


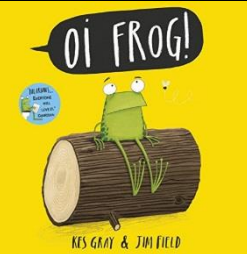


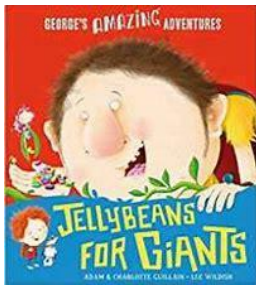
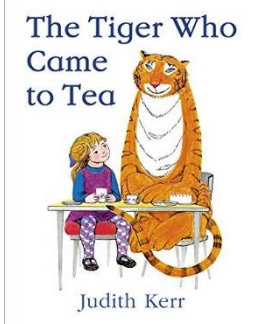
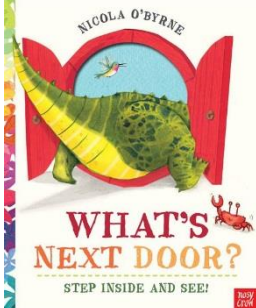
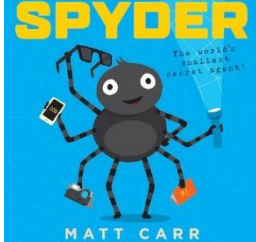


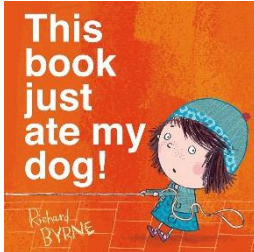
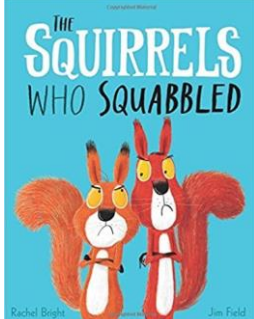
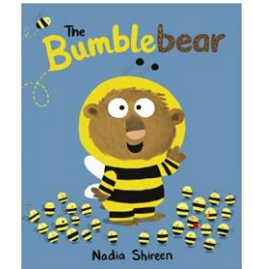
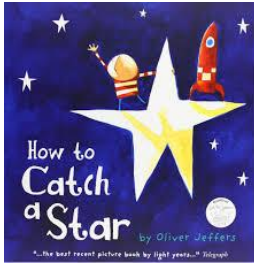
# Mrs Clarke's Recommended Reads Year R



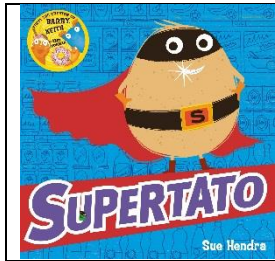
The following list includes *only* books that I have personally read and would **fully** recommend. They all fall into the 4-5 age range so would be perfect for Year R. We have copies of all of these books in the school library for you to borrow or reserve. Or you should be able to order from Whitchurch Library. Happy reading...

Book Cover	Title	Author	A Brief Guide...
	<h2>Little Monkey</h2>	<b>Marta Altes</b>	It's hard being a little monkey in a big troop, in an even bigger jungle - and this little monkey has had enough of always missing out! She's off to climb to the top of the tallest tree in the jungle and she's going to do it all on her own.  Except that there's someone following close behind. Someone with claws and stripes and rather sharp teeth...
	<h2>Blown Away</h2> <p>Books by the same author: <b>Odd Dog Out/ Sunk</b> <b>Grrrrr!</b> <b>Kevin</b></p>	<b>Rob Biddulph</b>	Come on an unexpected journey with a fearless blue penguin.  It's 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.
	<h2>The Queen's Hat</h2> <p>Books by the same author: <b>Please Mr Panda/Unplugged</b> <b>The Queen's Handbag</b> <b>Betty Goes Bananas/ Amazing</b></p>	<b>Steve Antony</b>	A sudden gust of wind sets of a marvellous London adventure for the Queen, the Queen's men and one very special hat. So let's follow one determined, dare-devil queen through London Zoo, over Tower Bridge and up Big Ben ... just where will that hat land? Featuring favourite London landmarks, including Tower Bridge, Big Ben and London Zoo.
	<h2>Oi Frog</h2> <p>Books in the same series: <b>Oi Cat/ Oi Dog</b> <b>Oi Duck Billed Platypus</b></p>	<b>Kes Gray &amp; Jim Field</b>	Jam-packed with the silliest of animals, this rhyming story will have the youngest of readers in fits of laughter.  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!

	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Jellybeans For Giants</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Books in the same series:  <b>Spaghetti with the Yeti/ Marshmallows for Martians/ Doughnuts for a Dragon</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Adam &amp; Charlotte Guillain &amp; Lee Wildish</b></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 style="text-align: center;">The Tiger Who Came to Tea</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Books by the same author:  <b>Mog the Forgetful Cat  Mog and Bunny  Mog and the Baby  Mog's Bad Thing</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Judith Kerr</b></p>	<p>The doorbell rings just as Sophie and her mummy are sitting down to tea. Who could it possibly be? What they certainly don't expect to see at the door is a big furry, stripy tiger!</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">What's Next Door?</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Books by the same author:  <b>Open Very Carefully  Use Your Imagination  The Last Book Before Bedtime</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Nicola Byrne</b></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!</p> <p>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 style="text-align: center;">Spyder</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Books by the same author:  <b>SuperBat</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Matt Carr</b></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 style="text-align: center;">This Book Just Ate My Dog</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Books by the same author:  <b>We're in the Wrong Book</b>  <b>This Book is Out of Control</b>  <b>This Book Just Stole My Cat</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Richard Byrne</b></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 style="text-align: center;">The Squirrels Who Squabbled</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Books by the same author:  <b>The Lion Inside</b>  <b>The Koala Who Could</b>  <b>The Way Home For Wolf</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Rachel Bright &amp; Jim Field</b></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 style="text-align: center;"><b>A laugh-out-loud tale about friendship and sharing.</b></p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Bumblebear</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Books by the same author:  <b>Billy and the Beast</b>  <b>The Cow Who Fell to Earth</b>  <b>The Yeti and the Bird</b>  <b>Good Little Wolf</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Nadia Shireen</b></p>	<p>Norman is a bear. A bear who LOVES honey. According to Norman, there can never be enough honey; he needs to get his paws on more, more, <i>more!</i> 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. . . <i>The Bumblebear?</i></p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">How To Catch A Star</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Books by the same author:  <b>Stuck</b>  <b>How To Catch A Star</b>  <b>Up and Down/ Lost and Found</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Oliver Jeffers</b></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 style="text-align: center;">So, one day, he decided to set about catching a star of his very own...</p>

	<h2 style="text-align: center;">The Gruffalo</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Books by the same author:  <b>The Gruffalo's Child/ Monkey Puzzle/  The Snail and the Whale/ A Squash and a Squeeze/ The Highway Rat</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Julia Donaldson &amp; Axel Scheffler</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A mouse took a stroll through the deep dark wood.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A fox saw the mouse and the mouse looked good.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Walk further into the deep dark wood, and discover what happens when a quick-witted mouse comes face to face with an owl, a snake...and a hungry Gruffalo!</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">You Can't Take an Elephant on the Bus</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Books which follow in the series:  <b>You Can't Let an Elephant Drive a Digger  You Can't Call an Elephant in an Emergency</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Patricia Cleveland-Peck &amp; David Tazzyman</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>You can't take an <b>elephant</b> on the <b>bus</b> ...It would simply cause a terrible fuss!  Elephants' bottoms are heavy and fat and would certainly squash the seats quite flat.  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.</i></p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">My Colourful Chameleon</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Leonie Roberts &amp; Mike Byrne</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A funny, rhyming story about a girl who keeps losing her beloved yet troublesome pet chameleon. It's not her fault though, changing colour is what chameleons do best! Mum is angry at the disappearing critter, and the girl must convince her that the pet can stay. Can she find a way of keeping track of her troublesome pet?</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Oh No, George</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Books by the same author:  <b>Shh We Have a Plan  Goodnight Everyone</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chris Haughton</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">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 so 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>

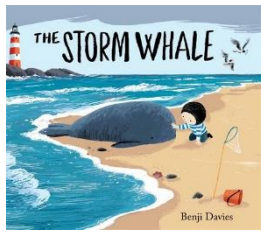


## Supertato

Books which follow in the series:  
Supertato Veggies Assemble  
Supertato Run Veggies Run  
Supertato Evil Pea Rules

Sue  
Hendra  
&  
Paul  
Linnet

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?

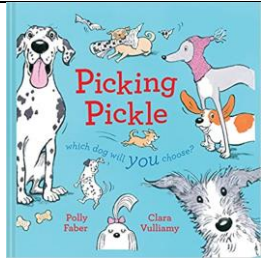


## The Storm Whale

Books by the same author:  
The Storm Whale in the Winter  
Grandma Bird

Benji  
Davies

**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.



## Picking Pickle

Polly Faber  
&  
Clara  
Vulliamy

It can be a pickle to pick the right dog. Take a guided tour of the dogs home with one characterful canine he s been there the longest and knows everyone, so he ll make sure you bring home the perfect companion. Will it be hungry Harvey, who eats everything? Or clever Dumpling, who can chew through the crossword in record time? Or sporty Boo-Boo, as bouncy as a ball? How about Poochy Petunia Wuffles-Winstanley, the poshest pet in the pound? Oh it s so hard to choose. What a pickle!

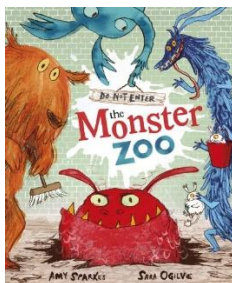
*We're Going on a Bear Hunt*  
Michael Rosen Helen Oxenbury



## We're Going on a Bear Hunt

Michael  
Rosen  
&  
Helen  
Oxenbury

Follow and join in the family's excitement as they wade through the grass, splash through the river and squelch through the mud in search of a bear. What a surprise awaits them in the cave on the other side of the dark forest!

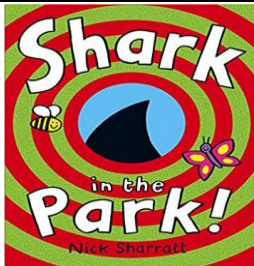
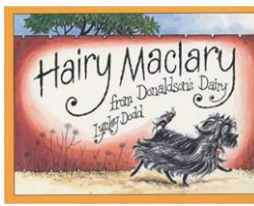
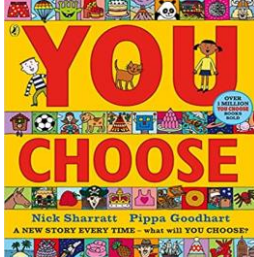
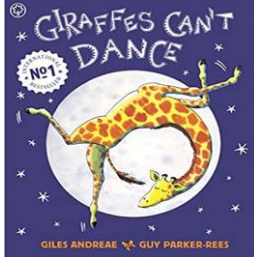
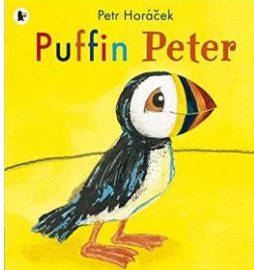


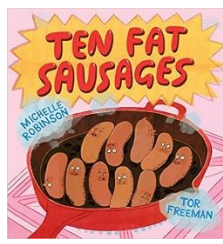
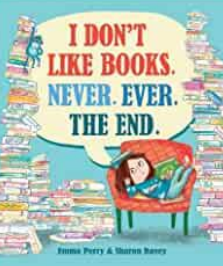
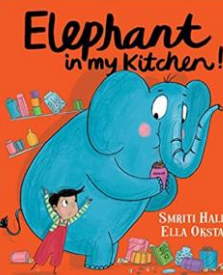
## Do Not Enter the Monster Zoo

Amy Sparkes  
&  
Sara  
Ogilvie

What would **you** do if you received an invitation to run a zoo full of huge, scary **monsters**?  
The brave little boy in this story leaps at the chance, and although the monsters seem scary at first, he soon has them eating out of the palm of his hand.  
This is an exciting, imaginative, hilarious adventure that encourages little readers to have confidence and stand up for themselves.

	<h2>I Don't Want to be Small</h2> <p>Books by the same author:  <b>I Don't Want Curly Hair</b>  <b>I Don't Want to be Quiet</b></p>	<p><b>Laura Ellen Anderson</b></p>	<p><i>NO! I do NOT want to be so small!  I wish I'd keep growing so I can be tall.</i></p> <p>This little boy is fed up with being so <i>little</i>. He wants to be as tall as his friends and his big brother. But when he loses his teddy bear up a tree, not even his new tall friend can get it back for him. Maybe with a <i>little</i> bit of help they can reach the bear together .</p>
	<h2>The Cave</h2>	<p><b>Rob Hodgson</b></p>	<p><i>There is a cave.  A cave that is home to a creature.  A creature that never leaves its cave...  Because of a wolf.</i></p> <p>The wolf tries everything to get the creature to leave the cave, to no avail. But what will happen when he's finally successful? This is a <b>laugh-out-loud story</b> with a <b>BIG surprise</b>.</p>
	<h2>Aliens Love Underpants</h2> <p>Books which follow in the series:  <b>Pirates Love Underpants</b>  <b>Monsters Love Underpants</b>  <b>Dinosaurs Love Underpants</b></p>	<p><b>Claire Freedman &amp; Ben Cort</b></p>	<p>"Aliens love underpants, in every shape and size,  But there are no underpants in space, so here's a big surprise...."</p> <p>This zany, hilarious tale is delightfully brought to life by Ben Cort's vibrant illustrations. With a madcap, rhyming text by award-winning Claire Freedman, this is sure to enchant and amuse the whole family!</p>
	<h2>The Same But Different Too</h2>	<p><b>Karl Newson &amp; Kate Hindley</b></p>	<p>These children and animals are all very different to each other. Some are big, some are small. Some are gentle, some are rough. Everyone is playful, but who's the best at hiding? One thing's certain: they all love a good bedtime story! The perfect picture book for little ones who are just beginning to make sense of their place in the world.</p>
	<h2>My Hair</h2>	<p><b>Hannah Lee &amp; Allen Fatimaharan</b></p>	<p><i>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?</i></p> <p>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>

	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Shark in the Park</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Books which follow in the series:  <b>Shark in the Park on a Windy Day</b>  <b>Shark in the Dark</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Nick Sharratt</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Timothy Pope, Timothy Pope, what can you see through your telescope?  Is there a really a shark in the park? Go on, be brave, open the book and see!</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Timothy Pope has a brand new telescope and he's testing it out at the park. Peep through the die-cut holes in this book to see if you can spy a shark. Is that <i>really</i> a shark? Turn the page and find out.</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lynley Dodd</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Hairy Maclary goes off for a walk in town, followed by a few friends - and comes up against a nasty surprise in the shape of Scarface Claw!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Discover the lovable rogue, Hairy Maclary, and his four-footed friends in this hilarious classic tale. With unforgettable illustrations and a brilliant rhyming text, it's a true delight to read aloud again and again.</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">You Choose</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Books which follow in the series:  <b>You Choose Your Dreams</b>  <b>You Choose in Space</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pippa Goodheart &amp; Nick Sharratt</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Imagine you could go anywhere, meet anyone and do anything. Where would you live? Where would you sleep? Who would be your friends? What games would you play? Go on . . . <i>you</i> choose! With the help of Nick Sharratt's wonderfully detailed illustrations, Pippa Goodhart explores a whole range of scenarios where choosing is made fun! This is a timeless classic which children will love to return to again and again - and there's something new to find on every read!</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Giraffes can't Dance</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Giles Andreae</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Gerald the tall giraffe would love to join in with the other animals at the Jungle Dance, but everyone knows that giraffes can't dance . . . or can they?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A funny, touching and triumphant picture book story about a giraffe who finds his own tune and confidence too, with joyful illustrations from Guy Parker Rees and a foiled cover.</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Puffin Peter</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Petr Horacek</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Peter and Paul are the best of friends, but when Peter gets lost in a terrible storm he can't find Paul anywhere. With the help of a big blue whale Puffin Peter sets off to find him. They find all kinds of birds that match Peter's description but none of them is quite like Paul.</p>

	<h2 style="text-align: center;">A Great Big Cuddle</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Michael Rosen &amp; Chris Riddell</b></p>	<p>The poems in A Great Big Cuddle 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, and Chris Riddell has produced some his most extraordinary pictures ever to bring this world to life.</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Ten Fat Sausages</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Books by the same author:  <b>There's A Lion in my Cornflakes</b>  <b>How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth</b>  <b>Goodnight Spaceman/Goodnight Digger</b>  <b>Goodnight Princess/ Goodnight Pirate</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Michelle Robinson &amp; Tor Freeman</b></p>	<p>Come on a great escape through the kitchen as we follow each sausage that decides to make a run for it. Will they succeed or will the cat, blender, plug hole or fan prove their downfall? Michelle Robinson's no-holds-barred humour is perfectly matched by Tor Freeman's mad-cap artwork. Hilarious and merciless, this tale will have you hooting out loud.</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Oh No. Bobo!</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Donna David &amp; Laura Watkins</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Join Bobo the Orangutan on his quest to find the perfect pillow and ensure a good night's sleep.</b></p> <p>Bobo is sure one of his jungle friends will be able to help. He plucks a feather here and a tuft of hair there but only causes upset! Bobo is left despondent and still without a pillow. But when Elsie the elephant enthusiastically strokes Bobo and wraps him up in her trunk in an effort to play, Bobo gets very upset indeed. Will Bobo and Elsie both learn an important lesson about asking permission?</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">I Don't Like Books. Never. Ever. The End.</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Emma Perry &amp; Sharon Davey</b></p>	<p>Once upon a time there was a little girl called Mabel. A girl who didn't like books. She used them for all sorts of things, from juggling to sledging, but she NEVER looked at the stories inside. Until the books decided they had had ENOUGH!</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Elephant in my Kitchen</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Smriti Halls &amp; Ella Okstad</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">What if . . .      There was an elephant in your kitchen,      A tiger on your loo,      A gorilla in your bedroom,      Whatever would you do? When wild animals move into Rafi's house, he needs to figure out a BIG PLAN to get them back to their own homes.</p>

	<h2>What the Ladybird Heard</h2> <p>Books which follow in the series:          What the Ladybird Heard Next          What the Ladybird Heard on Holiday          What the Ladybird Heard at the Seaside</p>	<p><b>Julia Donaldson &amp; Lydia Monks</b></p>	<p><i>The ladybird said never a word.          But the ladybird saw,          And the ladybird heard . . .</i></p> <p>Hefty Hugh and Lanky Len are two crafty robbers with a cunning plan to steal the farmer's fine prize cow. But little do they know that the tiniest, quietest creature of all has overhead their plot, and she has a plan of her own . . .</p>
	<h2>Pirate Pete and his Smelly Feet</h2>	<p><b>Lucy Rowland &amp; Mark Chambers</b></p>	<p>This spick and span crew of pirates have had enough of Pete's pongy feet! So he's been ordered to walk the plank. But it turns out that hungry sharks didn't like the smell of cheese either. What will the pirates do without Pete's feet to keep those snappy sharks away?</p>
	<h2>Julián is a Mermaid</h2>	<p><b>Jessica Love</b></p>	<p>While riding the subway home from the pool with his abuela one day, Julián notices three women spectacularly dressed up. Their hair billows in brilliant hues, their dresses end in fishtails, and their joy fills the train car. When Julián gets home, daydreaming of the magic he's seen, all he can think about is dressing up just like the ladies in his own fabulous mermaid costume: a butter-yellow curtain for his tail, the fronds of a potted fern for his headdress. But what will Abuela think about the mess he makes — and even more importantly, what will she think about how Julián sees himself?</p>
	<h2>The Girls</h2>	<p><b>Lauren Ace &amp; Jenny Lovlie</b></p>	<p>Four little girls meet under an apple tree and form a bond that grows as they share secrets, dreams, worries and schemes. This beautifully illustrated tale charts the girls' lives through ups and downs and laughter and tears. Find out how their friendship flourishes as the years pass by and the girls become women.</p>