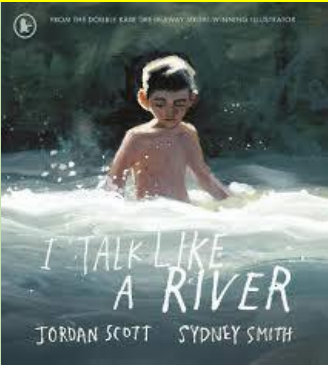

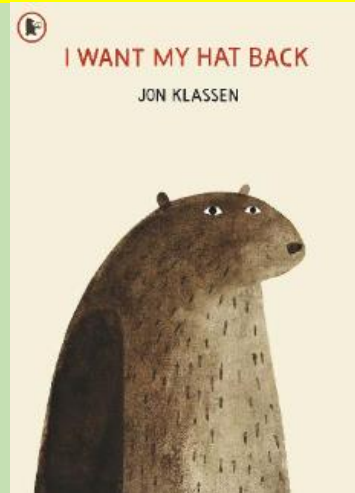
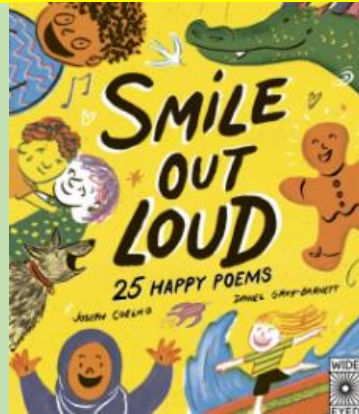
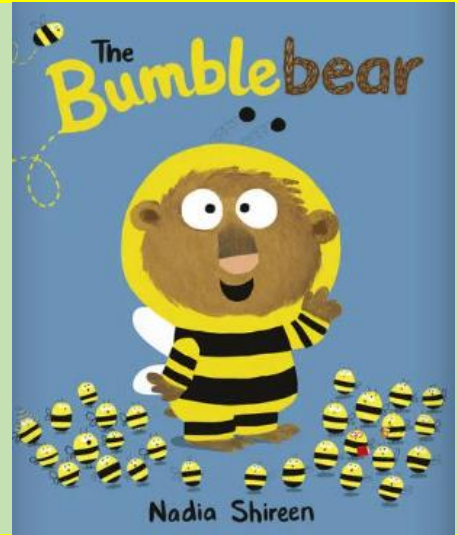
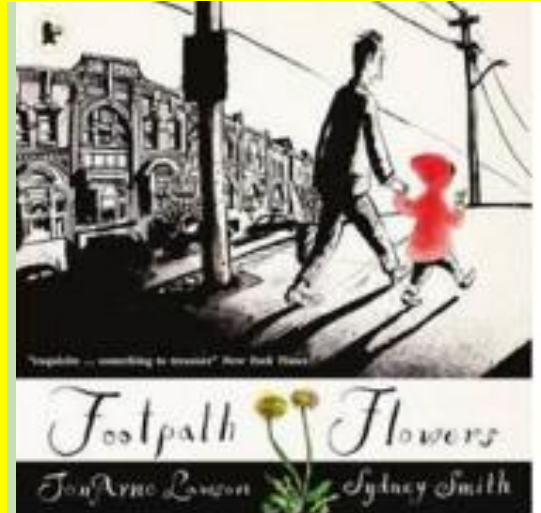


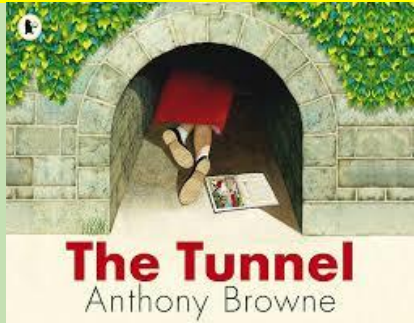

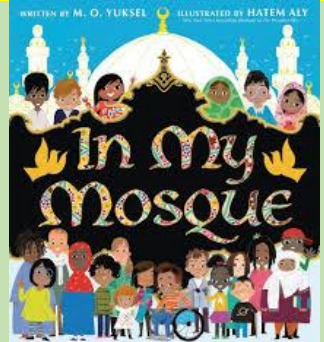
SPST's Year 1 Recommended Books to Read and Enjoy

	Title	Type	Synopsis	Themes	Book Cover
1	I Talk Like a River <i>Jordan Scott and Sydney Smith</i>	Picture Book	When a boy who stutters feels isolated, alone, and incapable of communicating in the way he'd like, it takes a kindly father and a walk by the river to help him find his voice.	Diversity	
2	One day on our Blue Planet <i>Ella Bailey</i>	Non-Fiction	From breakfast to dinner, dusk to dawn, children will love spending the day with this curious lion cub. A new series of children's books focused on the way our young animal friends spend a day begins with a curious lion cub. Minding his mother and playing with his father, this little lion can't help chasing trouble and fun as he explores the little corner of that big blue planet he shares with us.	Animals	

3	I Want my Hat Back <i>Jon Klassen</i>	Picture Book	A bear has lost his hat. And he wants it back. Everyone he asks says they haven't seen it, except a deer who provides a hint of hope. Great illustrations and ideal for reading aloud.	Animals	
4	Smile Out Loud <i>Joseph Coelho</i>	Poetry	25 exuberantly happy poems to read-aloud burst from this brightly illustrated large format picture book. Featuring 'Imagination Running Free', 'The Dragging Dragon', 'Recipe for This Boy' and many more, Smile Out Loud is a great book to instil fun and inspire confidence when children read aloud or read chorally as part of a group.	Emotions	



5	<p>The Bumble Bear</p> <p><i>Nadia Shireen</i></p>	<p>Picture Book</p> <p>Norman is a bear. A bear who LOVES honey. According to Norman, there can never be enough honey! And who has the most honey? The bees, of course! So, dressed up in his very best bee onesie, he thinks he looks quite convincing as he infiltrates Bee School with his eye on their huge honey supply. But how long will his disguise last? And when the hive is endangered, can he finally discover his true destiny and become. . . The Bumblebear?</p>	Animals	
6	<p>Footpath Flowers</p> <p><i>JonArno Lawson and Sydney Smith</i></p>	<p>Picture Book</p> <p>In this wordless picture book, a little girl collects wildflowers while her distracted father pays her little attention. Each flower becomes a gift, and whether the gift is noticed or ignored, both giver and recipient are transformed by their encounter. "Written" by award-winning poet JonArno Lawson and brought to life by illustrator Sydney Smith, Sidewalk Flowers is an ode to the importance of small things, small people, and small gestures.</p>	Kindness	

7	A Planet Full of Plastic <i>Neal Layton</i>	Non-Fiction	Award-winning author-illustrator Neal Layton is here to explain where plastic comes from, why it doesn't biodegrade, and why that's dangerous for animals and humans alike. But he's also FULL of ideas for how you can help! From giving up straws in juice cartons to recycling all we can and taking part in a beach clean, A Planet Full of Plastic will get young readers excited about how they can make a difference to keep Planet Earth happy	Environment	
8	Dogs in Disguise <i>Peter Bently and John Bond</i>	Picture Book	Dogs come in all different colours and sizes, but when no one is looking they put on disguises. Dressing up in clothing they find at home, these adventurous pooches blend into the crowd at all the places dogs aren't allowed, like the store, the cinema and the swimming pool! But not all of their disguises go quite to plan...with hilarious results!	Humour	
9	Little Glow <i>Katie Sahota and Harry Woodgate</i>	Picture Book	From the window of a cosy house in a seaside town, a lonely little candle looks out onto the world. Throughout the year, the small flame watches on as families use different kinds of light to celebrate Lunar New Year, Diwali, Hanukkah, Ramadan, Halloween and Christmas.	Festivals	

10	<p>The Tunnel</p> <p><i>Anthony Browne</i></p>	Picture Book	Jack fearlessly explores the tunnel he found while playing, but when he doesn't return, his sister Rose goes in the tunnel to find him.	Courage and Relationships	
11	<p>Ruby's Worry</p> <p><i>Tom Percival</i></p>	Picture Book	Ruby loves being Ruby. Until, one day, she finds a worry – and it won't stop growing. How can Ruby get rid of it and feel like herself again? This is a very beautiful, sensitive look at anxiety and how a problem shared is a problem halved.	Anxiety	
12	<p>In my Mosque</p> <p><i>Yuksel M.O, Aly Hatem</i></p>	Non-Fiction	A big-hearted global celebration of mosques and the diverse worshippers that they welcome every day.	Diversity	

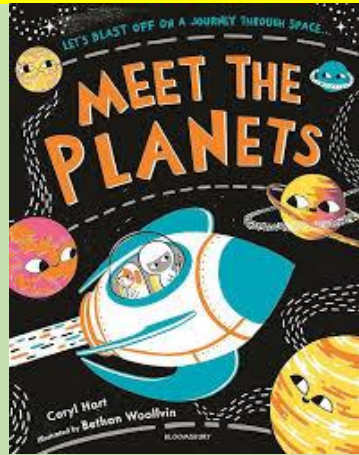
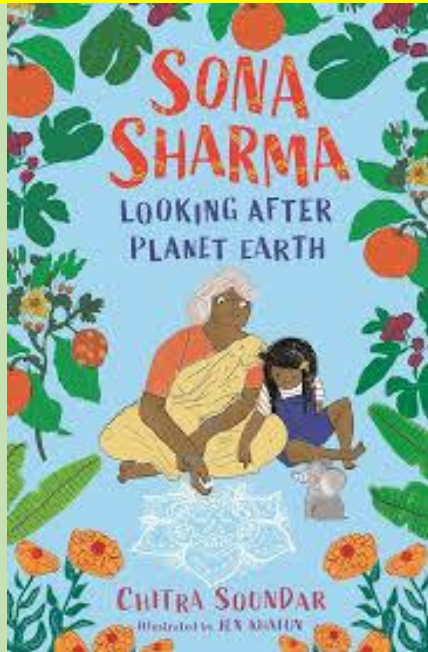
13	The Big Book of Blooms <i>Yuval Zommer</i>	Non-Fiction	Yuval Zommer introduces young children to all kinds of colourful, carnivorous, weird and wonderful flowering plants from around the world. Readers will enjoy learning about different edible flowers and why flowers are fragrant or colourful, not to mention grisly details about carnivorous and poisonous flowers.	Science - Plants	
14	Out of Wonder <i>Kwame Alexander</i>	Poetry	A glorious and uplifting collection of original poems celebrating inspiring poets from Maya Angelou to Robert Frost to Rumi. This book truly has something for everyone and every age.	Diversity	
15	Dadaji's Paintbrush <i>Rashmi Sirdeshpande and Ruchi Mhasane</i>	Fiction	Dadaji loves to teach others to paint, especially his grandson. But after Dadaji passes away, the boy can't bear to use the favourite paintbrush his grandfather left for him. When a little girl knocks on the door, the boy discovers how many lives Dadaji touched with his art, and finds a way to continue his legacy.	Family	

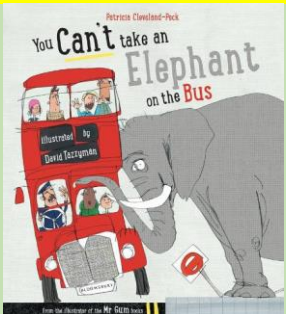
16	<p>The Friendship Bench <i>Wendy Meddour and Daniel Eggneus</i></p>	Picture Book	<p>Tilly has just moved to a new house, by the splash and curl of the sea. She loves doing cartwheels in the sand and playing catch with mummy and Shadow the dog. But when it is time to start her new school, Shadow and mummy must stay outside. And inside is full of strangers.</p>	Friendship	
17	<p>There's a Rang-Tang in my Bedroom <i>James Sellick and Fran Preston-Gannon</i></p>	Picture Book	<p>When a little girl discovers a mischievous orangutan on the loose in her bedroom, she can't understand why it keeps shouting OOO! at her shampoo and her chocolate. But when Rang-tan explains that there are humans running wild in her rainforest, burning down trees so they can grow palm oil to put in products, the little girl knows what she has to do: help save the orangutans!</p>	Environment	
18	<p>The Hat Full of Secrets <i>Karl Newson and Wazza Pink</i></p>	Picture Book	<p>Henry's got a secret...a big one! And he doesn't know what to do with it. Grandpa suggest he should keep it under his hat – and he's got just the hat for the job. But when Henry puts it on he discovers that Grandpa has some secrets of his own.</p>	Family	

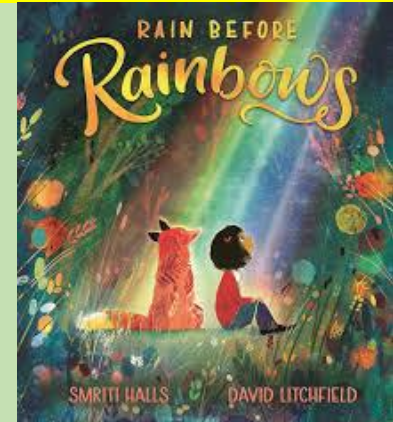

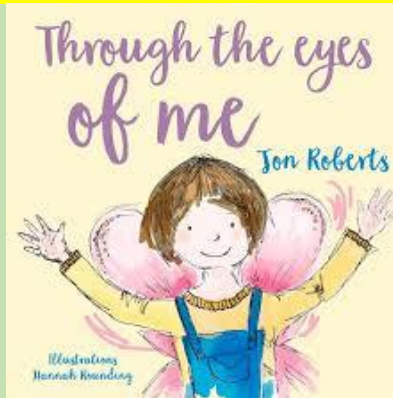
19	Oof Makes an Ouch! <i>Duncan Beedle</i>	Picture Book	When Oof – who is still learning to talk – starts to make up new and interesting words, his best friend Pib gets jealous in this vibrantly illustrated picture book.	PSHE	
20	Building a Home <i>Polly Faber and Klas Fahlen</i>	Non-Fiction	Packed with builders, cranes, diggers, cement mixers and a host of other exciting tools and machinery, follow a crumbling old factory on the edge of town as it goes from being an empty shell to something new...a home.	Construction	
21	Coming to England <i>Floella Benjamin and Diane Ewen</i>	Fiction	Follow ten-year-old Floella as she and her family set sail from the Caribbean to a new life in London. Alone on a huge ship for two weeks, then tumbled into a cold and unfriendly London, coming to England wasn't at all what Floella had expected...	Immigration	

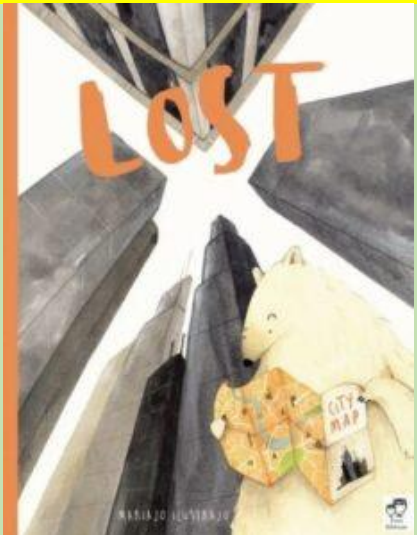
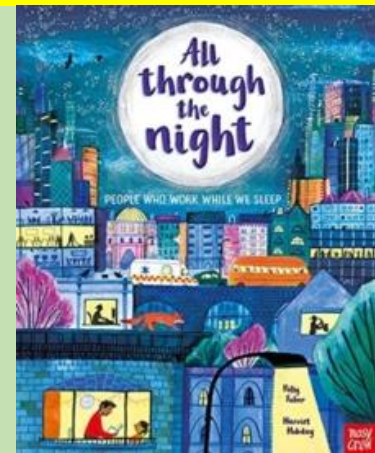
22	<p>The Dot</p> <p><i>Peter Reynolds</i></p>	Fiction	<p>In this engaging, inspiring tale, Reynolds (illustrator of the Judy Moody series) demonstrates the power of a little encouragement. Reynolds pulls off exactly what his young heroine does, creating an impressive work from deceptively simple beginnings.</p>	Perseverance	
23	<p>The Smile Shop</p> <p><i>Satoshi Kitamura</i></p>	Fable	<p>A small boy is planning how to spend his first ever pocket money when disaster strikes and he's left with only one coin. His day seems to be ruined until he sees a Smile Shop. In a surprise ending, the world is put to rights and the whole world is smiling again.</p>	PSHE	
24	<p>Look up!</p> <p><i>Nathan Bryon and Dapo Adeola</i></p>	Fiction	<p>Meet hilarious, science mad chatterbox, Rocket – she's going to be the greatest astronaut, star-catcher, space-traveller that has ever lived! But...can she convince her big brother to stop looking down at his phone and start looking UP at the stars?</p>	Space	

25	This is How We Do It <i>Matt Lamothe</i>	Non-Fiction	Following the daily lives of seven kids from around the world, This Is How We Do It explores the similarities and differences in childhoods in Italy, Japan, Iran, India, Peru, Uganda and Russia.	Diversity and cultural traditions	
26	How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth <i>Michelle Robinson and Kate Hindley</i>	Fiction	A hysterically funny guide with step-by-step instructions for cleaning this unusual pet. But beware, very strange things can happen if instructions are not followed carefully.	Humour	
27	An Engineer Like Me <i>Shini Somara</i>	Fiction	With pages encouraging kids to try out their very own engineering experiments such as constructing the perfect paper aeroplane and safely dropping an egg from a height, this brilliant picture book written by engineer and TV presenter Dr Shini Somara unlocks a love of engineering and celebrates women in STEM.	STEM Science	

28	<p>Meet the Planets <i>Caryl Hart and Bethan Woollvin</i></p>	Non-Fiction	<p>Zooooooooom! We're off on an exciting space adventure in our rocket to meet all the planets of the solar system. Join in with the rhymes and spot all the smiley-faced, friendly planets, from shimmering Saturn to mighty Mars.</p>	Planets	
29	<p>Sona Sharma: Looking After Planet Earth <i>Chitra Soundar</i></p>	Short Chapter Book	<p>When Sona learns about the climate crisis in school and is very worried that no one is doing enough to combat it, she takes up the challenge herself. But Appa isn't amused when Sona throws out her baby sister's nappies and Thatha isn't happy when she tells him to get rid of his colour-coded plastic files. When Sona learns that many of the kolams – the traditional art that people draw in front of their homes to celebrate the winter months and the festival season – are not organic, she sets out to make some big changes by getting everyone involved.</p>	Climate Change	

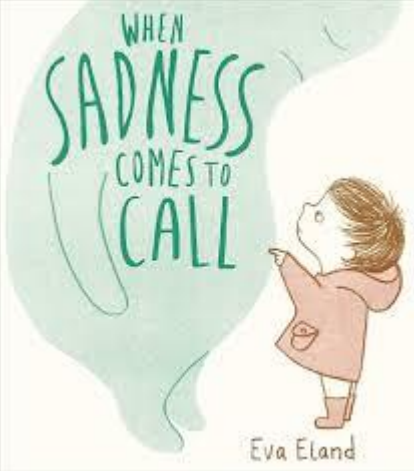
30	Ready for Spaghetti: Funny poems for funny kids <i>Michael Rosen</i>	Poetry	Don't say "Not Yetti, Spaghetti!" I'm all setti for spaghetti. Fizzing with rhythm, energy and laughter, this perfect introduction to poetry celebrates the day-to-day routines of early childhood.	Childhood	
31	You can't take an elephant on the bus <i>Patricia Cleveland-Peck</i>	Fiction	A funny, rhyming picture book where a variety of unlikely animals cause complete chaos.	Humour	
32	Float <i>Daniel Miyares</i>	Fiction	A little boy takes a boat made of newspaper out for a rainy-day adventure. The boy and his boat dance in the downpour and play in the puddles, but when the boy sends his boat floating down a gutter stream, it quickly gets away from him.	PHSE - reflection	

33	Rain Before Rainbows <i>Smriti Halls and David Litchfield</i>	Fiction	A girl and her companion fox travel together from a place of loss and despair, through uncertain times, towards the hope of colour, light and life. Along the way, they find friends to guide and support them.	PHSE - loss	
34	Sunshine at Bedtime <i>Clare Helen Welsh and Sally Soweol Han</i>	Non-Fiction	A quick snapshot into the scientific reasons behind why light seeps through the curtains at bedtime. Taking you through the lens of a small child, it journeys through the world to explain how the Earth is tilted and spins on its axis which causes our summer and winter alongside other fantastic scientific facts about the topics of Light and Dark, Earth, Seasons, and Space.	Science	
35	Through the Eyes of Me <i>Jon Roberts</i>	Fiction	A sensitive portrayal of a child with autism, narrated by 4-year old Kya, who guides readers through her likes and dislikes and all the nuances of her character.	PHSE - Autism	

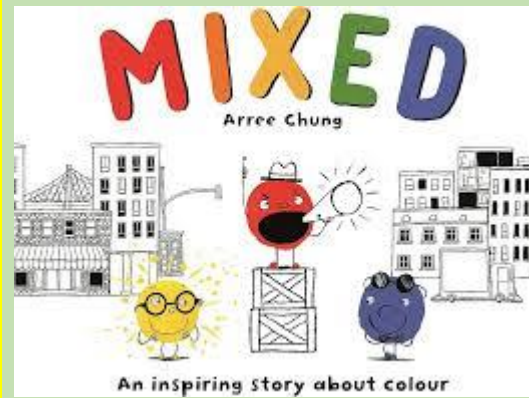
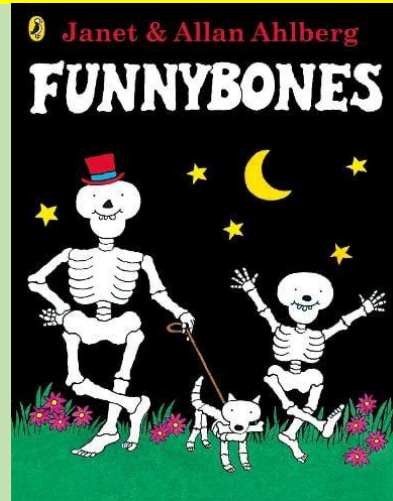
36	<p>Lost</p> <p><i>Mariajo Ilustrajo</i></p>	Fiction	<p>Bear finds himself lost in the concrete city and despite asking for help from everyone he meets, he is constantly ignored as they are all too busy to help. Finally, a little girl notices and decides to try and help. She takes him home and feeds him, baths him and they read stories. When he gazes at a poster about the north pole, she finally realises that he is homesick and despite wanting him to stay, she resolves to help him get home, in a creative way!</p>	PHSE – friendship and kindness	
37	<p>All Through the Night: People Who Work While We Sleep</p> <p><i>Polly Faber and Harriet Hobday</i></p>	Non-Fiction	<p>A beautifully illustrated picture book exploring the jobs that keep a city running all through the night, and make it ready for the new day. The sky is getting dark. In a big city, a little girl is eating her dinner, brushing her teeth and getting ready for bed. Meanwhile, her mother is putting on her coat and getting ready to go to work. But where will she go, and who will she see along the way?</p>	PHSE – People who help us	

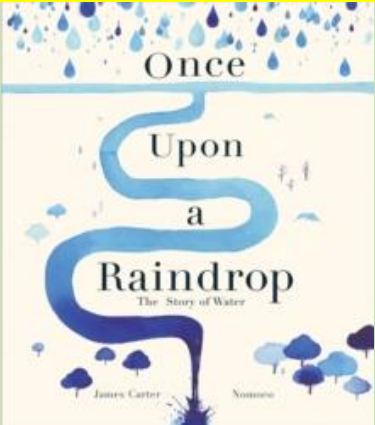
38	Somebody Swallowed Stanley <i>Sarah Roberts</i>	Fiction	<p>Everybody has a taste for Stanley – and the other ocean creatures just keep mistaking him for a delicious treat – but this is no ordinary jellyfish. Most jellyfish have dangly-gangly tentacles, but Stanley has two handles...</p> <p>Other jellyfish have a magical glow, but Stanley has stripes...</p> <p>Because Stanley (spoiler alert) is a plastic bag!</p>	Environment	
39	The Great Big Book of Families <i>Mary Hoffman</i>	Fiction	Featuring funny artwork this book celebrates each family in its own unique and wonderful way.	Families	
40	Stop! That's Not My Story! <i>Smriti Halls and Erika Meza</i>	Fiction	The central character accidentally falls into four stories in turn – Goldilocks, Jack and the Beanstalk, Sleeping Beauty and Red Riding Hood, only to reject each one in favour of her own ideas.	Traditional Tales	

41	Jelly Boots, Smelly Boots <i>Michael Rosen and David Tazzyman</i>	Poetry	A riotous celebration of words – silly words, funny words, words you only use in your family, new words, old words and the very best words in the right order.	Humour	
42	The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark <i>Jill Tomlinson</i>	Fiction – Short Chapter Book	Plop, the baby barn owl, is like every barn owl there ever was, except for one thing – he is afraid of the dark. “Dark is nasty” he says, so he won’t go hunting with his parents. Mrs Barn owl sends him down from his nest-hole to ask about the dark and he meets a lot of interesting people with things to tell... Perhaps there is magic in the dark after all.	Facing Fears	
43	The Smart Cookie <i>Jory John and Pete Oswald</i>		Cookie grapples with traditionally academic challenges within the classroom of Ms Biscotti. However, a transformative moment occurs when an assignment requires a bit more creative originality, leading Cookie to uncover her hidden poetic talent. As her peers also showcase their distinctive abilities, Cookie gains a profound understanding of the different types of intelligence.	Self Confidence	

44	<p>Where Does My Food Come From?</p> <p><i>Annabel Karmel and Alex Willmore</i></p>	Non-Fiction	Find out how eggs, cheese, tomatoes, pasta, strawberries, honey and chocolate are grown and made, and enjoy the fun, step-by-step food activities in each section to. Best of all, Annabel includes two fantastic, child-friendly recipes for each food.	Food and Recipes	
45	<p>When Sadness Comes to Call</p> <p><i>Eva Eland</i></p>	Fiction	When sadness arrives, try not to be afraid: give it a name, listen to it and spend some time together. Maybe all it wants is to know that it's welcome.	Emotions	

46	<p>The Emperor of Absurdia</p> <p><i>Chris Riddell</i></p>	Fiction	<p>Welcome to Absurdia: a strange and wonderful land where nothing is quite what it seems. Trees are birds, umbrellas are trees and the sky is thick with snoring fish. Join one small boy as he tumbles out of bed into a crazy dreamland of wardrobe monsters, dragons - - - and amazing adventure.</p>	Humour and Adventure	
47	<p>The Best Eid Ever</p> <p><i>Sufiya Ahmed and Hazem Asif</i></p>	Fiction	<p>Eid-al-Fitr is Aisha's favourite festival and this year her family have promised her and her brother an epic treasure hunt to find their gifts. But between all the chaos and celebrations – will Aisha ever get her presents?</p>	Diversity	
48	<p>If all the world were</p> <p><i>Joseph Coelho and Alison Colpoys</i></p>	Fiction	<p>A moving, lyrical picture book about a young girl's love for her Grandad and how she copes when he dies.</p>	Families	

49	Mixed: A Colourful Story <i>Arree Chung</i>	Fiction	<p>In the beginning, there were three colours . . . Reds, Yellows, and Blues.</p> <p>All special in their own ways, all living in harmony--until one day, a Red says "Reds are the best!" and starts a colour kerfuffle. When the colours decide to separate, is there anything that can change their minds?</p> <p>A Yellow, a Blue, and a never-before-seen colour might just save the day in this inspiring book about colour, tolerance, and embracing differences.</p>	Differences and Diversity	
50	Funnybones <i>Janet and Allan Ahlberg</i>	Fiction	<p>This is the first book in the FUNNYBONES series and introduces the skeletons - a big skeleton, a little skeleton and a dog skeleton. They live in a dark dark cellar of a dark dark house on a dark dark hill. The skeletons venture out of their cellar one night to find someone to scare, but everyone is in bed so they amuse themselves by scaring each other and playing with the skeleton animals that live in the zoo.</p>	Humour	

51	<p>Once upon a Raindrop: The Story of Water</p> <p><i>James Carter and Nomoco</i></p>	Non-Fiction	<p>Do you know why the Moon's so dry and yet our world is wet? Immerse yourself in the wonderful world of water and discover the story of H2O from its very beginning. Engaging, informative poetry flows over the pages and stunning illustrations bring this story to rushing, gushing life.</p>	The Water Cycle	
52	<p>What if, Pig?</p> <p><i>Linzie Hunter</i></p>	Fiction	<p>Mouse has never had a friend quite like Pig. Pig is so incredibly kind, endlessly thoughtful and fabulously fun, but he also has a big secret... he's a tremendous worrier!</p> <p>When Pig gets the brilliant idea to throw a party for Mouse and their friends, he can't help but think of everything that could possibly go wrong. After all, what if a lion eats all the invitations? What if nobody comes? Or worse, what if everyone comes and has an awful time?</p>	Friendship and Worrying	