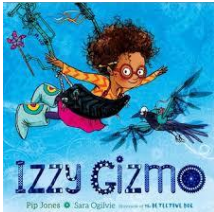
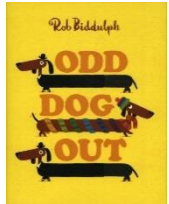
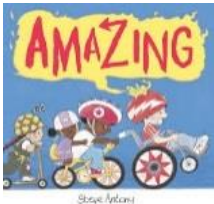
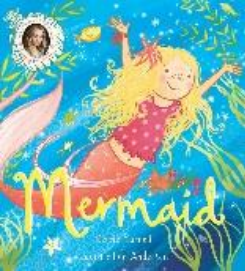


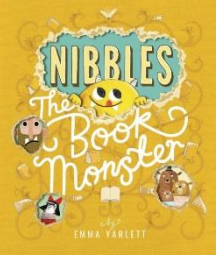
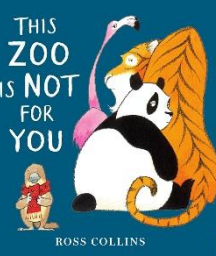
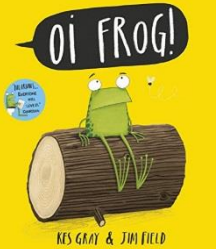




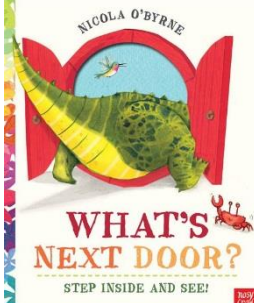
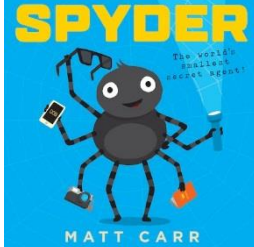
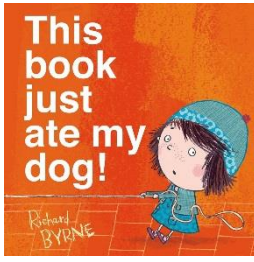
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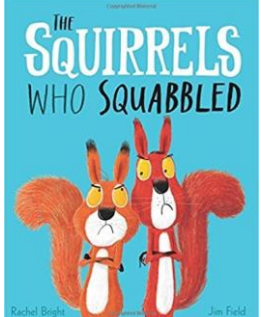
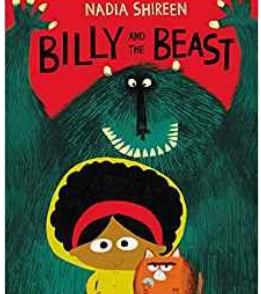
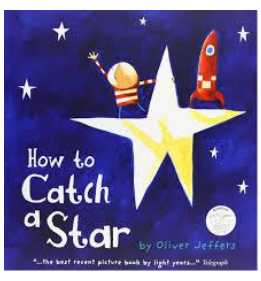
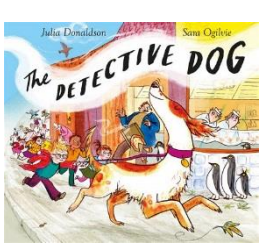


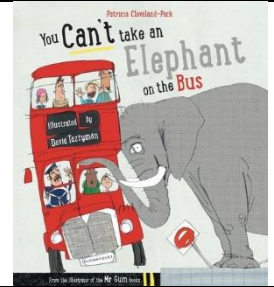

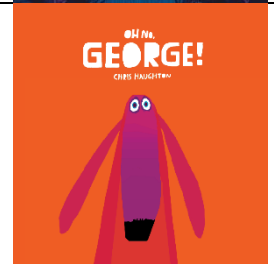
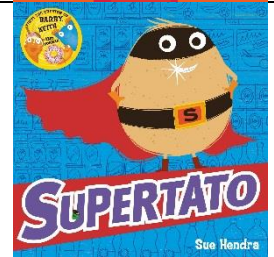
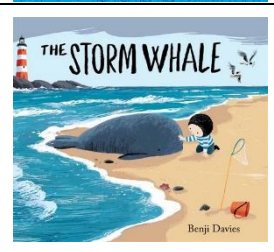
The following list includes *only* books that I have personally read and would **fully** recommend. They all fall into the 5-7 age range so would be perfect for Year 2. We have copies of all of these books in the school library for you to borrow or reserve. Or you should be able to order from Whitchurch Library. Happy reading...

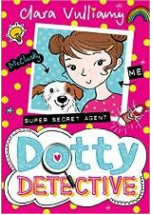

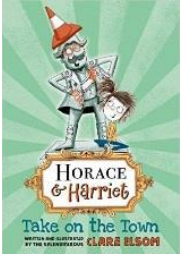
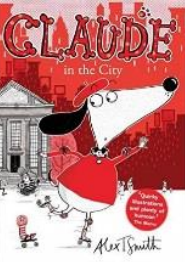

Book Cover	Title	Author	A Brief Guide...
	<h2>Izzy Gizmo</h2>	Pip Jones & Sara Ogilvie	Izzy Gizmo just loves to invent, but her inventions never seem to work the way she wants them to. And that makes her really CROSS! When she finds a crow with a broken wing she just has to help. But will she be able to put her frustrations to one side and help her new friend to fly again?
	<h2>Odd Dog Out</h2> <p>Books by the same author: Blown Away/ Sunk Grrrrr! Kevin</p>	Rob Biddulph	For busy dogs. A busy day. Of busy work. And busy play... But one dog doesn't quite fit in. It's lonely being the odd dog out, when all she wants to do is find her place in the world. She's willing to go to the other side of the world to look for it... but it might take a different kind of journey for her to discover that maybe where she's meant to be is right back where she started...
	<h2>Amazing</h2> <p>Books by the same author: Please Mr Panda/Unplugged The Queen's Hat/The Queen's Handbag Betty Goes Bananas</p>	Steve Antony	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! A celebration of friendship and being yourself with a positive message about celebrating diversity. The perfect platform to start conversations about the importance of understanding and acceptance.
	<h2>Mermaid</h2> <p>Books by the same author: Snowflakes Fairy Magic Ballet Dreams</p>	Cerrie Burnell & Laura Ellen Anderson	Once there was a boy called Luka, who longed to splash in the surf and dive beneath silver-bright waves, but he couldn't swim. One day, Luka sees a girl gliding through the waves, dipping and soaring like a fish Sylvia teaches Luka how to swim, and that night, Luka dreams that Sylvia is a mermaid and they have a beautiful underwater adventure visiting the mermaid palace. When Luka starts school, Sylvia is there! The other children crowd around her to ask why she's in a wheelchair, and Luka tells everyone that it's because Sylvia is a mermaid. Luka knows that to him she will always be a mermaid and they will have a thousand more adventures together.



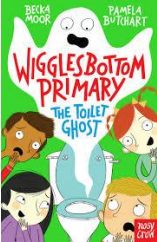
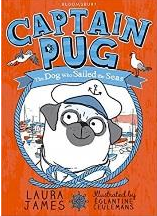
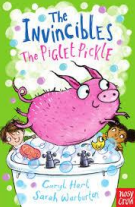
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Nibbles: The Book Monster</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Books by the same author: Dragon Post/ Orion and the Dark/Poppy Pickle</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Emma Yarlett</p>	<p>Nibbles is a very naughty book monster – he's chomping, munching and nibbling his way through fairytales that don't belong to him! Can you help catch him and put him back in his own story? Children will love to lift the flaps, peek through the peep holes, and chase Nibbles through a fantastical world of books, in this quirky story, am-packed full of your favourite fairy tales including Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and the Beanstalk and Goldilocks and the Three Bears.</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">This Zoo is Not For You</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Books by the same author: There's A Bear in my Chair</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ross Collins</p>	<p>When a small platypus visits the zoo, the animals all assume he has come about the vacancy and he is swiftly taken through a rigorous interview process. But the platypus is far too bland for the chameleons, not nearly graceful enough for the flamingos, and his tricks will never impress the monkeys. So, he leaves. The animals soon regret being so unkind, but . . . what's this? The platypus has left an invitation! Oh dear - it seems he had actually come to the zoo to invite them all to his party. Uh-oh! But with all forgiven and forgotten, the platypus welcomes his new zoo friends to a fantastic party on his Platypus!</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Oi Frog</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Books in the same series: Oi Cat/ Oi Dog Oi Duck Billed Platypus</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Kes Gray & Jim Field</p>	<p>Jam-packed with the silliest of animals, this rhyming story will have the youngest of readers in fits of laughter.</p> <p>Cats sit on mats, hares sit on chairs, mules sit on stools and gofers sit on sofas, but Frog does not want to sit on a log! Jam-packed with animals and silliness, this original rhyming story will have young children in fits of laughter. A hilarious rhyming tale about a frog who discovers that all animals have their special places to sit!</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Jellybeans For Giants</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Books in the same series: Spaghetti with the Yeti/ Marshmallows for Martians/ Doughnuts for a Dragon Pizza for Pirates/Treats for a T. rex Muffins for Mummies</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Adam & Charlotte Guillain & Lee Wildish</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>A boy called George had a breathtaking thought, that giants might really exist . . .</i></p> <p>When George plants a jellybean in his garden it grows into an enormous beanstalk and George is sure there must be a friendly giant at the top. As he climbs bravely up the beanstalk, higher and higher, George encounters a magical pixie, a stinky troll and gets stuck in a very sticky web...</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Combining a classic fairytale story with fun rhyming text and silly humour.</p>

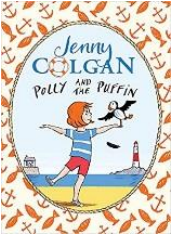

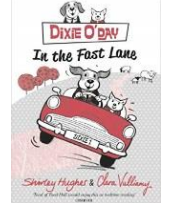
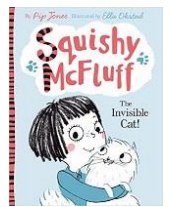
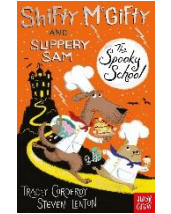
	<h2>They Came From Planet Zabalooloo</h2> <p>Books by the same author: Hoot Owl/ Don't Call Me Choochie Pooh Robot Rumpus</p>	<p>Sean Taylor & Kate Hindley</p>	<p>A wildly inventive, contemporary picture book comedy about <i>aliens</i>. Boron, Bazoo and Zob are three extra-terrestrials on a mission. They're going to take something brilliant from Earth and bring it back to their home planet, Zabalooloo. Something like ... an enormous <i>elephant</i>! But this goofy, giddy trio are simply <i>too</i> overexcited – they're never going to catch anything if they keep wiggle-woggle dancing, taking selfies and shouting, "Ooh la la!".</p>
	<h2>What's Next Door?</h2> <p>Books by the same author: Open Very Carefully Use Your Imagination The Last Book Before Bedtime</p>	<p>Nicola Byrne</p>	<p>Carter, the crocodile hero of <i>Open Very Carefully</i>, is back and he's NOT happy. All he wants to do is find his way home, but he can't get there by himself - he needs YOUR help! In this unique interactive book, with brilliantly designed die-cut pages, children are encouraged to take part in the story, to create a door in the page and use their imagination to guide Carter into new environments, from stormy seas to hot deserts and icy lands. But will that cranky croc and the little friends he's made along the way ever find their way home?</p>
	<h2>Spyder</h2> <p>Books by the same author: SuperBat</p>	<p>Matt Carr</p>	<p>Introducing... Spyder - code name 0008 (legs). It's not easy being a super special secret agent when you're only as big as a pin badge. But when a birthday cake is under threat, SPYDER is called upon. It's time to pack the spy-kit with binoculars, a top-secret laser pen and... a banana. Will Spyder save the day, AND the party!</p>
	<h2>This Book Just Ate My Dog</h2> <p>Books by the same author: We're in the Wrong Book This Book is Out of Control This Book Just Stole My Cat</p>	<p>Richard Byrne</p>	<p>Bella is taking her dog for a stroll across the page but halfway across, he disappears! Unable to quite believe what's just happened Bella watches, transfixed, with changing emotions of surprise, indignation, moments of renewed hope (as the authorities arrive to take control) followed by shock (as they too succumb to the book's inexplicable behaviour) and finally action when Bella marches toward the dangerous middle of the book . . . only to disappear herself! At this point, the book has consumed its characters and it's down to the reader to step in to help. A note from Bella appears directly appealing for assistance and, with a rigorous shake, the characters reappear. Normality is restored and Bella is finally able to take her dog for an uninterrupted walk . . . or is she?!</p>

	<h2>The Squirrels Who Squabbled</h2> <p>Books by the same author: The Lion Inside The Koala Who Could The Way Home For Wolf</p>	<p>Rachel Bright & Jim Field</p>	<p>Greedy squirrels Cyril and Bruce both have their sights on a very special prize: THE VERY LAST NUT OF THE SEASON! As the nut bounces crazily through the forest, the squirrels race after it, between the trees, over boulders, down the river and - ARGH! - right to the edge of a waterfall! Working together might be the only way to save themselves now ...</p> <p>A laugh-out-loud tale about friendship and sharing.</p>
	<h2>Billy and the Beast</h2> <p>Books by the same author: Bumblebear The Cow Who Fell to Earth The Yeti and the Bird Good Little Wolf</p>	<p>Nadia Shereen</p>	<p>Whilst on a lovely walk in the woods, Billy and her trusty sidekick Fatcat hear a terrible rumble... a terrible rumble coming from a Terrible Beast... He's making a Terrible Soup out of all of Billy and Fatcat's friends!</p> <p>Luckily, our brave heroine Billy has a trick or two up her sleeve (or in her hair)...</p> <p>Join Billy on her mission to defeat the Terrible Beast (and save those adorable little bunny rabbits too).</p>
	<h2>How To Catch A Star</h2> <p>Books by the same author: Stuck How To Catch A Star Up and Down</p>	<p>Oliver Jeffers</p>	<p>An inspirational story of a boy who loved the stars so much, he decided to catch one of his very own. The beautifully illustrated, original debut picture book from shining talent Oliver Jeffers.</p> <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> <p>So, one day, he decided to set about catching a star of his very own...</p>
	<h2>The Detective Dog</h2>	<p>Julia Donaldson & Sara Ogilvie</p>	<p>Peter's dog Nell has an amazing sense of smell. Her ever-sniffing nose is always hard at work solving mysteries and finding all Peter's lost toys. But Nell has other talents too! When she's not cracking cases, Nell goes to school with Peter and listens to the children read. Books about dinosaurs, books about space and even books about dogs – Nell loves them all! But one day Peter and Nell arrive at school to find all the books have disappeared! Who could have taken them, and why? Luckily, Detective Dog Nell, with help from the whole class, is ready to sniff out the thief!</p>

	<h2>You Can't Take an Elephant on the Bus</h2>	<p>Patricia Cleveland-Peck & David Tazzyman</p>	<p><i>You can't take an elephant on the bus ...It would simply cause a terrible fuss! Elephants' bottoms are heavy and fat and would certainly squash the seats quite flat.</i></p> <p>Never put a camel in a sailing boat, or a tiger on a train, and don't even THINK about asking a whale to ride a bike ... This riotous picture book is filled with animals causing total disaster as they try to travel in the most unsuitable vehicles. A real romp of a book, with hilarious rhyming text and spectacular illustrations.</p>
	<h2>Little Red Reading Hood</h2>	<p>Lucy Rowland & Ben Mantle</p>	<p>Little Red Reading Hood loves reading books 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> <p>This is a contemporary and fun take on the classic fairy tale, <i>Little Red Riding Hood</i>, created by an incredible picture book partnership. With a playful rhyming story by Lucy Rowland and Ben Mantle's entertaining illustrations, <i>Little Red Reading Hood</i> will inspire children, and adults, about the magic of books and reading.</p>
	<h2>Oh No, George</h2> <p>Books by the same author: Shh We Have a Plan Goodnight Everyone</p>	<p>Chris Haughton</p>	<p>This is the story of George the dog. His owner, Harris, is off to do some shopping. "Will you be good, George?" he asks his dog. George hopes he can. He <i>really</i> wants to ... but chocolate cake is just <i>so</i> very delicious and he <i>does</i> love to chase cat... What will George do now? Shortlisted for the Kate Greenaway Medal and the Roald Dahl Funny Prize, Chris Haughton's distinctive artwork perfectly accompanies the innocent charm of affable George, a dog trying to be good – with hilarious results!</p>
	<h2>Supertato</h2> <p>Books which follow in the series: Supertato Veggies Assemble Supertato Run Veggies Run Supertato Evil Pea Rules</p>	<p>Sue Hendra & Paul Linnet</p>	<p>Meet Supertato! He's always there for you when the chips are down. He's the superhero with eyes everywhere - but now there's a pea on the loose. A very, very naughty pea. Has Supertato finally met his match?</p>
	<h2>The Storm Whale</h2> <p>Books by the same author: The Storm Whale in the Winter Grandma Bird Grandad's Island</p>	<p>Benji Davies</p>	<p>Noi and his father live in a house by the sea, his father works hard as a fisherman and Noi often has only their six cats for company. So when, one day, he finds a baby whale washed up on the beach after a storm, Noi is excited and takes it home to care for it. He tries to keep his new friend a secret, but but there's only so long you can keep a whale in the bath without your dad finding out. Noi is eventually persuaded that the whale has to go back to the sea where it belongs. For Noi, even though he can't keep it, the arrival of the whale changes his life for the better - the perfect gift from one friend to another.</p>

	<h2>Dotty Detective</h2> <p>Books which follow in the series: The Pawprint Puzzle/The Midnight Mystery/The Lost Puppy/The Birthday Surprise/The Holiday Mystery</p>	<p>Clara Vulliamy</p>	<p>Meet Dorothy Constance Mae Louise, or Dot as she prefers to be called! Dot loves super-sour apple sherberts, running fast and puzzles – especially if they’re fiendishly tricky. And with the help of trusty sidekick, Beans and TOP DOG, McClusky, she is always ready to sniff out a mystery. So when meangirl Laura seems set on sabotaging the school talent show, Dot is determined to find out how, and save the day...</p>
	<h2>The Big Book of Bugs</h2> <p>Books which follow in the series: The Big Book of Beasts The Big Book of Blue</p>	<p>Yuval Zommer & Barbara Taylor</p>	<p>Introductory spreads explain that bugs live nearly everywhere on Earth and give tips on how to become a young bug spotter. The book is divided into key groups of bugs, including beetles, moths, butterflies, bees, snails, crickets, grasshoppers, worms and spiders, all illustrated with scenic compositions. Some spreads approach the world of bugs thematically, such as bugs that come out at night, baby creepy-crawlies and life cycles, how bugs hide and show off and how some bugs love to live in your home. The text is chatty, funny and full of amazing facts.</p>
	<h2>Take on the Town</h2> <p>Books which follow in the series: Every Dog Has it’s Day The Sport’s Spectacular Friends, Romans, Statues!</p>	<p>Clare Elsom</p>	<p>Lord Commander Horatio Frederick Wallington Nincompoo Maximus Pimpleberry the Third (or Horace, for short) has been a statue on a plinth in Princes Park for hundreds of years. But after suffering pranks, graffiti, endless mobile phone chat, and pigeon poo, Horace has had enough. He decides it's time to get off his pedestal and walks away. Surely he can find a better home? One suitable for such a fine commander? Assisted by his new friend Harriet, Horace tackles modern life in his quest to find the perfect place to live. The trouble is, nowhere seems to be quite as good as Mayor Silverbottom's house. And Mayor Silverbottom just happens to be a descendant of Horace's arch enemy . . .</p>
	<h2>Claude in the City</h2> <p>Books which follow in the series: Claude on Holiday/Claude at the Circus/ Claude in the Spotlight/Claude at the Beach/Lights, Camera, Action/ Claude in the Country/Claude on the Slopes/Going For Gold</p>	<p>Alex T. Smith</p>	<p>When Mr and Mrs Shinyshoes set off for work, Claude decides what adventure he wants to have that day. Today he and Sir Bobblysock go to the city for the very first time. They have tea in a café, go shopping and visit a museum. It is all very normal until ... Claude accidentally foils a robbery and becomes the local hero!</p>
	<h2>Rabbit's Bad Habits</h2> <p>Books which follow in the series: The Pest In the Nest Attack of the Snack</p>	<p>Julian Gough & Jim Field</p>	<p>Bear wakes up early from hibernation. If she can't sleep, then at least she can make a snowman. Rabbit has never made a snowman, but he definitely wants to make one that's better than Bear's. But with an avalanche and a hungry wolf heading his way, Rabbit soon realises that it might be nice to have a friend on his side. From novelist and playwright Julian Gough, and the winner of the Roald Dahl Funny Prize, Jim Field, this is a tale of friendship, gravity, and just a little bit of poo.</p>

	<h2>Meet the Twitches</h2> <p>Books which follow in the series: The Twitches Bake A Cake The Twitches Meet a Puppy</p>	<p>Hayley Scott & Pippa Curnick</p>	<p>Stevie loves her life living in her tower block, so is really unhappy when her Mum decides to move to the countryside. To cheer her up, her grandmother gives her a very special gift, a teacup house containing four tiny toy rabbits the Twitches. Little does Stevie know just how special they really are because they have a secret, when she she's not looking they come to life. Our rabbits have a nose for an adventure and it's not long before they find themselves in turmoil when Daddy Gabriel gets lost. Hayley deftly mixes real life and fantasy in this enchanting tale. Pippa's stunning full colour illustrations are filled with the most wondrous details and warmth.</p>
	<h2>Isadora Moon Goes Camping</h2> <p>Books which follow in the series: Goes to School/Goes to Ballet/ Has a Birthday Gets In Trouble/ Goes on a School Trip/ Goes to the Fair / Makes Winter Magic</p>	<p>Harriet Muncaster</p>	<p>Half vampire, half fairy, totally unique! Isadora Moon is special because she is different. Her mum is a fairy and her dad is a vampire and Isadora is a bit of both. So when they all go camping at the seaside some things might happen that are not quite normal . . . From roasting marshmallows on a campfire to making friends with a mermaid - special things happen when Isadora's around! With irresistible pink and black artwork throughout by author/illustrator Harriet Muncaster and a totally unique heroine with an out-of-this-world family, this is a beautiful, charming, and funny.</p>
	<h2>The Toilet Ghost</h2> <p>Books which follow in the series: The Shark in the Pool The Magic Hamster</p>	<p>Pamela Butchart & Becka Moor</p>	<p>Life at Wigglesbottom Primary is often lived on the edge. A class talent show becomes a thing of great mystery and intrigue, when it turns out that Jacob Barry's stinky shoe can PREDICT THE FUTURE! Or filled with peril when the boys' toilets become HAUNTED! And then there's the CURSE that lives in the story-time carpet and gives everyone ANTS IN THEIR PANTS...</p>
	<h2>Captain Pug</h2> <p>Books which follow in the series: Cowboy Pug/Safari Pug/Pirate Pug</p>	<p>Laura James & Elisa Pagine</p>	<p>Pug is going on a seafaring adventure. He's had jam tarts for breakfast. He's wearing a smart sailor suit. There's just one problem. Pug is afraid of the water! An irresistible tale that is sure to delight younger readers featuring the most brilliant, courageous and wonderful dog Pug who has a penchant for finding himself in the most peculiar of places. Églantine's illustrations are bright, bold and full of humour and energy providing the perfect accompaniment to Laura's endearing tale.</p>
	<h2>The Piglet Pickle</h2> <p>Books which follow in the series: The Magic Hamster The Beast of Bramble Woods</p>	<p>Caryl Hart & Sarah Warburton</p>	<p>In this first story, troublesome twosome Nell and Freddie go on a school trip to a farm, where they pet the animals and learn about how they live, and Freddie smuggles a piglet out in his backpack. He thinks he's saving it from becoming sausages. So Nell keeps it in her bedroom, gives it a bath and gets it involved in bringing a local crime wave to an end (with the help of her hilariously teenaged big brother, Lucas). Then they all go home for tea!</p>

	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Polly and the Puffin</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Books which follow in the series: The Stormy Day/The New Friend/The Happy Christmas</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Jenny Colgan & Thomas Docherty</p>	<p>Polly heard a CRASH downstairs. Was it a monster? NO! Was it a spider alien? NO! It was a little puffin with a broken wing... When Polly discovers an injured puffin, she and her mummy look after him in their cottage by the sea. Slowly, Neil's wing heals and Polly must prepare herself to say goodbye to her new friend. Will she ever see him again?</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Pugly Solves A Crime</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Books which follow in the series: Pugly Bakes a Cake Pugly on Ice</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Pamela Butchart & Gemma Correll</p>	<p>When Pugly hears that Big Sal the guinea pig has been GUINEA PIG-NAPPED he knows it's time for him to become a PUG-TECTIVE! Is GLITTERPUFF the fancy poodle, or TINY the dramatic chihuahua behind the crime? Maybe it's Big Sal HIMSELF! Time for Pugly to put on his special DETECTIVE HAT and join forces with Clem the cat to find clues, interview suspects, and have a stake-out with real STEAK. Watch out criminals, Pugly is on the case!</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">In the Fast Lane</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Books which follow in the series: The Great Diamond Robbery/ The Haunted House/Up,Up and Away/On His Bike</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Shirley Hughes & Clara Vulliamy</p>	<p>Introducing Dixie O' Day and also, of course, his friend Percy! This dashing duo are always getting into adventures – here they enter the All-Day Car Race little knowing what is ahead of them! Dixie and Percy run into all sorts of peril, as does their arch enemy, Lou Ella. But who will win, and will Lou Ella get her comeuppance?</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">The Invisible Cat</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Books which follow in the series: Supermarket Sweep/ Meets Mad Nana Dot/Secret Santa/Seaside Rescue/The Big Country Fair</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Pip Jones & Ella Okstead</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>'Can you see him? My kitten? Close your eyes tight His fur is so soft and all silvery white Imagine him quick! Have you imagined enough? Oh, good, you can see him! It's Squishy McFluff!'</i></p> <p>When Ava discovers an imaginary cat in the cabbage patch, she knows she's found a new best friend. Together, Ava and Squishy McFluff get up to all kinds of mischief . . .</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">The Spooky School</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Books which follow in the series: Up, Up and Away Jingle Bells The Aliens Are Coming</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tracey Corderoy & Steven Lenton</p>	<p>Halloween at St Spectre's school brings out the cheekiest of ghosts! And who is to blame when the weather goes CRAZY? A power-grabbing red panda, maybe? Certainly not the raccoon gang fixing the museum's toilets - they've got dastardly plans of their OWN! In Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam The Spooky School, the much-loved picture book pair of pooches appear for the first time in a two-colour fiction format, ideal for children growing in confidence as readers and beginning to read alone.</p>