



Class Reading Books by Year Group

Reception

Tad - Benji Davis	Meet Tad. She's the smallest tadpole in a big pond, and lives there with all her tadbros and tadsisters. Although something else lives there too... BIG BLUB! And when everyone else starts to disappear, Tad starts to wonder if Big Blub will get her too... Or is everyone else going somewhere else; somewhere better? And if so, will Tad ever get there too? A big story about a tiny tadpole - about growing up, branching out, and taking a leap into life.
On Sudden Hill - Linda Sarah	Birt and Etho are best friends, they play on Sudden Hill, making marvellous contraptions out of cardboard boxes. But then a new boy, Shu, wants to join in too. Birt isn't sure that he wants Shu to join them. Eaten up with jealousy, he goes home and refuses to come out to play. Until Etho and Shu come to his house with the most marvellous cardboard contraption so far...
Grandad's Island - Benji Davis	At the bottom of Syd's garden, through the gate and past the tree, is Grandad's house. Syd can let himself in any time he likes. But one day when Syd comes to call, Grandad isn't in any of the usual places. He's in the attic, where he ushers Syd through a door, and the two of them journey to a wild, beautiful island awash in color where Grandad decides he will remain. So Syd hugs Grandad one last time and sets sail for home. Visiting Grandad's house at the bottom of the garden again, he finds it just the same as it's always been - except that Grandad isn't there anymore. Sure to provide comfort to young children struggling to understand loss, Benji Davies's tale is a sensitive and beautiful reminder that our loved ones live on in our memories long after they're gone.
The Storm Whale - Benji Davis	Noi and his father live in a house by the sea, his father works hard as a fisherman and Noi often has only their six cats for company. So when, one

	day, he finds a baby whale washed up on the beach after a storm, Noi is excited and takes it home to care for it. He tries to keep his new friend a secret, but but there's only so long you can keep a whale in the bath without your dad finding out. Noi is eventually persuaded that the whale has to go back to the sea where it belongs. For Noi, even though he can't keep it, the arrival of the whale changes his life for the better - the perfect gift from one friend to another.
Luna Loves Art- Joseph Coelho	"Luna Loves Art offers [the comfort that] not all families look the same - and that is a great message to celebrate." Laura Dockrill At the gallery, Luna is transfixed by the famous art, but her classmate Finn doesn't seem to want to be there at all. Finn's family doesn't look like the one in Henry Moore's 'Family Group' sculpture, but then neither does Luna's. Maybe all Finn needs is a friend. Join Luna and Finn at the Art Gallery and step inside famous works of art by Van Gogh, Damien Hirst, Henri Matisse, Andy Warhol and many more! Can you spot all the art?
Octopus Shocktopus- Peter Bently	A brilliantly bonkers story about an octopus who lives on the roof, by two award-winning and bestselling picture book creators. When a giant octopus arrives, the children LOVE their new friend; it makes the perfect slide and is fantastic at football! But some of the grown-ups aren't so pleased. Will they drive it away . . . or will they realise just how helpful an octopus can be? A warm and witty rhyming story about welcoming newcomers.
The Colour Monster- Anna Llenas	A picture book follow-up to The Colour Monster, Anna Llenas's jaw-dropping pop-up book. One day, Colour Monster wakes up feeling very confused. His emotions are all over the place; he feels angry, happy, calm, sad and scared all at once! To help him, a little girl shows him what each feeling means through colour. What is the Colour Monster feeling? And can you help him feel a little less mixed up? A gentle exploration of feelings for young and old alike.

Year 1

Clever Polly and the Stupid Wolf- Catherine Storr	This book includes twelve stories written for the author's daughter, who was scared of the wolf under the bed! Drawing occasionally on well-known fairy tales, and skillfully blending fantasy and reality, these stories are bursting with humour, originality and charm. And Polly, not scared at all, outwits the wolf on each and every occasion!
Cosmic Disco - Grace Nichols	A sparkling galaxy of new poems by one of the UK's most exciting contemporary poets. From Aurora Borealis, Sun - You' re a Star and A Matter of Holes, to Lady Winter' s Rap, the Earthworm Sonnet and You - a Universe Yourself, this is brilliant poetry with an astonishing range - comic riddles, animals and nature, home truths and the explosive wonder of the cosmos.
Sona Sharma, Very Best Big Sister- Chitra Soundar	<i>Being a big sister to a new baby brings big responsibilities.</i> Sona Sharma's house is full of people who joke often and argue sometimes. Relatives come unannounced, the phone rings frequently and friends drop in all the time. Then one day Amma tells Sona she is going to have a baby. Is that good? Sona isn't sure - she has always enjoyed being an only child - and straight away she has a word with her best friend, Elephant. When Sona learns that there will be a baby naming ceremony, she is determined to find the perfect name for her new brother or sister. Because although she realizes that her life is about to change, and while she's having some difficulty in coming to terms with having to share everything with the new baby - including Amma and Appa, her grandparents and her home - Sona Sharma wants to be the very best big sister she can be.
Ruby's Worry- Tom Percival	Be open, be honest, be you! Big Bright Feelings for little people. Ruby loves being Ruby. Until, one day, she finds a worry. At first it's not such a big worry, and that's all right, but then it starts to grow. It gets bigger and bigger every day and it makes Ruby sad.

	How can Ruby get rid of it and feel like herself again?
You Matter- Christian Robinson	<i>The small stuff too small to see. Those who swim with the tide and those who don't. The first to go and the last. You matter.</i> In this bright and beautiful picture book, many different perspectives around the world are deftly and empathetically explored - from a pair of bird-watchers to the pigeons they're feeding, from the hugest dinosaur to the tiniest fly.
I Can Only Draw Worms- Will Mabbitt	A riotously funny and ever-so-slightly bonkers book from genius storyteller Will Mabbitt.
Fantastic Mr Fox- Roald Dahl	I hope you've never had the misfortune to meet anyone as cruel and callous as Mr Boggis, Mr Bunce and Mr Bean. These three men are farmers and a more disgusting trio cannot be imagined. They usually spend their time gobbling down enormous dinners of boiled chicken, duck-filled doughnuts washed down with gallons of cider but now these three repulsive specimens are at war. For under a tree on the hill nearby live a fox and his friends: Mr Badger, Mr Mole, Mr Weasel, Mr Rabbit and their families. Every night cunning Mr Fox creeps into their farms and helps himself to a delicious dinner, but now Mr Boggis, Mr Bunce and Mr Bean have other ideas.
Sophie's Adventures- Dick King Smith	The inimitable Sophie is Dick King-Smith's most adored (human!) character, beautifully re-imagined twenty years later by the witty, perceptive paintbrush of the award-winning Hannah Shaw. Sophie loves animals of all kinds, but how will she grow up to be a farmer if she is not allowed any of her own? She goes looking for creatures to keep in her menagerie, but all she seems to find is trouble - yikes! And there is one pest she certainly doesn't want around: her prissy new neighbour, Dawn...

Year 2

What Planet are you from Clarice? - Lauren Child	Clarice Bean is learning about the environment at school. She needs to come up with a Big Project about Saving the Planet. ASAP. But when she discovers that the tree on their street is about to be chopped to pieces, she soon realises that it's the little things that can make a big difference ... Enter, Clarice Bean, Eco-Warrior!
Clarice Bean, Utterly Me! - Lauren Child	This is me, Clarice Bean. I'm not an only child, but sometimes I wish I was. The story revisits Clarice's family, and introduces Ruby Redfort, ace girl detective and star of Clarice's favourite books. Ruby is always going on exciting adventures, but all Clarice gets to do is go to the local shop on her own. But when Clarice and her best friend, Betty Moody, decide to do their school project on the Ruby Redfort books, they suddenly start finding mysteries everywhere. Why are all the coats on the wrong hooks at school, and where has Granddad disappeared to?
Spyder- Matt Carr	Introducing... Spyder - code name 0008 (legs). It's not easy being a super special secret agent when you're only as big as a pin badge. But when a birthday cake is under threat, Spyder is called upon. It's time to pack the spy-kit with binoculars, a top-secret laser pen and... a banana. Will Spyder save the day, and the party?
The Rainbow Bear- Michael Morpurgo	The polar bear is bored of his white environment and his hard life. He dreams of soaking himself in all the luminous colours of the rainbow. But when his wish is granted, he realises to his cost that his arctic camouflage no longer works and he needs the advice of others to escape his prism... A moving tale of hopes and dreams from an award-winning picture book team. The lyrical text is

	complemented by beautiful watercolours in which the joy and pain of the Rainbow Bear sing out.
The Proudest Blue- Ibtihaj Muhammad	Asiya's hijab is like the ocean and the sky, no line between them, saying hello with a loud wave. It's Faizah's first day of school, and her older sister Asiya's first day of hijab - made of a beautiful blue fabric. But not everyone sees hijab as beautiful. In the face of hurtful, confusing words, will Faizah find new ways to be strong? This is an uplifting, universal story of new experiences, the unbreakable bond shared by siblings and of being proud of who you are, from Olympic medallist Ibtihaj Muhammad.
The Big Book of the Blue- The Big Book Series- Yuval Zommer	<i>Why do octopuses have eight arms?</i> <i>Why do crabs run sideways?</i> <i>Are jellyfish made of jelly?</i> Yuval Zommer's beautiful new book provides the answers to these and many more fishy questions. His wonderfully quirky illustrations show off all kinds of slippery, shimmery and surprising sea creatures, including sea turtles, whales, sharks, rays and seahorses. Chatty, funny and full of amazing facts, it will be devoured by children eager to find out about the most exciting creatures from the deep blue.
Anna Hibiscus- Atinuke	A collection of four linked stories of family life set in modern west Africa. 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!
The Naughtiest Unicorn- Pip Bird	Mira CAN'T WAIT to start Unicorn School. (Her big sister goes and won't stop going on about it). But when Mira arrives on her first day all the unicorns are gone ... except Dave! Dave isn't quite the sparkly magical unicorn Mira was expecting to find at the end of the rainbow - he's more grumpy than glittery, more interested in lunch than magical quests and he always runs off when Mira tries to ride him - but Mira's not going to let that get her down. Along with her new friends and their (much more glittery) unicorns,

	she is determined to be the best at Quests and protect the special unicorn world!
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Year 3

The Boy Who Grew Dragons- Andy Shepherd

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 dragonfruit 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 has to learn how to look after Flicker - and quickly. And then something extraordinary happens - more dragonfruits appear on the tree. Tomas is officially growing dragons... The first book in a sparky and utterly enchanting new series.

The Day I Fell into a Fairy Tale- Ben Miller

Lana loves stories. Especially the ones she and her brother, Harrison, share in their make-believe games. But when Harrison decides he's too grown-up to play with Lana she finds herself feeling lonely. Until something magical happens ...

Hidden in the strange new supermarket in town, Lana discovers a portal to a fairytale world! But these aren't the happy-ever-after fairytales that Lana knows, they are darker and more dangerous, and the characters need Lana's help to defeat an evil witch. But she can't do it alone.

Can she convince Harrison to believe in stories again and journey to the world with her ... before it's too late?

Varjak Paw- SF Said	Varjak Paw is a Mesopotamian Blue kitten. He lives high up in an old house on a hill. He's never left home, but then his grandfather tells him about the Way - a secret martial art for cats. Now Varjak must use the Way to survive in a city full of dangerous dogs, cat gangs and, strangest of all the mysterious Vanishings.
Charlotte's Web- E.B. White	A poignant, humorous story of a pig, a spider and a little girl. Wilbur the pig's life has already been saved by Fern, but when he is sold to her uncle, he realises his life is in even more danger. Enter Charlotte A. Cavatica, a beautiful large grey spider. Charlotte is determined to keep Wilbur from the chopping block, and comes up with an ingenious way to do just that.
Knights and Bikes- Gabrielle Kent	Welcome to the sleepy island of Penfurzy, where nothing exciting ever really happens. OR DOES IT? Adventure awaits Demelza and her new best friend in the whole world, Nessa, as they explore the island and uncover the mysteries of the Penfurzy Knights. With a honking pet goose sidekick, quirky islanders and a legendary treasure to find, it's up to Nessa and Demelza to ride their bikes, solve the puzzles before them, and face down danger with frisbees, water-balloons, feathers and a toilet plunger. THEIR FRIENDSHIP WILL WARM YOUR HEART. THEIR BRAVERY WILL MAKE THEM LEGENDS.
I bet I can make you laugh: poems- Joshua Seigal	Packed full of stupendously silly, fantastically funny and hysterically hilarious poems, this brilliant anthology is edited by exciting young poet, Joshua Seigal. Featuring a diverse range of contributors and some brand new poems from Joshua himself, this book is perfect for anyone who needs a giggle or a belly laugh!
A Day in the life of a Poo, a Gnu and You- Mike Barfield	<i>A Day in the Life of a Poo, a Gnu and You</i> features the answers to all of these questions and many more, all told in a super-fun comic book format in three awesome sections: Human Body, Animal Kingdom and Earth and Science. <i>A Day in the Life...</i> is packed with facts, laughs and amazing illustrations you can dive into all day long.

Year 4

Murder on the Safari Star- M.G. Leonard

All-aboard for the third amazing journey in the bestselling Adventures on Trains series, *Murder on the Safari Star*, from M. G. Leonard and Sam Sedgman, illustrated throughout by Elisa Paganelli.

Harrison Beck and his Uncle Nat are on the journey of a lifetime aboard the Safari Star - a luxurious steam train that will take them from Pretoria to the stunning Victoria Falls. Close encounters with the amazing animals and landscape of Southern Africa are adventure enough, but things get mysterious when a passenger is found dead inside a locked compartment. Is it just a terrible accident or is something more suspicious afoot? It's up to train detective Hal and his new friend Winston to find out.

When the Mountains Roared- Jess Butterworth

I thought we'd live here forever ... but then, I thought Mum would be here forever too.

When Ruby's dad uproots her from Australia to set up a hotel in the mountains of India, Ruby is devastated. Not only are they living in a run-down building in the middle of the wilderness surrounded by scorpions, bears and leopards, but Ruby is sure that India will never truly feel like home - not without her mum there.

Ever since her mum died, Ruby has been afraid. Of cars. Of the dark. Of going to sleep and never waking up.

But then the last remaining leopards of the mountain are threatened and everything changes. Ruby vows to do all she can to protect them - if she can only overcome her fears...

The Queen's Nose- Dick King Smith

Harmony's uncle sends her on a treasure trail - which disappointingly ends in her finding a 50p piece. But the coin is a magic one, and when you rub the queen's nose, your wishes will come true!

Starfell: Willow Moss and the Lost Day- Dominique Valente	Willow Moss, the youngest and least powerful sister in a family of witches, has a magical ability for finding lost things - like keys, or socks, or wooden teeth. Useful, but not exactly exciting . . . Then the most powerful witch in the world of Starfell turns up at Willow's door and asks for her help. A whole day - last Tuesday to be precise - has gone missing. Completely. And, without it, the whole universe could unravel. Now Willow holds the fate of Starfell in her rather unremarkable hands . . . Can she save the day - by finding the lost one?
The Same Inside: Poems about Empathy and Friendship- Roger Stevens & Matt Goodfellow	<i>The Same Inside</i> is a sweet and thoughtful collection of poems about friendship, empathy and respect by three of the nation's best-loved poets, Liz Brownlee, Matt Goodfellow and Roger Stevens. These fifty poems deal sensitively with feelings, empathy, respect, courtesy, bullying, disability and responsibility. They are the perfect springboard to start conversations.
Shackleton's Journey- William Grill	Debut illustrator William Grill brings us a detailed visual narrative of Shackleton's epic journey to Antarctica. Grill's beautiful use of coloured pencils and vibrant hues places him somewhere on the artistic spectrum between Raymond Briggs and David Hockney and his fastidious cataloguing of every single detail of the expedition is nothing short of a Blackstock collection.
Survivors- David Long	So begins the story of the seventeen-year-old girl who fell from the sky, high above the jungles of Peru on a stormy morning on Christmas Eve and, somehow, survived to tell the tale. Do you have what it takes to be a survivor? The truth, they say, is stranger than fiction and these incredible real-life stories of extreme survival defy belief. Amongst the incredible tales of daring, courage, cunning and resilience are: The Man Who Sucked Blood from a Shark - a sailor who survived for 133 days on a raft in the Atlantic when his ship was torpedoed, using shark's blood in place of fresh water, The Woman Who Froze to Death, Yet Lived - a woman who was trapped under freezing water for so long her heart stopped only to be revived four hours later by paramedics. Combining classic tales such as Ernest Shackleton's Antarctic voyage, as well as more modern exploits such as the adventurer who

	inspired the movie 127 Hours, these astonishing stories will be retold by young readers to all of their friends.
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Year 5

The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh- Helen Rutter

Billy Plimpton is an eleven-year-old boy with a big dream. He wants to be a stand-up comedian when he grows up: delivering pinpoint punch-lines and having audiences hang on his every hilarious word. A tough career for anyone, but surely impossible for Billy, who has a stammer. How will he find his voice, if his voice won't let him speak?

The Girl of Ink and Stars- Kiran Millwood Hargrave

Isabella Riosse is the daughter of a cartographer who lives on the island of Joya; an isle both steeped in mythology and shrouded in mystery. For the last thirty years, a strict Governor has forbidden the island inhabitants from venturing beyond their small township.

Isabella is fascinated with the ancient myths of Joya, which is said to have once floated freely over the seas. Preoccupied with ideas of exploration and inspired by the far-flung places her father once documented, she yearns for adventure.

When her best friend Lupe runs away, disappearing into the forbidden forest, Isabella volunteers to bring her back. With only her knowledge of ancient myths and one of her father's maps to guide her, Isabella ventures into the perilous world beyond, where monsters lurk and magical rivers run.

The Last Bear- Hannah Gold

There are no polar bears left on Bear Island. At least, that's what April's father tells her when his scientific research takes them to this remote Arctic outpost for six months. But one endless summer night, April meets one. He is starving, lonely and a long way from home. Determined to save him, April begins the most important journey of her life...

This moving story will win the hearts of children the world over and show them that no one is too young or insignificant to make a difference. *The Last Bear* is a celebration of the love between a

	child and an animal, a battle cry for our world and an irresistible adventure with a heart as big as a bear's.
Secrets of a Sun King- Emma Carroll	London, 1922. A discovery from ancient Egypt... A cursed package... The untold story of a young pharaoh... When Lilian Kaye finds a parcel on her grandad's doorstep, she is shocked to see who sent it: a famous Egyptologist, found dead that very morning, according to every newspaper in England! The mysterious package holds the key to a story... about a king whose tomb archaeologists are desperately hunting for. Now Lil and her friends must embark on an incredible journey - to return the package to its resting place, to protect those they love, and to break the deadly pharaoh's curse.
Troofriend- Kirsty Applebaum	Sarah's super busy parents decide to invest in a TrooFriend 560 Mark IV - a robot buddy to keep their daughter company. This wonderfully thought-provoking story deals with some important questions about AI, friendship, compassion and what makes us human, and does it with exquisite subtlety. Thoughtful and warm, <i>TrooFriend</i> delights and moves in equal measure. Imagine having the perfect friend, one who never steals, lies or bullies. Now you can, with the TrooFriend 560, the latest in artificial intelligence! What can go wrong with a robot buddy? Especially one that's developing human characteristics and feelings, and who has just run away with her human?
Bright Bursts of Colour (poems)	A brilliant, prize-winning collection of poems by Matt Goodfellow which is funny, engaging and touching in turns. What if cats had flavoured fur

	or if you swallowed the sun? What if you were a special kind of badger or if you found a map to the stars? And what if your home was split during the week: one half at Mum's, the other half at Dad's?
The Wolves of Willoughby Chase- Joan Aiken	<i>Can you go a little faster? Can you run?</i> Long ago, at a time in history that never happened, England was overrun with wolves. But as Bonnie and her cousin Sylvia discover, real danger often lies closer to home. Their new governess, Miss Slighcarp, doesn't seem at all nice. She shuts Bonnie in a cupboard, fires the faithful servants and sends the cousins far away from Willoughby Chase to a place they will never be found. Can Bonnie and Sylvia outwit the wicked Miss Slighcarp and her network of criminals, forgers and snitches?

Year 6

The Night Bus Hero- Onjali Q. Rauf	<i>'The boy's an absolute menace.'</i> <i>'He's a bully. A lost cause!'</i> <i>'Why can't he be more like his sister?'</i> I've been getting into trouble for as long I can remember. Usually I don't mind 'cos some of my best, most brilliant ideas have come from sitting in detention. But recently it feels like no one believes me about anything - even when I'm telling the truth! And it's only gotten worse since I played a prank on the old man who lives in the park. Everyone thinks I'm just a bully. They don't believe I could be a hero. But I'm going to prove them all wrong... Told from the perspective of a bully, this book explores themes of bullying and homelessness, while celebrating kindness, friendship and the potential everyone has to change for the good.
Boy in the Tower- Polly Ho-Yen	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. His mum doesn't really like looking outside - but it's going outside that she hates. She's happier sleeping all day inside their tower, where it's safe. 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 . . .
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit- Judith Kerr	This internationally acclaimed story of one Jewish family's flight from Hitler's Germany has become a much-loved classic, and has been in print since its debut 45 years ago.

	Suppose your country began to change. Suppose that without your noticing, it became dangerous for some people to live in Germany any longer. Suppose you found, to your complete surprise, that your own father was one of those people. That is what happened to Anna in 1933. She was nine years old when it began, too busy to take much notice of political posters, but out of them glared the face of Adolf Hitler, the man who would soon change the whole of Europe - starting with her own small life. One day, Anna's father was missing. Then she herself and her brother Max were being rushed by their mother, in alarming secrecy, away from everything they knew - home and schoolmates and well-loved toys - right out of Germany...
Orphans of the Tide- Struan Murray	<i>The City was built on a sharp mountain that jutted improbably from the sea, and the sea kept trying to claim it back. That grey morning, once the tide had retreated, a whale was found on a rooftop.</i> When a mysterious boy washes in with the tide, the citizens believe he's the Enemy - the god who drowned the world - come again to cause untold chaos. Only Ellie, a fearless young inventor living in a workshop crammed with curiosities, believes he's innocent. But the Enemy can take possession of any human body and the ruthless Inquisition are determined to destroy it forever. To save the boy, Ellie must prove who he really is - even if that means revealing her own dangerous secret...
Pig Heart Boy- Malorie Blackman	You're thirteen. All you want is a normal life. But most normal kids don't need heart transplants.

	So there's this doctor. He says there's a chance for you. But he also says it's experimental, controversial and risky. And it's never been done before.
All the Things that could go Wrong- Stewart Foster	<i>There are two sides to every story</i> Dan is angry. Nothing has been the same since his big brother left, and he's taking it out on the nearest and weakest target: Alex. Alex is struggling. His severe OCD makes it hard for him to leave the house, especially when Dan and his gang are waiting for him at school . . . Then the boys' mums arrange for them to meet up and finish building the raft that Dan started with his brother. Two enemies stuck together for the whole of the school holidays - what could possibly go wrong?
Overheard in a tower block: Poems- Joseph Coelho	Gazing at the stars from five storeys up, smelling the bins from five storeys below. Overheard arguments, overheard laughter. A disappearing father and a Mermaid-Queen mother; statues that sing for flesh and blood; bullies who kick you under the table; perfect red trainers - and the things that lurk in the library.... Award-winning poet Joseph Coelho's astonishing new collection is a powerful and moving poetic narrative about growing up in the city.