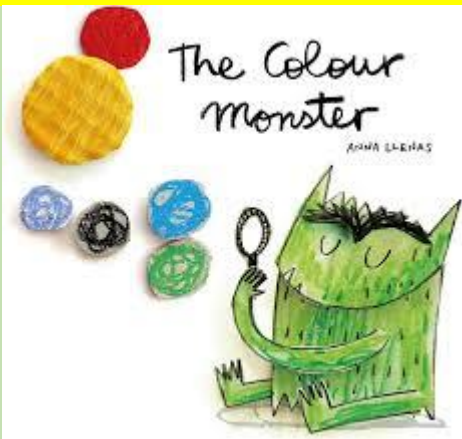
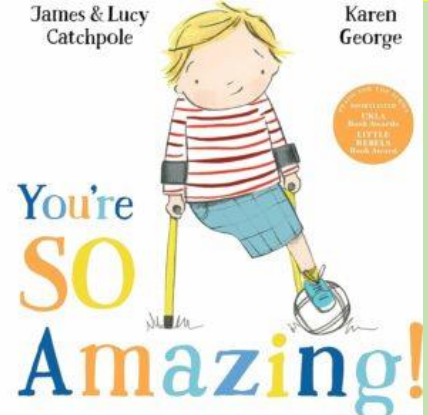
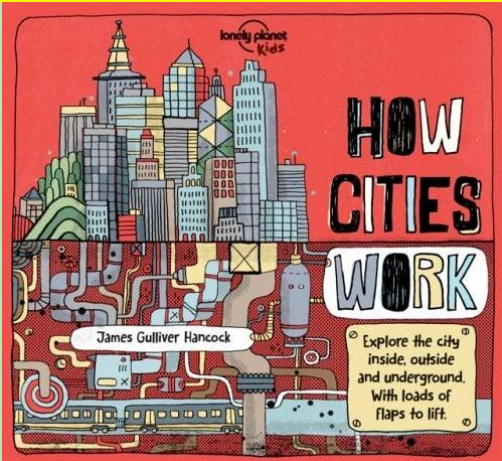
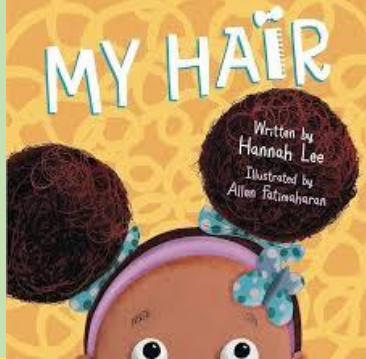
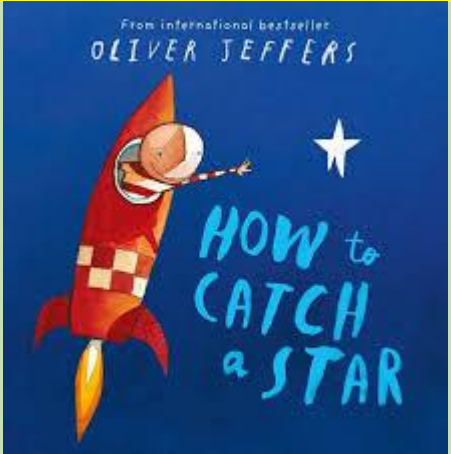


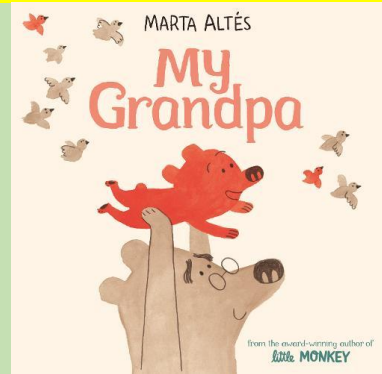
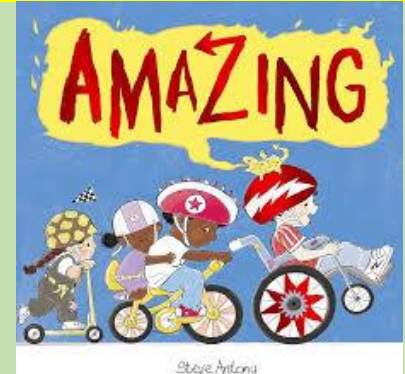
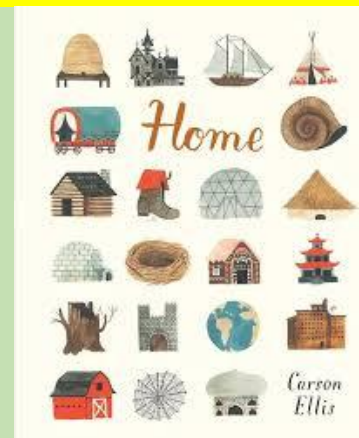
SPST's EYFS Recommended Books to Read and Enjoy

	Title	Type	Synopsis	Themes	Book Cover
1	The Colour Monster <i>Anna Llenas</i>	Fiction	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 how can you help him feel a little less mixed up?	Emotions	
2	You're so Amazing! <i>James and Lucy Catchpole and Karen George</i>	Fiction	One-legged Joe is amazing! He knows this because wherever he goes people always tell him he's amazing. Amazing for sliding down the slide, kicking a ball....even walking to get an ice cream, or even just eating an ice cream. Ofcourse, being Amazing Joe is better than being Poor Joe...	Diversity - disabilities	

3	<p>Oi Frog!</p> <p><i>Kes Gray and Jim Field</i></p>	Fiction	<p>Cats sit on hats, hares sit on chairs, mules sit on stools and gophers sit on sofas. Jam-packed with animals and silliness, this original rhyming story is guaranteed to get everyone giggling.</p>	Rhyme	
4	<p>Do You Love Bugs?</p> <p><i>Matt Robertson</i></p>	Non-Fiction	<p>Crawly! Hairy! Maybe a bit scary? Snails slime upside down. Eeek! Worms can somersault and butterflies smell like cake. YUM, wait, don't eat them...because bugs are truly BRILLIANT!</p>	Insects	
5	<p>Zim Zam Zoom – Poems to read aloud</p> <p><i>James Carter</i></p>	Poetry	<p>Want to travel in a rocket? Search for a grumpy dragon? Make your very own monster? Visit a higgledy-piggledy farm? Well hope into Zim Zam Zoom – for fun and adventures galore! Colours, animals, space, music, fairytale fireworks....! Here is a collection of poems especially written for performance.</p>	Performance Poetry	

6	<p>Lonely Planet Kids: How Cities Work</p> <p><i>James Gulliver Hancock and Jen Feroze</i></p>	Non-Fiction	<p>Get ready to explore the city in a whole new way. This innovative book for younger readers is packed with city facts, loads of flaps to lift, and unfolding pages to see inside buildings and under the streets. Children can learn about skyscrapers, subway systems and stinky sewers. Discover where people live and peek behind closed doors to see what's going on in houses and apartments, or why not find out about what goes on underneath the streets you walk on everyday.</p>	Understanding the World	
7	<p>My Hair</p> <p><i>Hannah Lee and Allen Fatimaharan</i></p>	Fiction	<p>My birthday's coming up so soon. I'll need new clothes to wear. But most of all, I need to know, How shall I style my hair? Will it be dreads or a twist out? Braids or a high top fade? Joyous and vibrant, this captures perfectly the excitement of getting ready for a celebration, as well as showcasing a dazzling array of intricate hairstyles.</p>	Diversity	
8	<p>How to Catch a Star</p> <p><i>Oliver Jeffers</i></p>	Fiction	<p>There once was a boy who loved stars so much that he wished he had one of his very own. Every night he watched the stars in the sky from his bedroom window and dreamed of how he could be their friend and how they could play hide-and-go-seek together.</p>	Fiction	

9	<p>It Fell from the Sky</p> <p><i>The Fan Brothers</i></p>	Fiction	<p>It fell from the sky on a Thursday. None of the insects know where it came from, or what it is. Some say it's an egg. Others, a gumdrop. But whatever it is, it fell near Spider's house, so he's convinced it belongs to him. Spider builds a wondrous display so that insects far and wide can come to look at the marvel. Spider has their best interests at heart. So what if he has to charge a small fee? So what if the longs are long? But as Spider raises the prices, insects stop showing up, much to Spider's bemusement. And then, all of a sudden, an unexpected disaster hits and the marvel disappears!</p>	Sharing	
10	<p>Lila and the Secret of Rain</p> <p><i>David Conway and Jude Daly</i></p>	Fiction	<p>For months the sun has burned down on Lila's village. It is too hot to gather firewood, or weed the garden. It is even too hot to milk the cow. Without rain the well will dry and the crops will fail. Lila is so worried that when her Grandad whispers the secret of rain to her, she sets off to talk to the sky herself.</p>	Natural Resources, extreme weather, diversity	
11	<p>Little Red Reading Hood</p> <p><i>Lucy Rowland</i></p>	Fiction	<p>Little Red Reading Hood loves reading stories and making up stories of her own. When she meets a cunning wolf while on her way to the library, he convinces her to stray from the path and read for a little while. But hasn't she read this in a story before? Perhaps it's time she came up with a new ending...</p>	Traditional Tales	

12	My Grandpa <i>Marta Eltes</i>	Fiction	A moving and memorable book about the very special relationship between an elderly grandfather and his adoring grandson.	Relationships	
13	Amazing <i>Steve Antony</i>	Fiction	A little boy and his pet dragon are the very best of friends. They laugh, they sing, they dance, they snooze. They are both amazing – just like everyone else!	Confidence	
14	Home <i>Carson Ellis</i>	Non-Fiction	Home might be a house in the country, a flat in the city, or even a shoe. There are clean homes, messy homes, sea homes and bee homes. Home resides on the road or in the sea, in the realm of myth or in the artist's own studio. This loving look at the places where people live brims with intriguing characters and is a visual treat that demands many a return visit.	Geography	

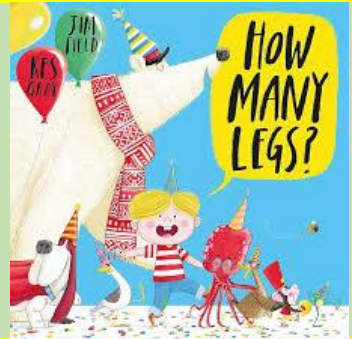

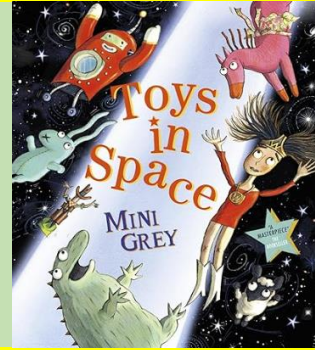
15	<p>Thunder Underground</p> <p><i>Jane Yolen</i></p>	Poetry	<p>In this collection of poems, noted children's poet Jane Yolen takes readers on an expedition underground, exploring everything from animal burrows and human creations, like subways near the surface – to ancient cities and fossils, lower down – to caves, magma and Earth's tectonic plates, deeper still below our feet.</p>	The world around us	
16	<p>Shapes at Play</p> <p><i>Sylvia Borando</i></p>	Fiction	<p>Meet the red triangles, yellow squares and blue circles, who have a great idea for a game: together, they want to see if they can make a brand-new shape. Hopping and bouncing and -bump- sometimes colliding, they soon realise that they can be anything they want to be! A little house or a speedy car, an apple tree or a runaway train, the possibilities are endless...they might even be out of this world.</p>	Maths - Shapes	
17	<p>Pattan's Pumpkin: An Indian Flood Story</p> <p><i>Chitra Soundar</i></p>	Fiction	<p>Pattan has an amazing pumpkin...it grows bigger than the goats...bigger than the elephants until it is as tall as the mountains. But can Pattan's pumpkin save his family and all the animals when the storm-clouds burst and the waters rise?</p>	Traditional tales from other cultures	

18	My Encyclopaedia of Very Important Animals: For Little Animal Lovers Who Want to Know Everything DK	Non-Fiction	From birds and frogs to sharks and dogs, this book is perfect for the curious little animal lover in your life. Mixing photography and charming illustration, kids will discover important facts about the wonderful world of animals - from what they eat and where they live, to why people are animals too. <i>My Encyclopaedia of Very Important Animals</i> is a friendly book that gets children learning, reading, and laughing too!	Animals	
19	NoBot: The Robot with No Bottom <i>Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet</i>	Non-Fiction	Bernard the robot loses his bottom on the park swing, and sets off to find it. Every time he gets close, it disappears again! Bird was using it as a nest, but it was too heavy! Bear used it in his drum kit, but it was too tinny. The squirrel built sandcastles with it...and now it looks like they're sailing away with it. Will Bernard ever get his bottom back?	Humour	
20	Tree: Seasons Come, Seasons Go <i>Patricia Hegarty and Britta Teckentrup</i>	Non-Fiction	Following the life cycle of a tree through spring, summer, autumn and winter, your little one will be immersed in the rhythm of the seasons with this striking picture book.	Seasonal changes	

21	<p>A Great Big Cuddle: Poems for the Very Young</p> <p><i>Michael Rosen and Chris Riddell</i></p>	Poetry	<p>Poems that fizz off the page with sound and rhythm, energy and laughter, as Rosen captures in the most remarkable way what it means to be very, very young. A child's world with all its details and feelings – toys and games, animals and made-up creatures, likes and dislikes – is vividly conjured up in the most memorable, playful language.</p>	Childhood	
22	<p>Augustus and His Smile</p> <p><i>Catherine Rayner</i></p>	Fiction	<p>Augustus the tiger has lost his smile and he now feels sad. This delightful book follows his journey through different landscapes to find his smile again. He looks everywhere he can think of to find his smile but is initially unsuccessful in his search. Only when he spots his reflection in a puddle does Augustus realise that his smile returns whenever he is happy – in this case, because he has found happiness in the beautiful world around him.</p>	Emotions	
23	<p>The Darkest Dark</p> <p><i>Astronaut Chris Hadfield</i></p>	Non-Fiction	<p>Young Chris is a very important astronaut. When Dad says it's time for bed: Sorry- no can do! An astronaut's work is never done! But in the dark lurks all kinds of scary aliens. So Chris doesn't like to sleep but mum and dad do! When he watches in awe at the Apollo 11 Moon Landing, Chris realises he must overcome his fear of the dark. For in the darkest dark of space lies a power and a mystery that might just help make Chris make his dreams come true.</p>	Space	

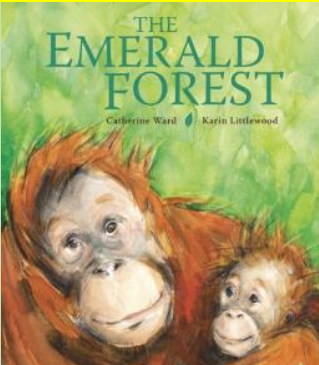
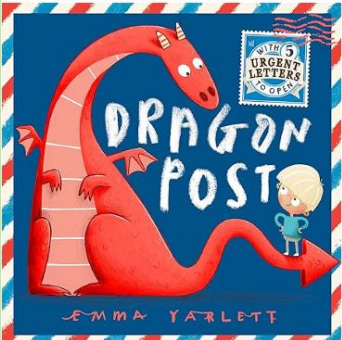
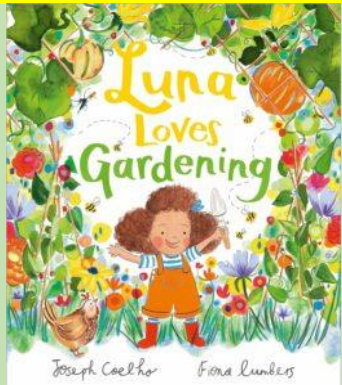
24	Where's the Starfish <i>Barroux</i>	Non-Fiction	The whale, the clownfish and the starfish on every page – until the piles of rubbish start to make it too difficult. Both a where's wally style spotting game and a striking work of art, this almost wordless tale puts the power back in the hands (or fins) of the natural world, with a boldly beautiful twist ending.	Environment	
25	Blown Away <i>Rob Biddulph</i>	Fiction	Meet Penguin Blue! It is a windy day, and he has a brand-new kite – but where's he going on this maiden flight? Penguin Blue and his friends go on a gloriously illustrated adventure full of good ideas, homesickness and the perils of kites.	Adventure	
26	The Worst Princess <i>Anna Kemp and Sara Ogilvie</i>	Fiction	Once upon a time in a tower near you, lived a sad princess, the Princess Sue. "Some day", she sighed "my prince will come, but I wish he'd move his royal bum."	Adventure	

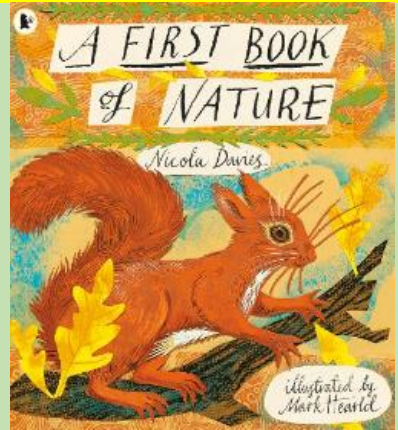
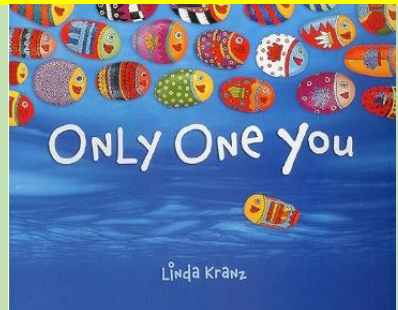
27	<p>The Forgettery</p> <p><i>Rachel Ip and Laura Hughes</i></p>	Fiction	<p>Without ever explicitly mentioning dementia, The Forgettery can be enjoyed as an adventure story where children explore a fantastical world where memories can be re-discovered and revisited as well as newly made. The tender words capture the wonderful bond between grandmother and granddaughter and the illustrations conjure up an exciting, wondrous space where our most precious memories are stored, and the challenge of dementia can be gently explored and understood.</p>	Dementia and memory loss	
28	<p>Once Upon an Alphabet</p> <p><i>Oliver Jeffers</i></p>	Fiction	<p>Here you will discover 26 short stories, introducing a host of new characters including Edmund the astronaut with his awkward fear of heights and the dynamic new investigative duo Owl and Octopus.</p>	Humour	
29	<p>How do Flowers Grow?</p> <p><i>Katie Daynes</i></p>	Non-Fiction	<p>This stylish, highly illustrated, interactive book is perfect for sharing with little children and introduces nature and science using a friendly lift the flap format. A brilliant introduction to one of the fundamental themes of biology, perfect for curious young minds.</p>	Plants	

30	How Many Legs? <i>Kes Gray</i>	Fiction	How many legs would there be if a polar bear came for tea? How high would the leg count go if a squid rode in on a buffalo? As more and more animals join in the fun, count along if you can!	Maths	
31	Scaredy Squirrel <i>Melanie Watt</i>	Fiction	The first book in the Scaredy Squirrel series is a comical story of an endearing squirrel who learns what can happen when he's brave enough to take a risk. Scaredy Squirrel never leaves his nut tree. It's way too dangerous out there. He remains prepared with an emergency kit which includes antibacterial soap, Band-Aids and a parachute. But one day, his worst nightmare comes true!	Courage	
32	Toys in Space <i>Mini Grey</i>	Fiction	What happens when you leave your toys out in the garden at night? They get beamed into space – that's what! Join our plucky band as they explore the cosmos, and help out one, lonely alien along the way.	Comedy	

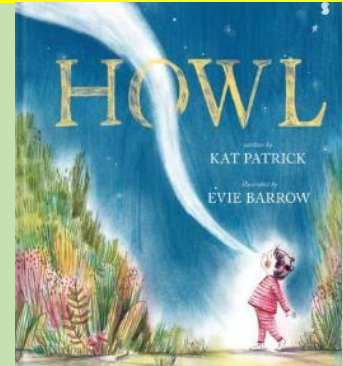
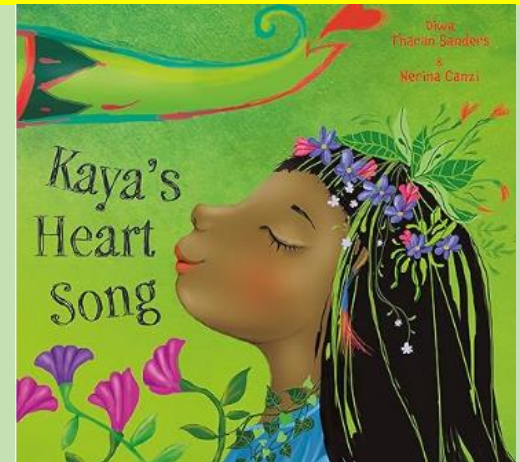

33	<p>Marvellous Machines: A Magic Lens Book</p> <p><i>Jane Wilsher</i></p>	Non-Fiction	<p>In this eye-catching book, readers can explore the hidden inner workings of machines and inventions, from mundane objects such as toasters and bicycles to cutting edge technologies such as pill-sized medical robots and super-fast maglev trains. Readers use the see-through magic lens to reveal how things work and the elements hidden within machines – everything from wires and pipes to the magnetic and gravitational forces machines rely on to function.</p> <p>Accompanying text explains how these machines function, how they affect our daily lives, and the physical and chemical phenomena that enable them to work.</p>	Technology	
34	<p>Journey</p> <p><i>Aaron Becker</i></p>	Fiction – Wordless Book	<p>This wordless picture book about self-determination and unexpected friendship follows a little girl who draws a magic door on her bedroom wall. Through it she escapes into a world where wonder, adventure and danger abound.</p>	Adventure	
35	<p>Lost and Found</p> <p><i>Oliver Jeffers</i></p>	Fiction	<p>There was once a boy and one day a penguin arrives on his doorstep. The boy decides the penguin must be lost and tries to return him. But no one seems to be missing a penguin. So the boy decides to take the penguin home himself, and they set out in his row boat on a journey to the south pole. But when they get there, the boy discovers maybe home wasn't what the penguin was looking for after all.</p>	Friendship	

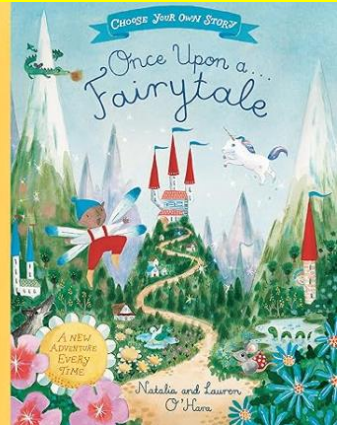
36	The Pirates Next Door <i>Jonny Duddle</i>	Fiction	The Jolley-Rogers – a pirate family, are moving to Dull-on-Sea, a quiet seaside town. Stopping to fix up their ship, this unusual family get the whole neighbourhood spreading rumours. Defying the grown-ups Matilda makes friends with the youngest pirate son. When the Jolley-Rogers leave, the town discovers they were wrong to assume the worst – the pirate clan have buried treasure in everyone's gardens. Matilda feels sad until she finds her very own treasure – an incredibly exciting new pen friend.	Stereotypes	
37	That's Nice, Love <i>Owen Gent</i>	Fiction	Imagine a trip to the park with butterflies, snakes, monkeys and a giant leopard – magical! Imagine missing it all because you're distracted...A beautiful story for children and adults about the importance of looking up, paying attention and sharing adventures.	Maintaining Relationships	
38	Feelings: Inside my Heart and my Head <i>Richard Jones and Libby Walden</i>	Non-Fiction	What you feel is who you are...Explore a world of emotions with this stunning peep through book.	Emotions	

39	<p>The Emerald Forest</p> <p><i>Catherine Ward and Karin Littlewood</i></p>	Non-Fiction	Follow an orangutan and her family in tropical Sumatra as they raise their young, live in harmony with nature, and deal with the impact of humans.	Environment	
40	<p>Dragon Post</p> <p><i>Emma Yarlett</i></p>	Fiction	One day, Alex finds a dragon living in the cupboard under the stairs. Luckily, he knows just what to do. He writes letters to lots of different people – including the fire brigade and the butcher – to ask how he should take care of his surprise visitor.	Letters	
41	<p>Luna Loves Gardening</p> <p><i>Joseph Coelho and Fiona Lumbers</i></p>	Fiction	Luna is impressed by the community allotment when she visits her family. Luna takes time to wonder about each seed she encounters – where in the world it came from and what it will turn into. With the help of Grandpa and Nana from Jamaica, Luna realises that every new seed planted will have it's own story to tell.	Gardens	

42	A First Book of Nature <i>Nicola Davies</i>	Poetry	A diverse collection of poems, stories, recipes, thoughts and ideas.	Nature	
43	What Do You Do with A Tail Like This? <i>Steve Jenkins</i>	Non-Fiction	A nose for digging? Ears for seeing? Eyes that squirt blood? Turn the page to find out which animals these attributes belong to.	Animals	
44	Only One You <i>Linda Kranz</i>	Fiction	Adri's mama and papa share some of the wisdom they have gained through the years with their eager son. Their words, simple and powerful, are meant to comfort and guide him as he goes about exploring the world.	Hope and Guidance	

45	<p>The Animal Boogie</p> <p><i>Debbie Harter</i></p>	Poetry	Can you boogie? Down in the Indian jungle, the children and animals are learning about actions like leaping, stomping, shaking and flapping while meeting different jungle creatures.	Animals and jungles	
46	<p>Supermouse and the Volcano of Doom</p> <p><i>ML Tahl and Mark Chambers</i></p>	Fiction	A superhero story with a difference....and lots of cheesy puns. When Supermouse holds auditions for Mouseopolis for the league of Remarkable Rodents, he isn't sure he has found the best animal for the job. That is until Mount Fondue explodes and cheese covers the town. With Supermouse facing a cheesy end, the league of Remarkable Rodents zoom to the rescue. Will they save their hero, or is he "fondoomed"?	Humour	
47	<p>A Story about Afiya</p> <p><i>James Berry</i></p>	Fiction	Some people have dresses for every occasion but Afiya only needs one. Her dress records the memories of her childhood, from roses in bloom to pigeons in flight, from tigers at the zoo to October leaves falling.	Childhood	

48	Howl <i>Kat Patrick and Evie Barrow</i>	Fiction	Maggie is a little girl who is having a terrible day. She expresses her frustration by howling when her shoes don't fit, her food isn't right, and she can't sleep. What follows is unexpected, uplifting and surprisingly satisfying.	Dealing with emotions.	
49	Kaya's Heart Song <i>Diwa Tharan Sanders</i>	Fiction	Kaya overhears her mother humming a special song and learns that it's her heart song, which can make anything possible. To hear your heart song you must quieten your mind. Kaya sets out on a journey into the jungle where she discovers a broken carousel that's waiting for a special song to make it turn again. Kaya removes the vines from the carousel and hears the beat of her song. The carousel begins to turn and the elephant moves in time with the music.	Passion and love	
50	We Catch the Bus <i>Katie Abey</i>	Fiction	A humorous book about animals traveling in their favourite vehicles.	Humour	

51	<p>Once upon a Fairy tale: A Choose your own Fairy tale Adventure</p> <p><i>Natalia O'Hara</i></p>	Fiction	<p>Did you ever wish to feast with fairies, live in a tree or ride a unicorn across the sun-lit sky? Here in this magical world, you can. You can choose to be a clever princess, or a curious gingerbread man, or perhaps a gentle knight. Maybe you'll live in a tree or a tower on a hill. You can eat fresh buttered sun-beams with fairies or newt pie and pigtail pudding with ogres. Everywhere you look you will find a new adventure. Just pick the one you like best.</p>	Fairy tales	
52	<p>Fly Boy</p> <p><i>JJ Bola and Clara Anganuzzi</i></p>	Fiction	<p>Fly Boy is angry, sad and jealous and finds life hard. But Thomas helps him to see life differently and free his mind from negative thoughts.</p>	Dealing with emotions	