

Year 3 Guiding Readers Book List

PICTURE BOOKS							
Many of the selected books address interesting themes, play with text structure and encourage the development of visual literacy							
Titles	Authors	Illustrators	Description	Key points	Number of pages	ISBN	Publisher
A Tale of Two Beasts	Robertson, Fiona	Robertson, Fiona	There are two sides to every story. A little girl finds a strange beast in the woods and takes it home as a pet. She feeds it, shows it off to her friends and gives it a hat. There are two sides to every story. A little girl finds a strange beast in the woods and takes it home as a pet. She feeds it, shows it off to her friends and gives it a hat. But that night it escapes. Then the beast tells the story of being kidnapped by the girl, who force fed it squirrel food, scared it with a group of beasts and wrapped it in wool. Can the two beasts resolve their differences? An eye-opening story that makes you look at things from a different perspective.	Dual perspective narrative encourages discussion about perspective and narrative viewpoint	32 pages	9781444916737	Hachette
Beware of the Storybook Wolves	Child, Lauren	Child, Lauren	Every night, Herb's mother reads him a bedtime story. Sometimes it's about a big bad wolf who terrifies little girls and their grandmothers, with his chilling growl and big yellow teeth. The story gets very nasty in the middle and everybody nearly comes to a sticky end. But, by the last page, it all turns out well and happy-ever-afterly. But what will happen to Herb when the wolves escape from his book? Will they gobble him up? Or will this, too, end happily-ever-after?	Free discussion notes available on www.justimaginestorycentre.co.uk . Challenging text for year 3 or more accessible text for year 4.	32 pages	9781408314807	Hachette
Black Dog	Pinfeld, Levi	Pinfeld, Levi	One by one the Hope family see the Black Dog outside their house and attempt to shut it out. Only Small, the youngest member of the family, is able to confront it. This multi-layered picture book has rich and detailed illustrations which support newly independent readers in their interpretation of the story. The theme of overcoming fears is perfect for this age group and Black Dog is an ideal choice for guided reading.	Free discussion notes www.justimaginestorycentre.co.uk Accessible text but potential for discussing deeper themes.	32 pages	9781848777484	Templar
Bluebird	Staake, Bob	Staake, Bob	Readers will be captivated as they follow the journey of a bluebird as he develops a friendship with a young boy and ultimately risks his life to save the boy from harm. Both simple and evocative, this timeless and profound story will resonate with readers young and old.	Wordless picture book. Good for exploring narrative structure and visual literacy. Accessible text.	32 pages	9781783441853	Andersen Press

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Clown	Blake, Quentin	Blake, Quentin	Clown finds himself thrown head-first into a dustbin with an assortment of other discarded toys. Bravely he takes charge of his fate and goes off in search of help - and a new home.	Wordless picture book. Winner of the Bologna Ragazzi Award 1996. Themes: care of possessions, triumph over adversity. Free discussion notes on www.justimaginstorycentre.co.uk	32 pages	9780099493617	Random House
Day the Crayons Quit, The	Daywalt, Drew	Jeffers, Oliver	The Number One New York Times Bestseller! Debut author Drew Daywalt and international bestseller Oliver Jeffers team up to create a colourful solution to a crayon-based crisis in this playful, imaginative story that will have children laughing and playing with their crayons in a whole new way. Poor Duncan just wants to colour in. But when he opens his box of crayons, he only finds letters, all saying the same thing: We quit! Beige is tired of playing second fiddle to Brown, Blue needs a break from colouring in all that water, while Pink just wants to be used. Green has no complaints, but Orange and Yellow are no longer speaking to each other. The battle lines have been drawn. What is Duncan to do?	Themes: resolving differences, friendship	32 pages	9780007513765	HarperCollins
Dear Greenpeace	James, Simon	James, Simon	This is an enchanting ecological fantasy from a multi-award-winning picture book creator. Worried that the whale living in her pond is unhappy, Emily writes to Greenpeace, who, though offering the best of advice, insist that it is impossible for a whale to live in a pond. Undeterred, Emily continues to seek the best course of action for her beloved whale, finally setting him free.	Free discussion notes www.justimaginstorycentre.co.uk . Themes: ecology, environment. Letter writing	32 pages	9781406367409	Walker Books
Egg, The	Robertson, M P	Robertson, M P	George knows something isn't right when he finds more than he bargained for under his mother's favourite chicken, and he soon finds himself looking after a baby dragon. George takes his job as a parent seriously, teaching the hatchling all sorts of 'dragony' ways, but the dragon begins to pine for his own kind, and one day he disappears.	Fantasy. Perennially popular dragon theme. Themes: belonging.	32 pages	9781845077990	Frances Lincoln
Flood	Villa, Alvarro, F.	Villa, Alvarro, F.	With intensely coloured, gorgeous artwork, Alvaro F. Villa depicts the effects of a devastating flood on a family and their home in this wordless - and startlingly beautiful - picture b	Wordless book. Free discussion notes www.justimaginstorycentre.co.uk . Themes: family, flood, disaster, triumph over adversity, environment.	32 pages	9781406352337	Walker Books

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The Frog Prince Continued	Scieszka, Jon	Johnson, Steve	After the Princess kissed the frog, he turned into a handsome prince and they lived happily ever after... or did they? The Princess can't stand the Prince's froggy habits - the way he hops around on the furniture, or sneaks off to the lily pond. The Prince is unhappy, too, and decides that it would be best if he were changed back to a frog. But finding a witch who will do the job is harder than he expects. They all seem to have other spells in mind...	Free discussion notes on Just Imagine website. Fairy Tale sunversion. Humour.32 pages	32 pages	9780140542851	Penguin
Gorilla	Browne, Anthony	Browne, Anthony	Hannah loves gorillas but has never seen one. Her father's too busy to take her to the zoo - or for anything else come to that. For her birthday, Hannah asks her father for a gorilla - but is disappointed when she discovers that the gorilla she's got is just a toy one. But then something extraordinary happens...the toy turns into a real gorilla, who puts on her father's hat and coat and takes her off for a magical visit to the zoo...	Free discussion notes www.justimaginestorycentre.co.uk . Classic picture book. Themes, family, loneliness, friendship. Could be read as part of an author study. Although the text and subject is accessible for year 3 readers, the complexity of the themes also make this an appropriate book for older readers.	32 pages	9781406318524	Walker Books
Greek Myths	Williams, Marcia	Williams, Marcia	The Greek myths are among the greatest, most exciting stories ever told and feature some of the world's best loved heroes and heroines. In this book, you'll find the stories of Theseus, conqueror of the dreaded Minotaur; the mighty Heracles and his twelve tasks; the tragic lovers Orpheus and Eurydice; Perseus, the Gorgon-slayer; the musician Arion and his rescue by the dolphins; Pandora and her little box of horrors; the feather-clad fliers Daedalus and Icarus; and the weaving contest between Arachne and the goddess Athene.	Comic strip layout. Literary heritage. The comic style format may be particularly appealing to some readers who would not normally select myths and legends as their preferred reading choice. The format brings it's own read challenges which can be explored in a guided reading context.	32 pages	9781406303476	Walker Books
Gregory Cool	Binch, Caroline	Binch, Caroline	When Gregory wakes up on his first day in Tobago with his grandparents, his heart sinks. The food is strange, the sun too hot, his cousin Lennox is on another wave length, and there are none of the televisions, video games and other high-tech gadgets that a cool city-boy takes for granted. How Gregory adjusts to the strange culture, and learns to enjoy the lifestyle of the Caribbean is enchantingly told and illustrated by award-winning author Caroline Binch.	Character development and changing point of view. Establishing setting. Golbal dimension. Cultural diversity presented from a child's perspective.	32 pages	9781847802583	Frances Lincoln

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Hansel and Gretel	Browne, Anthony	Browne, Anthony	This is a retelling of this famous, dark fairytale from award-winning author-illustrator Anthony Browne. "Hansel and Gretel" is perhaps the darkest and greatest of the fairytales from the Brothers Grimm. This extraordinary book brings the classic childhood tale to a new generation courtesy of one of the world's greatest picture book artists, Hans Christian Andersen Award-winner Anthony Browne.	Grimms story in 1950s setting. Could be compared with straightforward version such as James Marshall's <i>Hansel and Gretel</i> . As with other recommendations of Anthony Browne's books, the potential for thematic and philosophical exploration also makes this book equally suitable for older junior readers.	32 pages	9781406318524	Walker Books
Have You Seen Who's Just Moved in Next Door to Us?	McNaughton, Colin	McNaughton, Colin	We're a lovely bunch of people on our street - King Kong lives at number fifty, the churchyard is full of ghosts and ghoulies, and there's a houseful of pirates at number ninety-four. But you'll never believe who's just moved in next door to us! Great antics from the irreverent Colin McNaughton. In a street populated with monsters, vampires and a host of characters from literature, a new family has moved in and is causing something of a stir!	Rhyming picture books. Makes reference to other stories, films and popular culture. Language word play, riddles, puns. Winner of the Kurt Maschler Award 1991. An engaging book that might suit less 'bookish' readers.	32 pages	9781406347371	Walker Books
Here I Am	Patti, Kim	Patti, Kim	Newly arrived from their faraway homeland, a boy and his family enter into the lights, noise, and traffic of a busy city. The language is unfamiliar. Food, habits, games, and gestures are puzzling. They boy clings tightly to his special keepsake from home and wonders how he will find his way. How will he once again become the happy, confident kid he used to be?	Wordless picture book. Themes, displacement, belonging, identity, migration. Accessible text for all readers.	32 pages	9781782022268	Curious Fox
Hermelin	Grey, Mini	Grey, Mini	Hermelin is a noticer. He is also a finder. The occupants of Offley Street are delighted when their missing items are found, but not so happy to learn that their brilliant detective is a mouse! What will happen to Hermelin? Will his talents go unrewarded?	Detective genre. Challenging text for year 3 or potentially a more accessible text for year 4.	32 pages	9781849415620	Random House
I'll Take You to Mrs Cole	Gray, Nigel	Foreman, Michael	A touching story about a little boy who lives on his own with his working mother. Whenever he is naughty, his mother threatens him with Mrs Cole, who appears to be a disreputable character living nearby in total squalor. He imagines children being starved, whipped and even stewed. Then one day he runs away from home and despite his fears, finds himself outside Mrs Cole's house. She invites him in and he discovers that Mrs Cole's noisy, chaotic kindly house is welcoming and warm and her house becomes somewhere to go when he is good. '	Narrative picture book. Themes: don't judge too quickly, overcoming fear	32 pages	9780862644079	Andersen Press

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Into the Forest	Browne, Anthony	Browne, Anthony	An atmospheric exploration of a child's anxiety by the 2000 Hans Christian Andersen Medal Winner. One night a boy is woken by a terrible sound. A storm is breaking, lightning flashing across the sky. In the morning Dad is gone and Mum doesn't seem to know when he'll be back. The next day Mum asks her son to take a cake to his sick grandma. "Don't go into the forest," she warns. "Go the long way round." But, for the first time, the boy chooses to take the path into the forest, where he meets a variety of fairy tale characters and discovers the fate of his father.	Themes: anxiety. Traditional tales. Free discussion notes on the Just Imagine website	32 pages	9781844285594	Walker Books
Me and You	Browne, Anthony	Browne, Anthony	Three bears decide to go out for a walk in the park while their porridge cools. Meanwhile a little girl has lost her mum and lost her way and is walking the streets alone, until she happens upon a house... The bears arrive home and discover several things are amiss... What will they find upstairs?	Retelling of traditional tale. First person narration from the point of Baby Bear. Could be compared to straight retelling such as Michael Morpurgo's <i>Goldilocks and the Three Bears</i> .	32 pages	9780552559102	Random House
Mungo and the Dinosaur Island	Knapman, Timothy	Stower, Adam	Look out! It's a ...dinosaur stampede! Mungo's latest book is the wildest adventure of all. Horrible hunter Scarface Sam and his men think the secret of the Lost Island will make them rich...But when the dinosaurs get out of control and out of the book, it's up to Mungo to put things right! This is a hilarious action-packed adventure for brave heroes everywhere!	Free discussion guide www.justimaginestorycentre.co.uk Adventure story. Story making.	32 pages	9780141501109	Penguin
Mungo and the Picture Book Pirates	Knapman, Timothy	Stower, Adam	Each night Mungo reads his favourite story, a swashbuckling tale of danger, kidnap and rescue. But one night the hero, Captain Fleet, isn't there to save the day so Mungo decides to step in. He takes a deep breath and bravely jumps into the story and his very own pirate adventure. With a lot of bravery and a little help from the purple berserker bird, Mungo rescues Admiral Mainbrace and the plucky cabin girl Nora from the clutches of villainous Barnacle Bill and a whole host of horrible pirates.	Free discussion notes www.justimaginestorycentre.co.uk Adventure. Story making.	32 pages	9780140569742	Penguin

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Mungo and the Spiders from Space	Knapman, Timothy	Stower, Adam	Mungo was really enjoying his new book Galacticus and Gizmo Save the Universe . The dashing hero, Captain Galacticus, had just been captured by the evil Dr Frankenstinker and things didn't look good. Mungo couldn't wait to find out what happened next, but when he turned over, the last page was missing! Who would foil Dr Frankenstinker's dastardly plan? Who would save the universe now? There was nothing for it - Mungo took a deep breath and jumped into the story ...and his very own space odyssey! With a lot of courage and a little help from a Vroom-101 spaceship, Mungo saved the day (and the universe) and became the youngest ever member of Star Squadron. Discussion notes available on this website. This group pack includes 6 copies of the book.	Free discussion notes www.justimaginestorycentre.co.uk. Adventure, science fiction, space fantasy. The most challenging of the Mungo books.	32 pages	9780141500560	Penguin
Pea and the Princess, The	Grey, Mini	Grey, Mini	Once upon a time there was an enchanting fairytale about a prince who was looking for a real princess to be his bride. The only way to tell whether the many princesses who applied for the post were really royal, legend had it, was to see if they would be able to feel a tiny little pea through dozens of luxurious mattresses as they slept. Only the princess who emerged the next morning complaining of the extreme discomfort in which she had passed the night, could possibly be good enough to be the prince's bride ...All well and enchanting, but has anyone stopped to think about how all this might have felt for the pea in question? No. So here, for the first time, straight from the pea, is the truth about this much-loved, oft-repeated fairytale.	Retelling of traditional tale. could be read as part of a Mini Grey author study. Could be compared to a more traditional retelling such as Lauren Child's <i>The Princess and the Pea</i>	32 pages	9780099432333	Random House
Silence Seeker, The	Morley, Ben	Pearce, Carl	When a new family moves in next door, Joe's mum explains that they are asylum seekers. Joe hears that they are silence seekers, especially as Mum adds that they need peace and quiet. When he sees a young boy from the family sitting disconsolately on the steps, Joe decides to help him find a quiet place in the noisy and chaotic city.	Themes: asylum, immigration, friendship, noise and silence,. Could be read alongside Patti Kim's <i>Here I Am</i>	32 pages	9781848530034	Random House

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Traction Man	Grey, Mini	Grey, Mini	With an action outfit for every occasion, Traction Man patrols the house. Whether he is saving toys (in latex space suit and Perspex helmet, teamed with Rocket Boots); searching the sink for the lost wreck of the sieve (in sub-aqua suit, fluorescent flippers and infra-red mask) or rescuing damsels in distress (in jungle pants, camouflage vest and a bandanna), Traction Man is never less than stylishly turned out and expertly accessorised. He is the last word in heroic fashion flair - until, that is, the day that he is presented with an all-in-one knitted green romper suit and matching bonnet by his owner's granny. Can Traction Man overcome the humiliation of his desperately dowdy new look and rediscover the action hero within or will the burden of the knitted green monstrosity be too great?	Free discussion notes www.justimaginestorycentre.co.uk	32 pages	9780099451099	Random House
Traction Man and the Beach Odyssey	Grey, Mini	Grey, Mini	Traction Man is back! And so is Scrubbing Brush, his brave and rather bedraggled pet. But one night Scrubbing Brush mysteriously vanishes and in his place is the utterly hygienic Turbodog, in indestructible Purple Plastic with Flashing Eyes, Electronic Bark and three AA batteries. But it's not the same without Scrubbing Brush. Where can he be? Traction Man sets out on his greatest rescue mission yet. Can he save Scrubbing Brush from? And is there room in his life for two pets?	Free discussion notes www.justimaginestorycentre.co.uk . Seaside adventure. Could promote discussion about gender.	32 pages	9781862308152	Random House
Whisperer, The	Butterworth, Nick	Butterworth, Nick	Two gangs of cats live in a scrap yard on the edge of the city. When they're not eating or sleeping, they're fighting, and that's just how The Whisperer likes it. He's a rat, and if he can keep the cats going after each other, they'll leave him and his kind alone. But just maybe, things in the scrap yard are about to change for the better. Or as The Whisperer sees it...for the worse...	Thought provoking plot. Good for exploring point of view. Themes: belonging, identity, love across the divide. Allegorical. Allusions to Shakespeare (Romeo and Juliet).	32 pages	9780007120185	HarperCollins
Wanted the Perfect Pet	Robertson, Fiona	Robertson, Fiona	Once upon a time, there lived a boy called Henry. What Henry wanted more than anything in the whole wide world. . . MORE than chips. . . MORE than a cowboy costume. . . MORE than an all-expenses-paid trip to the moon. . . was a DOG. Thus begins this delightful picture book, written in three chapters. Simply told with gentle humour and perfectly complemented by line drawings throughout.	Themes: longing, loneliness, pet, friendship, acceptance, loyalty. Three short chapters good for working on prediction. Incorporates a range of different texts such as lists, adverts, diagrams	32 pages	9781444902631	Hachette

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Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Book?	Child, Lauren	Child, Lauren	<i>Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Book?</i> finds Herb accidentally falling into a 30-page book of fairytales, where he causes mayhem to the storylines.	Storymaking. Intertextual allusions. Fairytales. Inventive design and layout good for developing visual literacy.	32 pages	9781408307724	Hachette
Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge	Fox, Mem	Vivas, Julie	Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge is a small boy who has a big name - and that's why he likes Miss Nancy Alison Delacourt Cooper, because she has too. So when he finds Miss Nancy has lost her memory, Wilfrid determines to discover what memories are so he can find it for her.	History: memory, intergenerational relationships. Themes: don't judge on appearance.	32 pages	9780140505863	Penguin
FICTION	Although short, these fiction books require sustained reading between sessions to maintain momentum and understanding of the narrative arc						
Titles	Authors	Illustrators	Description	Key points	Number of pages	ISBN	Publisher
A Dollop of Ghee and a Pot of Wisdom	Soundar, Chitra		Four stories about young Prince Veera, who, along with his friend Suku, helps his father, the king, solve some of the problems he is having with his subjects. Trickster tales with lots of humour and colour, based on traditional Indian folktales.	Free discussion notes on www.justimaginestorycentre.co.uk Short stories from India Humour Black and white line illustration 96 pages Challenging text for year 3 or more accessible text for year 4. Select the stories that will appeal most to your pupils.	96 pages	9781406317022	Walker Books
Anna Hibiscus	Atinuke	Tobia, Lauren	Original and understated, this charming depiction of modern-day family life in west Africa is the debut from a fresh, new storytelling voice. Pacy and engaging <i>Anna Hibiscus</i> is perfect for the newly independent reader and extensively illustrated to build reader confidence.	Free discussion notes on www.justimaginestorycentre.co.uk . Requires reading between sessions. Shortlisted for the Branford Boase Award	112 pages	9781406306552	Walker Books
Bill's New Frock	Fine, Anne	Dupasquier, Philippe	Bill wakes up one day as a girl, and is horrified to be sent to school in a frilly pink frock with fiddly shell buttons. There he finds life suddenly very different.	Short novel. Familiar setting. Black and white line illustrations. Nestle Smarties Gold Award winner.	122 pages	9781405233187	Egmont
Care of Henry	Fine, Anne	Howard, Paul	Hugo has to choose who to stay with while his mother's having a baby. Granny? Uncle Jack? Mrs Mariposa next door? Who will care for him - and his dog Henry - the best?	Short novel. Familiar setting. Black and white line illustrations. Intergenerational relationships.	64 pages	9781406341836	Walker Books
Cat Who Got Carried Away, The	Ahlberg, Allan	McEwan, Katherine	Gus and Gloria have a lot of running to do, Mrs Gaskitt doesn't get out of bed and something dreadful happens to Horace. Madcap fun with the Gaskitt family.	Short novel. Family story. Part of a series could encourage further reading. Sustained reading. Will require some reading between sessions.	80 pages	9781406341577	Walker Books

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Children Who Smelled a Rat, The	Ahlberg, Allan	McEwan, Katherine	Mrs Gaskitt finds a parcel, Mr Gaskitt loses a baby and the twins' teacher is definitely not herself. Madcap fun with the Gaskitt family.	Short novel. Family story. Part of a series could encourage further reading. Sustained reading. Will require some reading between sessions	80 pages	9781406306071	Walker Books
Choosing Crumble	Rosen, Michael	Ross, Tony	When Terri-Lee goes to the pet-shop she thinks she'll be choosing a dog - she doesn't expect the dog to be choosing her! But Crumble is no ordinary pet and he's got a few questions to ask: How many walks will you take me on? Do you like to dance? Will you tickle me? I like that a lot. Will Terri-Lee's dance moves and answers be enough to convince Crumble that she could be his owner?	Free discussion notes on www.justimaginestorycentre.co.uk . Animal story. Pets. Black and White line illustrations.	80 pages	9781849395281	Andersen Press
Cliffhanger	Wilson, Jacqueline	Sharratt, Nick	When his dad decides to send him on an adventure holiday, poor Tim - who is more suited to armchair pursuits - realises that this could well turn out to be the very worst time of his entire life.	Humour. Family story. Black and white illustrations	96 pages	9781405282536	Egmont
Colly's Barn	Morpurgo, Michael	Andrew, Ian	This is a beautifully crafted first chapter book by former Children's Laureate Michael Morpurgo. Annie's father is going to knock down the old barn and build a new one. What will happen to Colly the swallow and all the other birds and animals that live there? Annie is worried about their safety. But one night something amazing happens and she realises that the birds are wiser than she could ever have imagined...	Short fiction. Colour illustration throughout.	48 pages	9780440868552	Random House
Cunning Plan, The (Foxy Tales)	Hart, Caryl	Smith, Alex T.	Foxy DuBois is on a mission to get rich quick. Only Alphonso the Alligator stands in her way. Can Foxy make enough money to keep him fed or will she end up on the menu?	Animal story. Humorous. First in a series to encourage follow-on reading. Black and white line illustration throughout. Challenging read mainly due to narrative voice. Could be used as a more accessible text for year 4.	176 pages	9781444909319	Hachette
Diary of a Killer Cat	Fine, Anne	Cox, Steve	Brandy was in big trouble - on Monday he killed a bird, on Tuesday a mouse and on Wednesday he dragged a dead rabbit through the catflap. This caused pandemonium for Ellie and her parents as it was their neighbour's pet rabbit, Thumper.	Short novel. Humour. Diary format. Black and white line illustration.	64 pages	9780141335773	Penguin
Don't Forget Tiggs	Rosen, Michael	Ross, Tony	Mr and Mrs Hurry are always rushing about. They never stop! But that means they forget some rather important things - like eating ...and shopping ...and taking their son Harry to school! Thankfully, Tiggs the cat is around to remind them. But will anyone remember to give Tiggs his dinner	Humour. Family story. Black and white illustrations. A longer read requiring sustained reading between sessions.	96 pages	9781783442690	Andersen Press

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Dragonsitter, The	Lacey, Josh	Parsons, Garry	A hilarious story full of useful tips for any dragon-minder. When Eddie's Uncle Morton goes off on an urgent mission he leaves his dragon behind with Eddie as the babysitter. But a dragon is not easy to look after and what with dragon poo on the carpet, burn holes through the fridge door and flames in the curtains, Mum is soon at the end of her tether. What is Eddie to do? Eddie's increasingly desperate emails to his uncle recount the terrible things the dragon does. What will his uncle's remedy be?	Written in the form of emails (epistolary). Shortlisted for Roald Dahl Funny Prize. Black and white illustrations throughout	112 pages	9781849394192	Andersen Press
Emily's Legs	King-Smith, Dick		Emily was like her 99 brothers and sisters, until she won all the eight-legged races at spider sports. People grew suspicious and counted her legs. She had 10! It's not her fault but everyone turns against her....	Themes: resilience, triumph over adversity, self-belief	64 pages	9780750258500	Hachette
Emily's Surprising Voyage	Purkiss, Sue	Rue, James de la	Emily is prepared for a long, monotonous voyage to Australia but then she meets Thomas - and notices a small head and two beady eyes peeking out from his pocket. It seems that adventure may lie ahead after all! Emily and her parents have embarked on the famous SS <i>Great Britain</i> , the first-ever iron ship, designed by the great Victorian engineer, Brunel, and are bound for Australia. Emily assumes the journey will be long and boring, but soon she meets Thomas and his pet rat, Barney. It has become increasingly difficult for Thomas to look after his pet and so he asks Emily to help. Then the children hear about a ghost...		96 pages	9781406321821	Walker Books
Esio Trot	Dahl, Roald	Blake, Quentin	Mr Hoppy, a retired bachelor, harbours a secret passion for his neighbour, the lovely Mrs Silver. Unfortunately she lavishes all her affection on another... Alfie, her pet tortoise. Mr Hoppy devises wildly ingenious plots to defeat his rival and win the love of his lady.	Humour. Black and white line illustrations. Also available in large format with full colour illustration	96 pages	9780141346496	Penguin
Guard Dog, The	King-Smith, Dick		There are six puppies in the pet shop window; five posh pedigree puppies, and a scruffy little mongrel with a grand ambition - to be a guard dog. The other pups laugh at him. How can such a small, scruffy dog possibly expect to be bought to guard a home?	Short novel. Animal story. Black and white line illustrations.	64 pages	9780552554336	Random House

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Hodgeheg, The	King-Smith, Dick		Max is a hedgehog who lives with his family in a nice little home, but unfortunately on the wrong side of the road from the Park, with its beautiful lily pond, and more importantly its juicy slugs, worms and snails! The busy road is a dangerous barrier but Max notices that humans seem to cross it quite easily. If they can, why can't hedgehogs? So Max sets out on a quest to find a safe way to reach the Park. His first attempt ends in a nasty bump on the head, and Max finds when he tries to speak his words are all mixed up. He is now a Hodgeheg, not a hedgehog, but he is still determined to fulfil his mission. After some careful detective work, Max eventually discovers the best way to cross the road - with the help of the lollipop lady, of course!	Modern classic. Requires sustained reading between sessions.	96 pages	9780141317229	Penguin
It was a Dark and Stormy Night	Ahlberg, Allan	Ahlberg, Janet	A small boy who has been kidnapped by brigands, passes a dark and stormy night in their cave weaving for them incredible stories of their own exploits. Through the stories, he solves his own problem and manages to escape	Short novel. Supporting black and white line illustrations. Challenging text recommended for higher attaining readers.	80 pages	9780141300276	Penguin
Julian Stories, The	Cameron, Ann		Never leave a yummy pudding lying around! Dad makes a pudding that tastes like a whole raft of lemons and a night on the sea. But then he does something really silly. He goes for a nap and leaves Julian in charge. Bad idea. Before he knows it, Julian's in a sticky situation. And that's just one of his many adventures, which involve catalogue cats, cave-boy teeth ...and a new next-door neighbour!	Short stories. Episodic stories are useful for readers making the transition to reading longer narratives. Familiar experiences. Free discussion notes on www.justimaginestorycentre.co.uk	80 pages	9781848530843	Random House
Magic Finger, The	Dahl, Roald	Blake, Quentin	The story of an unusual little girl who has magical powers. When someone makes her angry, she zaps a punishment on them with her magic flashing finger.	Fantasy adventure. Black and white illustrations throughout.	80 pages	9780141365404	Penguin
No 1 Car Spotter	Atinuke	Cadwell, Warwick Johnson	When the family's cart breaks down and there's no way of bringing goods to market, it's Number 1 who devises the Toyota Cow-rolla and saves the day. He runs errands for his family and helps Mama Coca-Cola feed the busloads of people who stop for her delicious fried akara.	Written in a lively storytelling voice. Set in Africa. Longer read. Requires sustained reading between sessions and recommended for higher attaining readers.	112 pages	9781406320770	Walker Books

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Storm	Crossley-Holland, Kevin	Marks, Alan	Every day Annie walks by the lonely marsh from her remote cottage to school. Only in winter, when the wind howls in the trees, is Annie ever afraid. Her sister Willa is pregnant and Annie is overjoyed when she comes home to have her baby. Annie tells Willa the names of local plants and Willa tells Annie about the ghost, murdered by highwaymen, who is said to haunt the old forge nearby. Then, on a terrible night, with the phone lines down, Willa goes into labour. Annie is terrified of the ghost, but knows she must brave the storm to fetch help. As she ventures into the night, a horseman swings into view. He offers to take Annie to town. But who is this horseman?	Themes: courage, human spirit against the elements, family. Colour illustration throughout. Rich language. Recommended for end of year 3 as a benchmark text.	48 pages	9781405282369	Egmont
Surprise Party, The	Bradman, Tony	Chatterton, Martin	The Mummy family are about to have the biggest mummy party for thousands of years. But things start to go wrong.	Humour. Full colour illustration throughout. Reassuring read for readers making a transition from shorter picture book texts.	48 pages	9781405282390	Egmont
Tiger Tells All	Cameron, Ann		The world seen through the eyes of a dog. Tiger loves his boy but whenever he tries to talk to him, all he hears is Woof. How will Tiger ever be able to communicate properly?	Written from the dog's point of view. Could be read alongside Fiona Robertson's <i>Tale of Two Beasts</i> or <i>Wanted the Perfect Pet</i> .	112 pages	9781848531086	Random House
NON FICTION	Nonfiction is selected partly to support teaching across the curriculum so that the features of nonfiction text can be taught in context. Nonfiction may also be selected for general interest. There's an opportunity to read subjects of personal interest to students, which may not have a curriculum focus.						
Titles	Authors	Illustrators	Description	Key points	Number of pages	ISBN	Publisher
Bat Loves the Night	Davies, Nicola	Fox-Davies, Sarah	Did you know that bats aren't birds, but mammals? That they sleep upside down? That they shout as they fly, using their voice to find their way? Curious young minds will love learning about the life cycles of bats in this picture book which combines story with information.	Narrative nonfiction. Lyrical text combines with information text	32 pages	9781406367010	Walker Books
George Saves the World by Lunchtime	Readman, Jo	Roberts, Ley Honor	George is determined to save the world by lunchtime, but he's not quite sure how. Grandpa suggests they start by recycling the yoghurt pot from his breakfast, putting his banana peel in the compost pile, and hanging the washing to dry in the sun. A bike trip to the recycling bank, charity shop and local farmers' market show how recycling and re-using materials, and using less petrol and local produce can really help save the world. George even gets a favourite toy fixed!	Free discussion notes www.justimaginestorycentre.co.uk . Narrative nonfiction. Published in association with the Eden Project. Ecology and environment.	32 pages	9781903919507	Random House

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Lunchbox: the story of your food	Butterworth, Chris	Gaggiotti, Lucia	This title offers a look at some everyday foods - bread, cheese, tomatoes, fruit - addressing where they come from and the processes that bring them from the field, the cow, the tree...to your lunchbox! Who made the bread for your sandwich? What about the cheese inside? Who picked the fruit? And where did the chocolate in your biscuit come from? Just how did all that delicious food get into your lunchbox?	Free discussion notes www.justimaginestorycentre.co.uk. Appealing graphic design provides an introduction to infographics. Nutrition and food facts. Explanation text.	32 pages	9781406319934	Walker Books
Make it Grow	Claybourne, Anna		Grow plants on tissue paper, make dough double in size and grow your own crystals! This book will guide you step-by-step through great crafty experiments, as well as explaining the science behind the growth of materials and living things.	Text types: instructions, explanations. Cross curricular links: living things, materials. Other titles available in the Whizzy Science series include: <i>Make it Zoom !</i> , <i>Make it Change !</i> , <i>Make it Splash !</i> , <i>Make it Glow !</i>	32 pages	9780750283977	Hachette
Matisse: king of colour	Anholt, Laurence		Part of the highly-successful Anholt's Artists series about great painters, which tells the stories of real meetings between world-famous artists and the children who knew them. This book describes the close relationship between Matisse and Monique, a young girl who wants to become a nun. Matisse develops a sketch drawn by Monique into a set of stained-glass windows and starts raising money to build a chapel for the nuns at Vence, in south-west France. Finally one morning when the chapel is finished, Monique sees the special magic of Matisse's design: when the sun's rays creep into the chapel, transforming its black and white interior into a fantastic sea of blue and green light!	Narrative nonfiction. Cross curricular connections: art. Other books in the Anholt's Artists series are available and include <i>Degas and the Little Dancer</i> , <i>The Magical Garden of Claude Monet</i> , <i>Cezanne and the Apple Boy</i> , <i>Leonardo and the Flying Boy</i> .	32 pages	9781847800435	Frances Lincoln
Monster Stones	Bailey, Jacqui		This book takes the reader back millions of years to tell the story of a dinosaur's death. Through this story, we discover how fossils are formed. We also learn how they are discovered, removed, researched and preserved in museums.	Free discussion guide www.justimaginestorycentre.co.uk Colourful cartoon-style illustrations. Includes and experiement, websites and index. Other books in the series are available: <i>The Story of Night and Day</i> , <i>The Story of Electricity</i> , <i>The Story of Water</i> , <i>A Story About Rocks and Stones</i> . The books vary in complexity and some titles are more suited to year 4 reading.	32 pages	9780713662528	Bloomsbury
Park	Green, Jen		The purpose of this series is to show children the habitats around them. The books will guide a child through their personal exploration of different habitats. The reader will be encouraged to use key science skills to plan, observe, collect, record and and preserve their findings on their trail of nature.	Photographic information book. Cross curricular connections: Geography, Science, Forest Schools. Includes diary and nature projects. Other titles in the series are available.	32 pages	9780750284301	Hachette

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Rock Factory, The	Bailey, Jacqui		This is the story of how a special sort of stone formed deep inside the Earth, and came to the surface thousands of millions of years later. The Rock Factory looks at how minerals turn into rock crystals, how the Earth is structured and how volcanoes happen. This book also contains an experiment, useful websites and an index.	Narrative non-fiction. Colour illustration throughout. Could be read alongside Meredith Hooper's The Pebble in my Pocket. Other titles in the series are available.	32 pages	9780713673562	Bloomsbury
Stone Age, Bone Age	Manning, Mick	Granstrom, Brita	Travel back in time for an amazing stone age adventure! Learn to shape flints, carve bones and tickle trout; join in a mammoth hunt and wild dances in flickering torchlight. Discover for yourself just how clever our stone age ancestors were!	Includes notes and activities to support the primary curriculum. Full colour illustration throughout.	32 pages	9781445128924	Hachette
Surprising Sharks	Davies, Nicola	Croft, James	The last word you want to hear when you're swimming in the warm blue sea is "Shark!" But most real sharks are not what you might expect. Some are no bigger than a chocolate bar, some have built-in fairy lights and most wouldn't go near a human, even if you were wearing a sign saying "dinner"! So if you think all sharks are giant, man-eating killers, you're in for a big surprise.	Narrative nonfiction. Informative but lively, engaging text.	32 pages	9781406366976	Walker Books
Tiny: the invisible world of microbes	Davies, Nicola	Sutton, Emily	There are living things so tiny millions could fit on a dot. Although they are invisible, they are everywhere and they multiply very quickly. They are vital for life on earth, and do all sorts of things - from giving us a cold and making yoghurt to wearing down mountains and helping to make the air we breathe	Beautifully designed and illustrated. Makes the science of microorganisms easy to grasp	32 pages	9781406360707	Walker Books
Viking Longship	Manning, Mick	Granstrom, Brita	Be a fly on the wall in the time of the Vikings. Watch skilful ship builders at work, charge into battle, visit a Viking farmstead, enjoy the hustle and bustle of Jorvik on market day and listen to fireside tales about the Viking gods - you can even wipe a tear from your eye at a Viking funeral!	Engaging text. Sketchbook style notes and drawings. Up-to-date research.	40 pages	9781847806246	Frances Lincoln

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Where do Clothes Come From?	Butterworth, Chris	Gaggotti, Lucia	<i>Where Do Clothes Come From?</i> looks at the processes involved in making the clothes we wear. It traces the journey of a bale of cotton from the field where it was harvested to the factories where it is cleaned, carded and combed, dyed, spun into thread, then woven into cloth and made into a pair of jeans. It also shows how wool is turned into a jumper, artificial fibres created for a football kit, a party dress made out of silk, plastic bottles recycled into a fleece, and how latex from rubber trees becomes a pair of wellies.	Appealing approach to technological processes.	32 pages	9781406347340	Walker Books
POETRY Poetry collections provide great value for money. Select the poems that suit the group rather than read the collection from cover to cover.							
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Come Into This Poem	Mitton, Tony		I saw the ghost horse through the trees on a late midsummer night. It cropped the grass in a forest glade by a full moon's milky light. What is the mysterious ghost horse doing in the woods? Who is the spy who wrote with the blood of a poisonous toad? Then discover the Cold Comfort Pets - including the pet germ, and the Itchy Titchy Pet - a frisky flea, or make the biggest sandwich you could ever imagine. From spooky legends to dreamy poems, teasers and laugh-out-loud rhymes, expect the unexpected from Tony Mitton.	Free discussion guide www.justimaginestorycentre.co.uk . Single poet collection. Wide ranging mood, tone, form and challenge. Black and white illustration. Choose different poems to meet the varying needs and interests of your readers.	96 pages	9781847801692	Frances Lincoln
Dinosaur Poems	Foster, John	Paul, Korky	A collection of poems about one of children's favourite subjects - dinosaurs. Including the Stegosaurus, Tyrannosaurus Rex, the Bookoceros, together with dancing dinosaurs and dinosaurs having a party. Korky Paul's lively illustrations bring to life this popular poetry book.	Hugely entertaining. Full colour illustration. Choose different poems to meet the varying needs and interests of your readers.	32 pages	9780192763051	OUP
Language of Cat	Rooney, Rachel		Find out who cast the P from a spell; read about the queen who dreams of eating burgers and chips; see what happened to the friend who swallowed a DVD; best of all, learn the language of Cat. With wordplay and riddles, and poems that make you laugh, tell you stories and make you think, this is a remarkable debut collection from an exciting new children's poet.	Winner of the CLPE Poetry Award 2016. Black and white line illustrations. Wide ranging collection which can work for readers of different ages and reading level. Choose different poems to meet the varying needs and interests of your readers.	96 pages	9781847801678	Frances Lincoln

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Please Mrs Butler	Ahlberg, Allan	Wegner, Fritz	This witty collection of school poems is full of typical classroom events that will be recognized and enjoyed by everyone. From never-ending projects, reading tests, quarrelling, making-up, excuses and 'Please, Sir, it isn't fair.'	Familiar experiences. Closely observed. Gentle humour. Black and white line illustration. Choose different poems to meet the varying needs and interests of your readers.	96 pages	9780140314946	Penguin
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