiger Who Came to Tea – Judith Kerr
KS1, age 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?



The Cat and the King – Nick Sharratt
KS1/2, age 6 – 9



In this chapter book, 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.

Winnie and Wilbur in Space – Valerie Thomas
KS1/2, age 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.



NEW Big Book Packs

Big book packs – contain a big book, a touch and feel book, a non-fiction book and a puppet/s. These are to encourage children to explore different links to the big book title and enhance their lesson.

Owl Babies – Martin Waddell

A Squash and a Squeeze – Julia Donaldson

We're Going On a Bear Hunt – Michael Rosen



NEW Fairy Tale Packs

Fairy tale packs – contain a traditional fairytale, a twisted fairytale and a touch and feel book. Can be used to enhance or support a story or project loan.

The Gingerbread Man

Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Jack and the Beanstalk

Little Red Riding Hood

The Three Little Pigs

