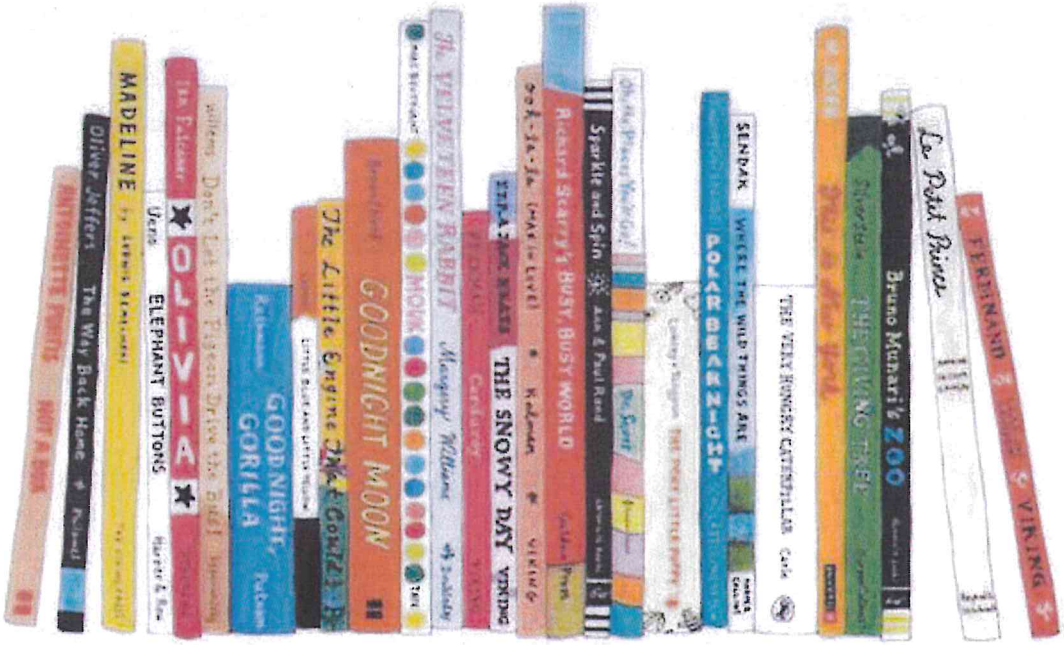
Recommended Reads chosen for children by children from Worcester City Schools



Rationale

'There is no such thing as someone who doesn't like reading, it is just that they haven't found the books they like yet.'

At the beginning of the school year a group of English leaders from Worcester City schools met to discuss and explore 'reading' within their schools. The discussion eventually led to statutory assessments particularly at Key Stage 2—it was generally felt that children needed to have greater stamina in order to complete the reading. The more successful children appeared to be the children who regularly read. This, in turn, led to a discussion of the types of texts children read, either for learning or for pleasure, or both. After much debate it was agreed that the English group would focus on how to promote reading for pleasure across the schools. Therefore we set upon a plan.

1. Create a list of reads which the children from Worcester would recommend to each other. This was vital as it was not to be publisher or mainly adult led.
2. Each leader returned to their schools to collect the children's recommendations.
3. We met a few months later and most schools had contributed ; we began to review and to 'curate' the collection.
4. It was clear that any book by Julia Donaldson is a favourite (unsurprisingly, the Gruffalo had the most recommendations for the younger children) and the popularity of David Walliams as an author is evident.
5. Teachers were also keen to add their own recommendations so it was felt around 10 of the titles would be their selection.
6. Finally one of the members of the group co-ordinated, curated and presented the final lists of 100 recommendations for EYFS; 100 recommendations for Key Stage One; 100 recommendations for Lower Key Stage Two; and 100 recommendations for Upper Key Stage Two.
7. The lists are not exclusive to their age groups—we know a lot of older children who for 'pure pleasure' will pick a picture book. Likewise there are younger children who love a challenge!

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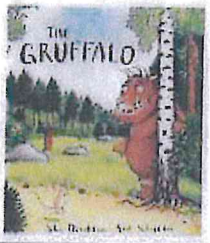
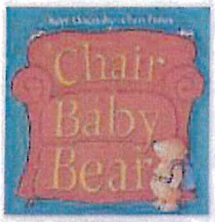
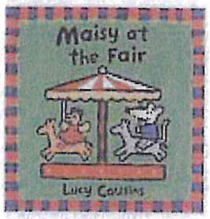
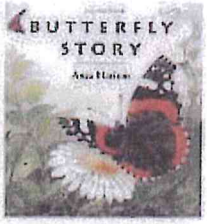
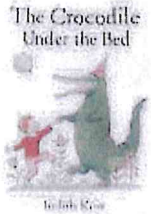
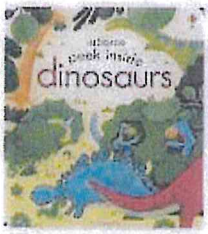
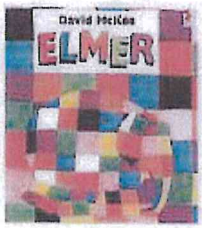
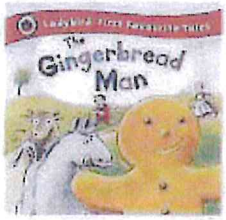
The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson 	The Elephant and the Bad Baby by Elwira Vipont	Ten Little Superheroes by Mike Brownlow	A Chair for Baby Bear by Kaye Umansky 	Maisy at the Fair by Lucy Cousins 
Angelina Ballerina by Katherine Holabird	Usborne Illustrated Animal Stories	Aaargh Spider by Lydia Monks	Barry, the Fish with Fingers by Sue Hendra	Disney's Beauty and the Beast
Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom	Ben Ten	Butterfly Story by Anca Hariton 	Disney Pixar's Cars	The Crocodile Under the Bed by Judith Kerr 
Dinosaur More! by Henrietta Strickland	Usborne Peek Inside Dinosaurs 	Disney's Frozen	Dragon Jelly by Clare Freedman	Elmer by David McKee 
The Gingerbread Man (Traditional) 	Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andrae	We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen	Goldilocks and the Three Bears (traditional)	The Great Pet Sale by Mick Inkpen

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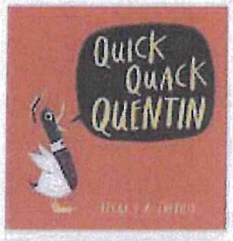
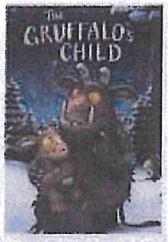
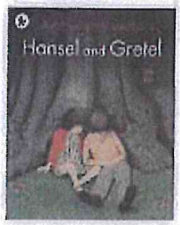
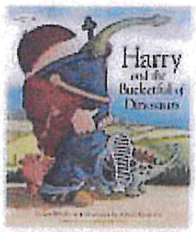
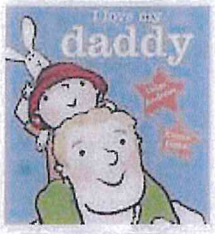
Peace at Last by Jill Murphy	Kipper by Mick Inkpen	Quick Quack Quentin by Kes Grey	The Gruffalo's Child by Julia Donaldson	Hairy MacClary by Lynley Dodd
Hansel and Gretel (Traditional)	Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs by Ian Whybrow	I Want my Hat Back by Jan Klassen	I Love My Daddy by Giles Andrae	Usborne Book of Elephants
Looking After Hamsters	Keith the Cat with the Magic Hat by Sue Hendra	The Lion Inside by Rachel Bright	We're Roaming in the Rainforest	Little Lumpty by Miko Imai
The Little Red Hen by Jonathan Allen	Little Rabbit Foo Foo by Michael Rosen	Little Miss Trouble by Roger Hargreaves	Naughty Bus by Jan and Jerry Oke	Norman, the Slug with the Silly Shell by Sue Hendra
Oi Frog! By Kes Grey	Paw Patrol Magazine	Peppa Pig created by Mark Barker	Percy the Park Keeper by Nick Butterworth	The Princess and the Wizard by Julia Donaldson

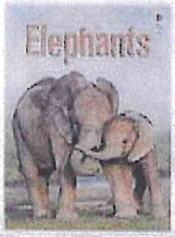


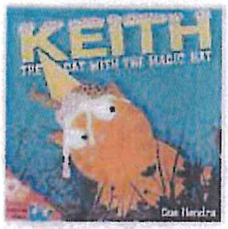


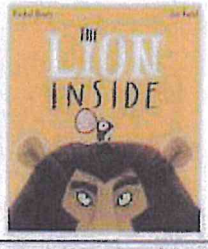


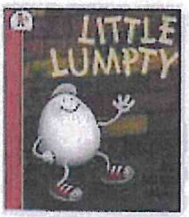


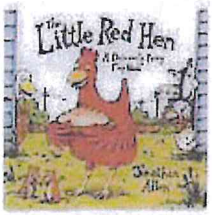


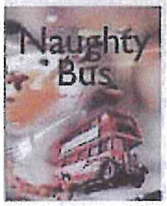


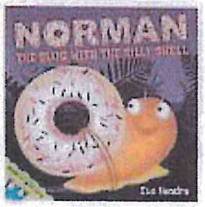


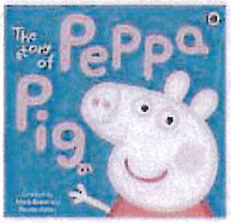












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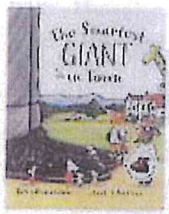
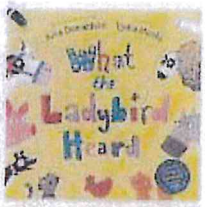
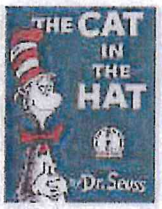
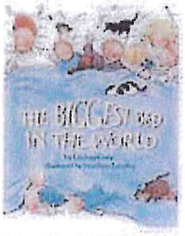
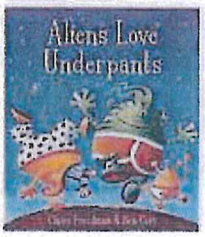
Rapunzel (Traditional)	Room on a Broom by Julia Donaldson	Shark in the Park by Nick Sharratt	Stick Man by Julia Donaldson	Sharing a Shell by Julia Donaldson
The Smartest Giant in Town by Julia Donaldson 	What the Ladybird Heard by Julia Donaldson 	The Snail and the Whale by Julia Donaldson	The Three Little Pigs (Traditional)	The Bumble Bear by Nadia Shireen
Each Pear, Pear Plum by Janet and Allan Ahlberg	The Jolly Postman by Janet and Allen Ahlberg	The Cat in the Hat by Dr Seuss 	The Magic Train Ride by Sally Crabtree	The Princess and the Pea (Traditional)
The Biggest Bed in the World by Lindsay Camp 	Whatever Next! by Jill Murphy	Aliens Love Underpants by Claire Freedman and Ben Cort 	The Tiger Who Came to Tea by Judith Kerr	The Treasure Hunt by Nick Butterworth
The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle	Disney's Tinkerbell	Walking through the Jungle by Julie Lacome	We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen	Who's Hiding the Tiger by Vincent Mathy

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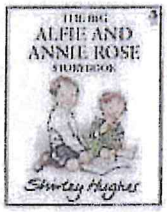
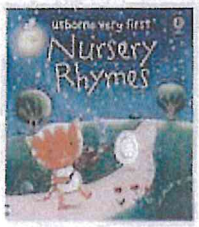
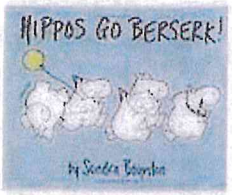
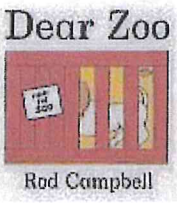
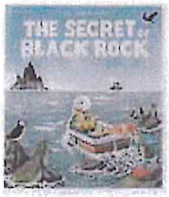
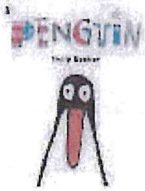
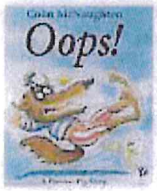
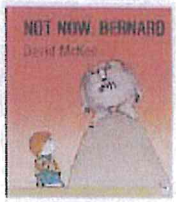
Can't You Sleep Little Bear? By Martin Waddell	Winnie the Witch By Valerie Thomas and Korky Paul	The Alfie and Annie Rose Storybook by Shirley Hughes 	Nursery Rhymes (Traditional) 	There was an old lady who swallowed a fly (trad.)
Monkey and Me by Emily Gravett	Hippos Go Beserk by Sandra Boynton 	Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell 	Lucie Goose by Danny Baker and Pippa Curnick	There's a Pig Up My Nose by John Dougherty and Laura Hughes
Sunk! by Rob Biddulph	The Secret of Black Rock by Joe Todd Stanton 	That Bear Can't Babysit by Ruth Quayle and Alison Friend	Penguin by Polly Dunbar 	When a Monster is Born by Sean Taylor
Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers	Oops! by Colin McNaughton 	The Last Noo-Noo by Jill Murphy	So Much by Trish Cook	Not Now Bernard by David McKee 
This Is Not My Hat by Jan Klassen	Meg and Mog by Helen Nicholls	The Magic Porridge Pot (Traditional)	Don't Put your Finger in the Jelly Nelly by Nick Sharratt	Would You Rather? by John Burmingham

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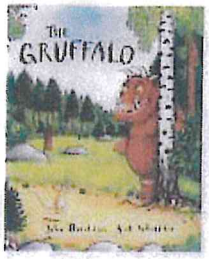
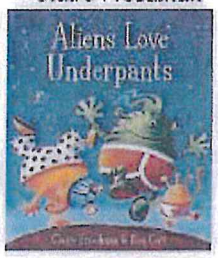
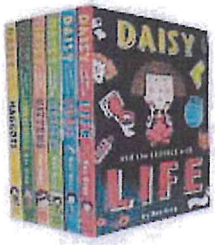
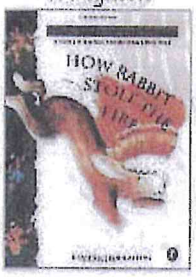
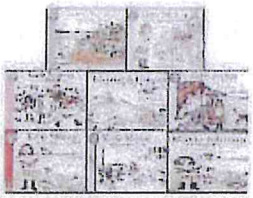
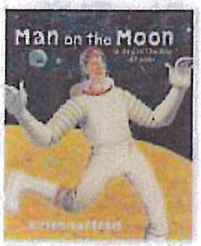
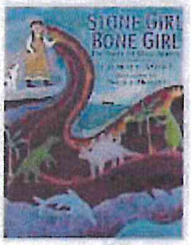
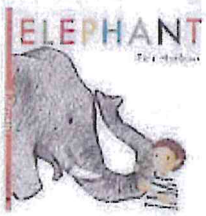
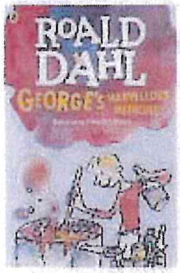
The Gruffalo – Julia Donaldson 	Julia Donaldson Collection	Aliens Love Underpants - Claire Freedman 	Daisy Series – Kes Grey 	How Rabbit Stole the Fire – Joanna Troughton 
Handa's Surprise – Eileen Browne	The Way Back Home -Oliver Jeffers	Katie Morag – Maira Hedderwick 	Whatever Next -Jill Murphy	Horrid Henry Series – Francesca Simon
The Jolly Postman - Janet and Allan Ahlberg	Man on the Moon – Simon Bartram 	Stone Girl, Bone Girl – Laurence Anholt 	Seriously Silly Stories - Laurence Anholt	Winnie the Witch - Valerie Thomas
Elephant – Petr Horacek 	Captain Underpants – Dav Spikey	Dirty Bertie Collection – Robert MacDonald	The Enormous Crocodile – Roald Dahl	Dogger - Shirley Hughes
Mustard, Custard, Grumble Belly and Gravy - Michael Rosen and Quentin Blake	Dougal the Deep Sea Diver -Simon Bartram	Fairytale News - Colin & Jacqui Hawkins	George's Marvellous Medicine – Roald Dahl 	How Things Work – Conrad Mason

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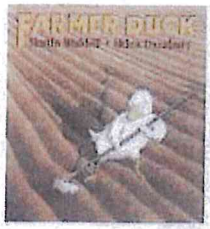
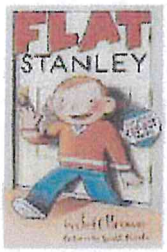
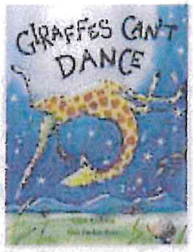
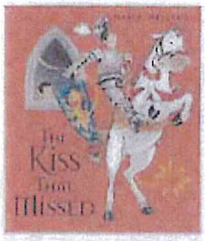
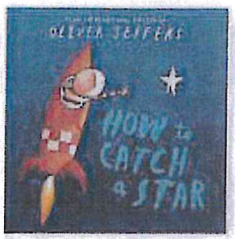
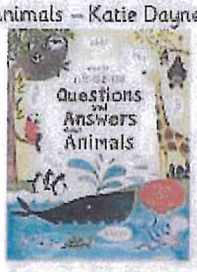
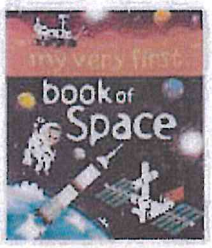
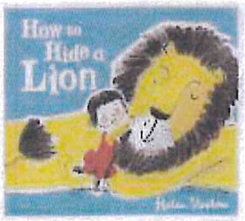
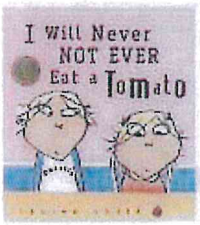
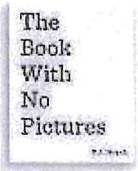
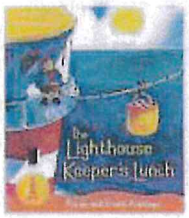
Farmer Duck - Martin Waddell 	Flanimals -Ricky Gervais	Flat Stanley - Jeff Brown 	Giraffes Can't Dance - Giles Andreae 	The Kiss that Missed – David Melling 
To Catch a Star – Oliver Jeffers 	Lift-the-Flat Questions and Answers About Animals – Katie Daynes 	Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy - Lynley Dodd	Funny Bones -Allan Ahlberg	Six Dinner Sid -Inga Moore
The Hodgeheg – Dick King-Smith	Here We Are - Oliver Jeffers	The Very Hungry Caterpillar – Eric Carle	My First Book of Space 	Horrid Henry Series - Francesca Simon
How to Hide a Lion - Helen Stephens 	Dinosaur Munch! – Jeanne Willis (Dinosaur Roar series)	I Will Never Not Ever Eat a Tomato - Lauren Child 	Burglar Bill – Janet & Allen Ahlberg	The Book With No Pictures -B. J. Novak 
Traditional Tales	Lighthouse Keepers Lunch – Ronda and David Armitage 	Knuffle Bunny - Mo Williams	The Snowman – Raymond Briggs	The Tiger Who Came to Tea -Judith Kerr

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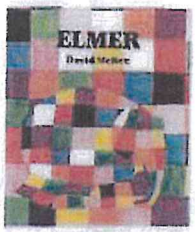
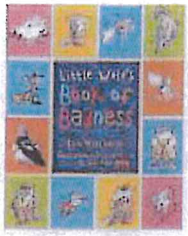
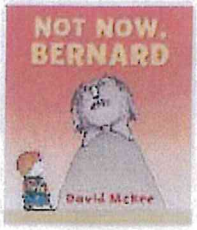
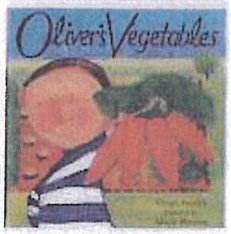
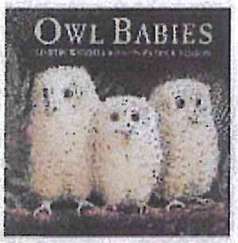
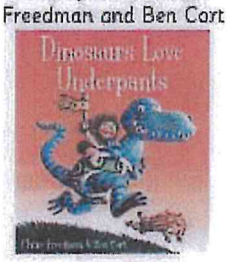
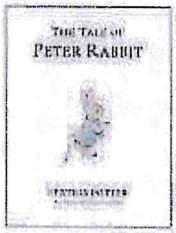
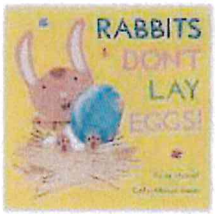
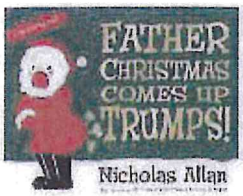
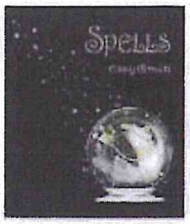
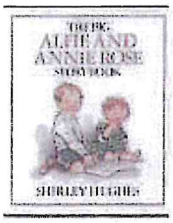
Elmer - David McKee 	Little Wolf's Book of Badness – Ian Whybrow 	Do Knights Take Naps? – Kathy Turner	Never Use a Knife and Fork – Neil Goddard &Nick Sharratt	Mr Men/Little Miss Collection - Roger Hargreaves
Not Now Bernard - David McKee 	Oliver's Vegetables - Vivien French 	Once There Were Giants - Martin Waddell	Owl Babies - Martin Waddell 	Oh No Monster Tomato -Jim Helmore and Karen Wall
Peace at Last - Jill Murphy	The Knight and the Dragon – Tomie Depaola	Dr Seuss Collection	Dinosaurs love Underpants – Claire Freedman and Ben Cort 	Peter Rabbit - Beatrix Potter 
Princess Smartypants - Babette Cole	Pumpkin Soup - Helen Cooper	Rabbits Don't Lay Eggs – Paula Metcalf and Cally Johnson-Isaacs 	Rainbow Magic Books - Daisy Meadows	Rumble in the Jungle – Giles Andrae
Father Christmas Comes Up Trumps – Nicholas Allen 	Spells - Emily Gravett 	The Big Alfie and Annie Rose Storybook -Shirley Hughes 	The Blue Balloon - Mick Inkpen	The Jolly Christmas Postman - Allan Ahlberg

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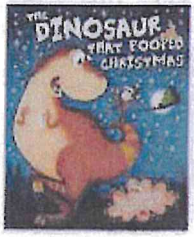
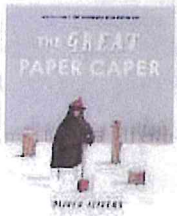
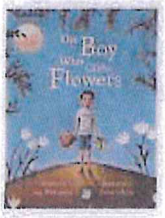
The Day the Crayons Quit - Andrew Daywalt	The Dinosaur That Pooped Christmas - Tom Fletcher 	The Dinosaur's Packed Lunch - Jacqueline Wilson	The Famous Five – Enid Blyton	The Giraffe, the Pelly and Me - Roald Dahl
The Great Paper Caper -Oliver Jeffers 	The Pirate Cruncher – Jonny Duddle	The Boy Who Grew Flowers -Jen Wojtowicz 	Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress - Christine Baldachino	The Heart and the Bottle -Oliver Jeffers
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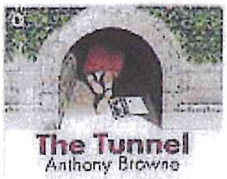
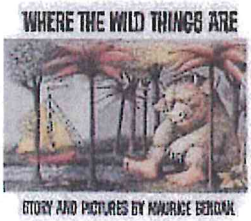
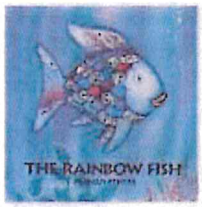
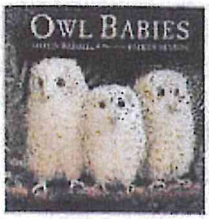
The Tunnel -Anthony Browne 	The Wishing Chair – Enid Blyton	We're Going On A Bear Hunt - Michael Rosen	Where the Wild Things Are - Maurice Sendak 	Whatever Next – Jill Murphy
Can't You Sleep Little Bear? – Martin Waddell	Zoo - Anthony Browne	The Rainbow Fish – Marcus Pfister 	The Princess and the Pea - Lauren Child	Owl Babies- Martin Waddell 

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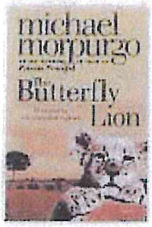
The BFG – Roald Dahl	Born To Run – Michael Morpurgo	Butterfly Lion- Michael Morporgo 	Captain Underpants -Dav Pilkey	Cave Baby – Julia Donaldson
The Iron Man - Ted Hughes	The Bear and the Piano - David Litchfield	Stone age boy – Satoshi Kitamura	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory - Roald Dahl	The Twits – Roald Dahl
Charlotte's Web - E. B. White	Chronicles of Narnia – CS Lewis	Cliffhanger - Jacqueline Wilson	Demon Dentist David Walliams	Diary of a Wimpy Kid - JF Kinney
The Great Kapok Tree – Lynne Cherry	Running wild – Michael Morpurgo	Dogman - Dav Pilkey	Dork Diaries – Rachel Renee Russell	Dr Seuss Collection

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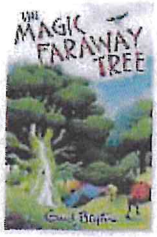
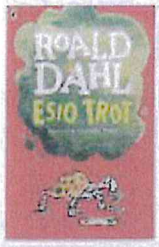
Enid Blyton – Faraway Tree 	Dirty Bertie Series - Robert Macdonald	Alice's adventures in wonderland – Lewis Carroll	Esio Trot - Roald Dahl 	Evie's Magical Bracelet - Jessica Ennis-Hill
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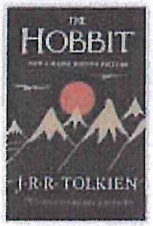
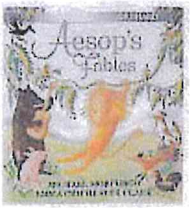
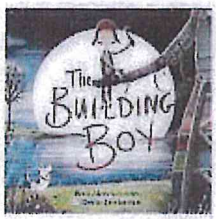
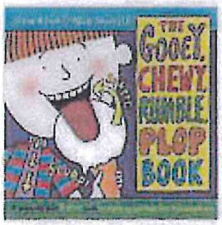
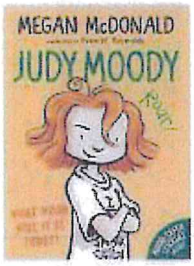
The Phantom and the Fisherman - Terry Deary	The Magic and the Mummy - Terry Deary	The Hobbit – JRR Tolkein 	Horrid Henry Series - Francesca Simon	Into the woods – Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine
Aesop's Fables - Michael Morpurgo 	The Building Boy - Ross Montgomery 	The Gooey Chewy Rumble Plop Book – Alton & Sharratt 	The Dancing Bear – Michael Morpurgo	How to Train your Dragon -Cressida Cowell
James and the Giant Peach - Roald Dahl	How to play like a pro – football non-fiction	First News Newspaper	Judy Moody - Megan McDonald 	Julia Donaldson books

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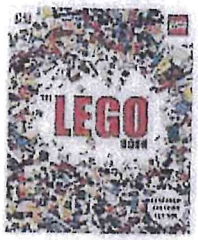
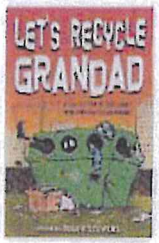
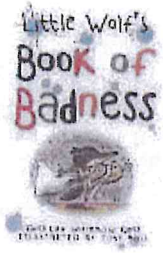
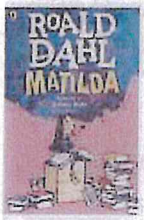
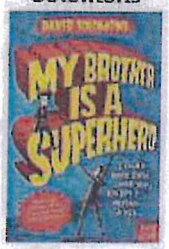
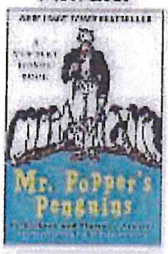
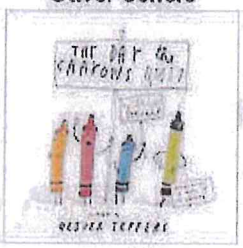
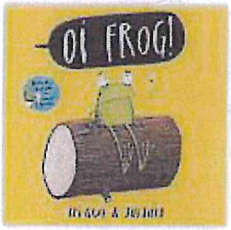
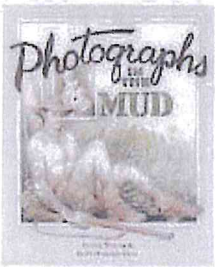
The Lego Book 	Krindlekrax - Philip Ridley	Lemony Snickert – Series of Unfortunate Events	Let's Recycle Grandad – 	Little Wolf's Book of Badness 
The Shipwrecked Sailor -Tamara Bower	Romans on a Rampage – Jeremy Strong	Mr Stink – David Walliams	Matilda -Roald Dahl 	Mr Majeika and the Ghost Train
My Brother is a Superhero – David Solomons 	Mr. Popper's Penguins -Richard Atwater 	My Dad's a Birdman - David Almond	The Day the Crayons Quit – Oliver Jeffers 	How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth - Robinson & Hindley
O'Clock Tales – Enid Blyton	Oi! Frog - Kes Gray 	Perijee & Me - Ross Montgomery	Photographs in the Mud -Dianne Wolfer 	Redwall Series - Brian Jacques
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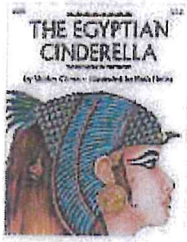
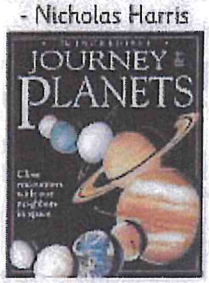
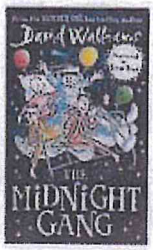
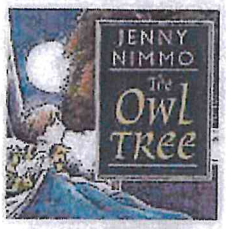
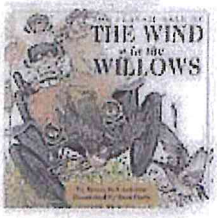
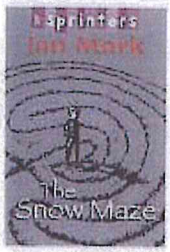
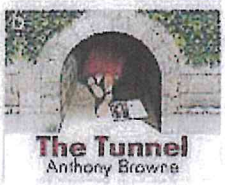
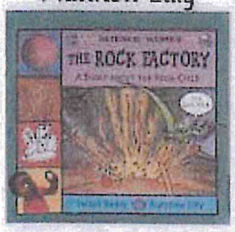
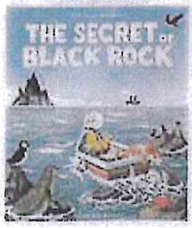
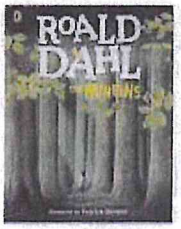
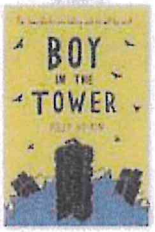
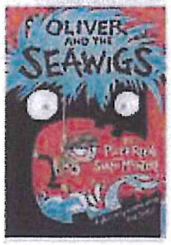
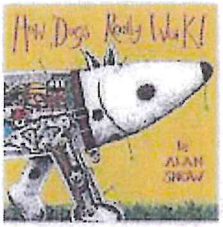
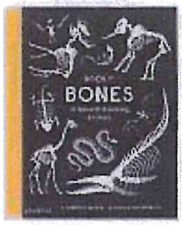
The Cat Who Wanted To Go Home - Jill Tomlinson	The Egyptian Cinderella -Shirley Climo 	The Hodgeheg - Dick King Smith	The Incredible Journey to the Planets - Nicholas Harris 	The Midnight Gang – David Walliams 
The Owl Tree - Jenny Nimmo 	The Owl who was afraid if the Dark - Jill Tomlinson	The Secret of Platform 13 - Eva Ibbotson	The Wind in the Willows- Kenneth Grahame 	The Snow Maze - Jan Mark 
The Shaman's Apprentice - Lynne Cherry	You're a Bad Man Mr Gum! – Andy Stanton	Window – Jeannie Baker	The Tunnel – Anthony Browne 	The Rock Factory - Jacquie Bailey and Matthew Lilly 
The Secret of Black Rock – Joe Todd-Stanton 	The Minpins – Roald Dahl 	Podkin One Ear – Kieran Norwood	The Boy in the Tower – Holly Ho-Hen 	The Day I swapped my Dad for a Goldfish – Neil Gaiman
Asterix Series	Oliver and the Seawigs – Philip Reeve 	How Dogs Really Work – Alan Snow 	Book of Bones: 10 Recordbreaking Animals - Gabrielle Balkan 	Bill's New Frock - Anne Fine

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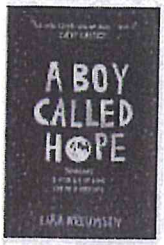
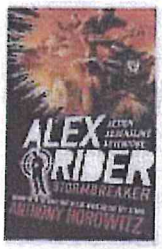
A Boy called Hope – Lara Williamson 	A Place Called Perfect- Helena Duggan	Alex Ryder Series – Anthony Horowitz 	AniMalcolm – Daid Baddiel	Auggie and Me: Three Wonder Stories – R.J. Palacio
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Bridge to Terabithea- Katherine Paterson	Carrie's War- Nina Bawden	Chocolate Box Girl series- Cathy Cassidy	Chitty Chitty Bang Bang - Frank Cotterell Boyce	Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis
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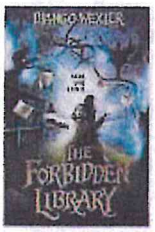
Football School -Alex Ballos and Ben Lyttleton	Forbidden Library by Django Wexler 	Geek Girl -Holly Smaile	Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series – Jeff Kinney	Dork Diaries Series

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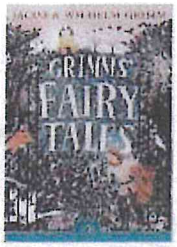
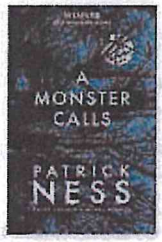
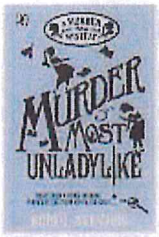
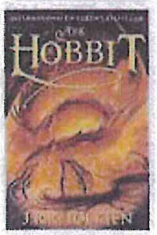
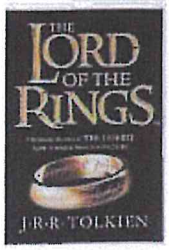
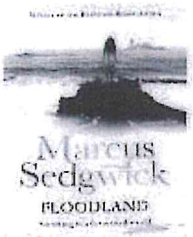
Girl Online by Zoe Suggs	Gold of the God – Bear Grylls	Grimm's Fairy Tales- Jakob Grimm 	Guinness Book of World Records	Percy Jackson Series – Rick Riordan
Harry Potter Series – J.K. Rowling	Hetty Feather Series	Holes - Louis Sacher	How to train your dragon- Cressida Cowell	Itch – Simon Mayo
Killer Pass – football crime books – Tom Palmer	A Monster Calls – Patrick Ness 	Murder Most Unladylike – Robin Stevens 	Nancy Parkers Diary of Detection by Julia Lee	The Hobbit – JRR Tolkein 
Lord of the Rings Trilogy – JRR Tolkein 	The Secret Garden – Frances Hodgson-Burnett	My Family and Other Animals -Gerald Durrell	Kid Normal – Greg James and Chris Smith	Jacqueline Wilson collection
Floodlands – Marcus Sedgwick 	The Way Things Work Now – David Macaulay	Mortal Engines - Phillip Reeve	Science Museum collection -Glenn Murphy	Ruby Redfort – Lauren Child

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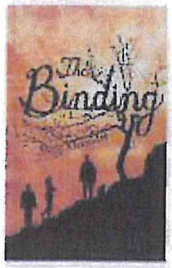
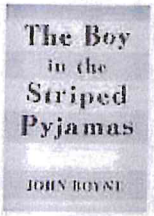
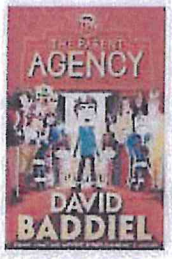
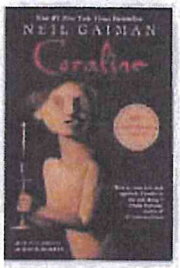
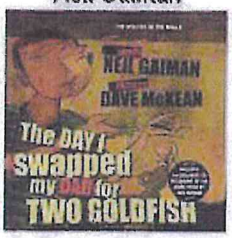
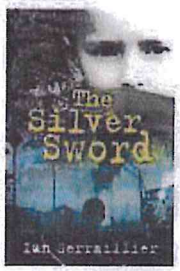
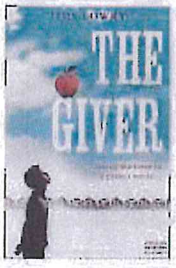
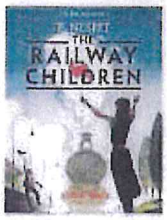
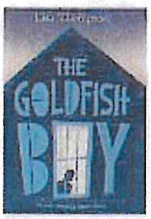
Shout Magazine 	Skellig – David Almond 	Michael Morpurgo Collection 	Skullduggery Pleasant – Derek Landy 	The Binding by Jenny Alexander 
The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas – John Boyne 	The Edge Chronicles: Beyond the Deep Woods by Phil Stewart and Chris Ruddell 	The Indian in the Cupboard Trilogy by Lynne Reid Banks 	The Parent Agency - David Baddiel 	The School for Bad and Evil – Simon Chaviani
There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom - Louis Sachar 	Tin Tin- Herge 	Wolf Brother- Michelle Paver 	Wonder by R.J.Palacio 	Coraline – Neil Gaiman 
Millions – Frank Cottrell Boyce 	The Day I Swapped my Dad for Two Goldfish by Neil Gaiman 	The Silver Sword – Ian Serrallier 	The Giver– Lois Lowry 	Cloud Busting – Malorie Blackman
I Was a Rat – Phillip Pullman 	Time Travelling with a Hamster -Ross Welford 	The Railway Children – E Nesbitt 	The Goldfish Boy - Lisa Thompson 	Awful End – Philip Ardagh

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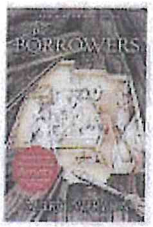
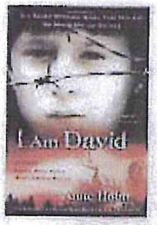
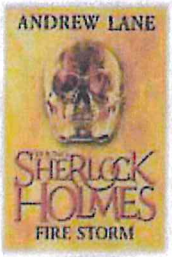
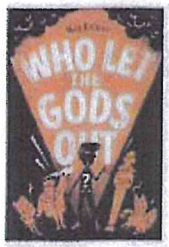
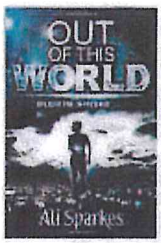
The Girl of Ink and Stars - Kiran Milwood Hargreaves	Artemis Fowl – Eoin Colfer	The Borrowers – M Norton 	Treasure island – Robert Louis Stevenson	Rose Blanche – Ian McEwan and Roberto Innocenti
I Am David – Anne Holm 	Red Dog – Louis de Berniers	Tell Me No Lies – Malorie Blackman	FArTHER by Grahame Baker-Smith	The Star of Kazan – Eva Ibbotson
The Boy who Fell Down Exit 43 – Harriet Goodwin	Wolves in the Walls – Neil Gaiman	Young Sherlock – Andrew Lane 	The Middle of Nowhere – Geraldine McCaughrean	Lost Thing – Shaun Tan
Who Let the Gods Out – Maz Evans 	Cogheart – Peter Bunzl	Beetle Boy – MG Leonard	Wolves of Willoughby Chase – Joan Aiken	The Island at the End of Everything – Kiran Millwood Hargraves
The Boy in the Tower – Polly Ho-Yen	The Water Tower- Gary Crew	Out of this World – Ali Sparkes 	Tom Gates Series – Liz Pichon	Usborne Newspaper Histories