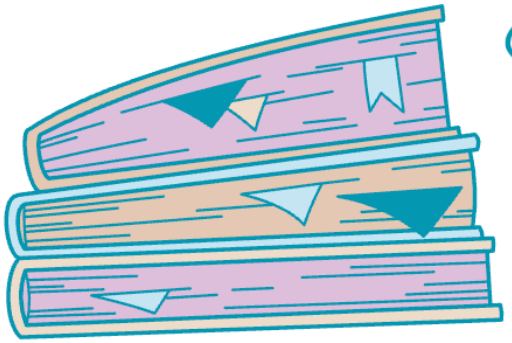


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These books are our key texts around which we base our English curriculum and guided reading texts to be used. They will be updated regularly to reflect the latest book releases for children.
This list contains books that meet our curriculum drivers of ethics and diversity, including books that are written by a wide variety of authors featuring diverse characters. Additionally, it includes classic texts in order to expose children to a range of language and prepare them for encountering these as they continue their education.
Throughout the year, children should read a variety of genres of texts including fiction, non-fiction, poetry and playscripts. It is essential that all children experience finishing stories, even as they get up into Year 5 and 6 where the texts are longer. It may be that a book is split between a guided reading text and a class story in order to finish it.

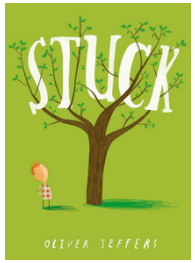
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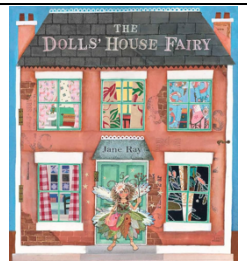
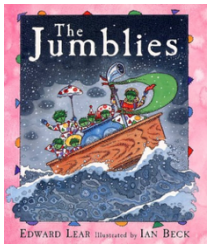
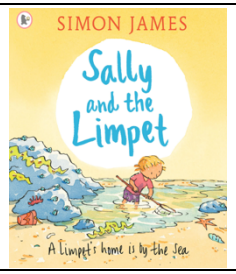


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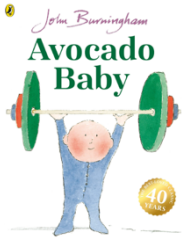
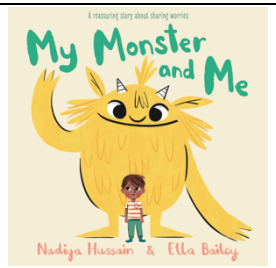
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	The Kindest Red	Ibtihaj Muhammad	Fiction	 Rebirth	**Diversity** – race, religion
	Stuck	Oliver Jeffers	Fiction	 Comedy	
	The Paper Dolls	Julia Donaldson	Fiction	 Voyage and return	

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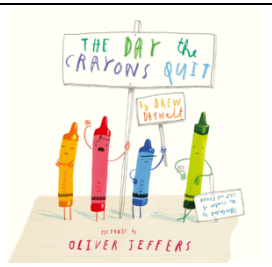
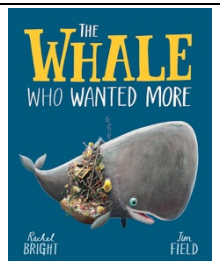
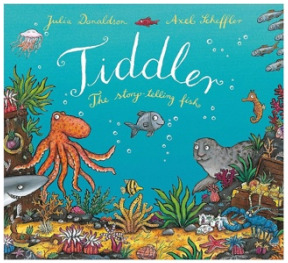
	The Dolls' House Fairy	Jane Ray	Fiction	 Voyage and return	
	The Jumblies	Edward Lear	Poem	 Quest	
	Sally and the Limpet	Simon James	Fiction	 Rebirth	

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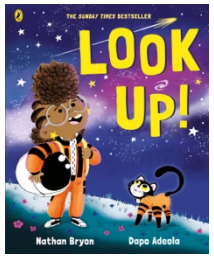
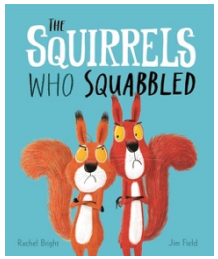
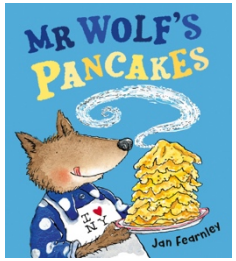
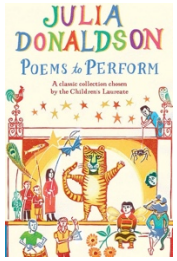
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	Avocado Baby	John Burningham	Fiction	 Rebirth	Classic text
	The Tiger Who Came to Tea	Judith Kerr	Fiction	 Voyage and return	Classic text
	Lost and Found	Oliver Jeffers	Fiction	 Voyage and return	Classic text
	My Monster and Me	Nadiya Hussain	Fiction	 Overcoming the monster	**Diversity** – race

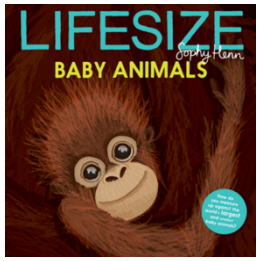
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	The Day the Crayons Quit	Drew Daywalt	Fiction	 Comedy	
	Ocean Meets Sky	The Fan Brothers	Fiction	 Voyage and return	
	The Whale Who Wanted More	Rachel Bright	Fiction	 Rebirth	
	Tiddler	Julia Donaldson	Fiction	 Voyage and return	
	Katie in London	James Mayhew	Fiction	 Voyage and return	

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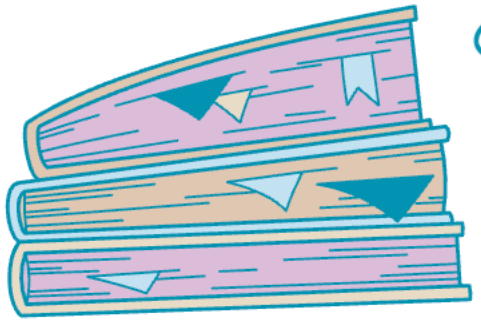
	Look Up	Nathan Bryon	Fiction	 Quest	**Diversity** – race
	The Squirrels the Squabbled	Rachel Bright	Fiction	 Rebirth	
	The Dark	Lemony Snicket	Fiction	 Overcoming the monster	
	Mr Wolf's Pancakes	Jan Fearnley	Fiction	 Overcoming the monster	
	Question Time	Julia Donaldson	Poem		

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	Lifesize Baby Animals	Sophy Henn	Non-fiction		
	The Big Book of Blue	Yuval Zommer	Non-fiction		

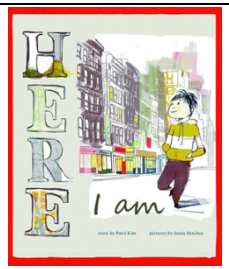
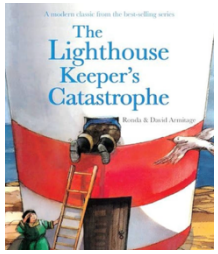
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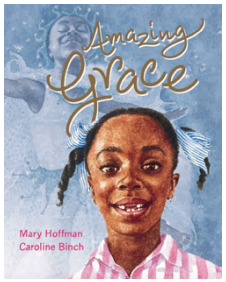
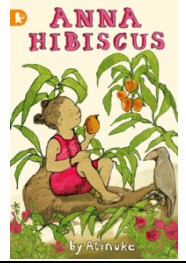


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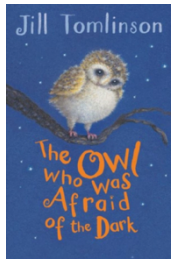
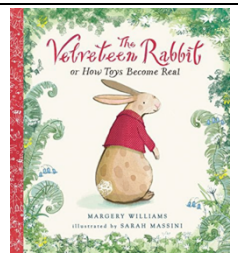
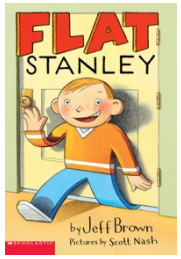
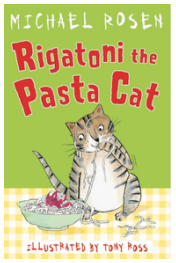
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	Here I am	Patti Kim	Wordless picture book	 Rebirth	**Diversity** – race, country
	Inside the Villains	Clotilde Perrin	Non-Fiction	 Comedy	
	Something Else	Kathryn Cave	Fiction	 Overcoming the monster	
	The Lighthouse Keeper's Catastrophe	Ronda Armitage	Fiction	 Comedy	Classic text

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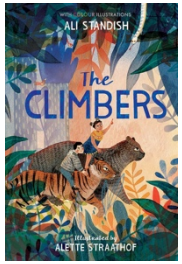
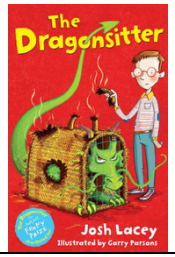
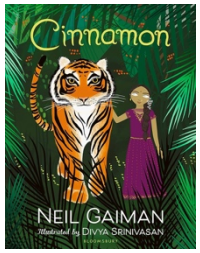
	Amazing Grace	Mary Hoffman	Fiction	 Overcoming the monster	**Diversity** – race
	Snow White in New York	Fiona French	Fiction	 Overcoming the monster	
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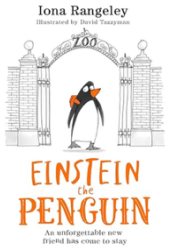
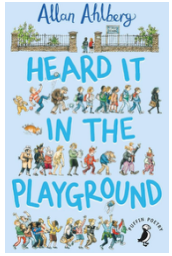
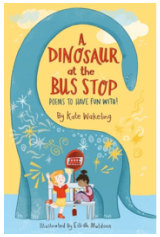
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	The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark	Jill Tomlinson	Fiction	 Overcoming the monster	Classic text
	The Velveteen Rabbit	Margery Williams	Fiction	 Rebirth	Classic text
	Flat Stanley	Jeff Brown	Fiction	 Voyage and return	Classic text
	Rigatoni the Pasta Cat	Michael Rosen	Fiction	 Comedy	

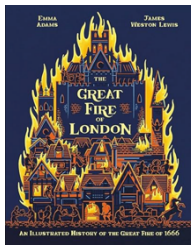
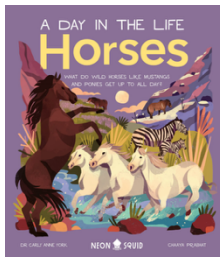
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		Julia Donaldson	Fiction	 Voyage and return	
	The Barnabus Project	The Fan Brothers	Fiction	 Overcoming the monster	
	The Climbers	Ali Standish	Fiction	 Quest	Female protagonist **Diversity** – country, race
	The Dragonsitter	Josh Lacey	Fiction	 Comedy	
	Cinnamon	Neil Gaiman	Fiction	 Rebirth	**Diversity** – country, race

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	Einstein the Penguin	Iona Rangeley	Fiction	 Quest	
	Sulwe	Lupita Nyong'o	Fiction	 Rebirth	**Diversity** – race
	Mafia Cats	Roger McGough	Poem		
	Dog in the Playground	Allan Ahlberg	Poem		
	Skeleton Pete	Kate Wakeling	Poem		

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	The Great Fire of London	Emma Adams	Non-fiction		Link to history topic
	Coming to England	Floella Benjamin	Non-fiction		
	The Big Book of Blooms	Yuval Zommer	Non-fiction		
	A Day in the Life Horses	Dr Carly Anne York	Non-fiction		

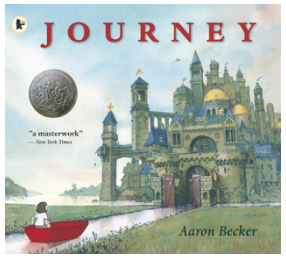
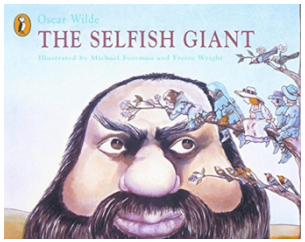
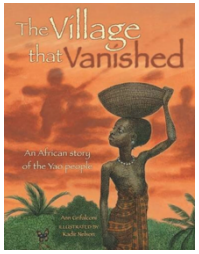
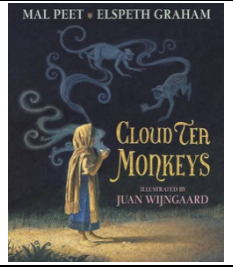
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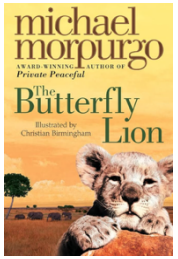


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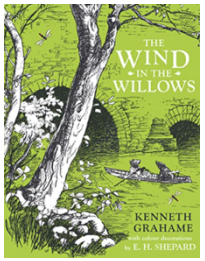
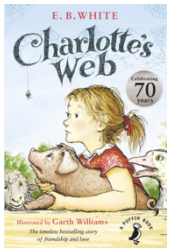
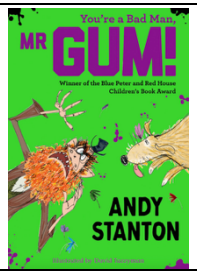
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	Journey	Aaron Becker	Wordless picture book	 Voyage and return	Female protagonist
	The Selfish Giant	Oscar Wilde	Fiction	 Rebirth	Classic text
	The Village that Vanished	Ann Grifalconi	Fiction	 Overcoming the monster	**Diversity** – race, country
	Cloud Tea Monkeys	Mal Peet and Elspeth Graham	Fiction	 Rags to riches	**Diversity** – race, country Female protagonist

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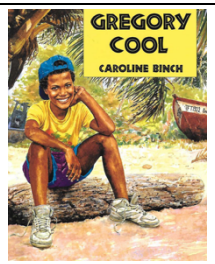
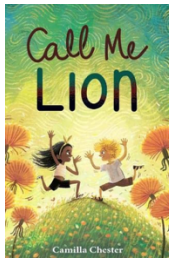
	Kitbull	Rosana Sullivan	Film stimulus	 Overcoming the monster	
	The Butterfly Lion	Michael Morpurgo	Fiction	 Voyage and return	Diversity – country
	The Iron Man	Ted Hughes	Fiction	 Overcoming the monster	

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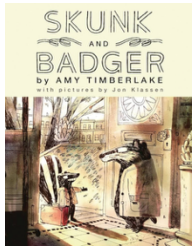
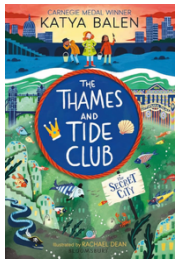
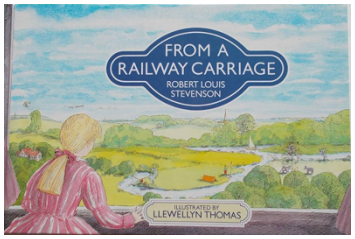
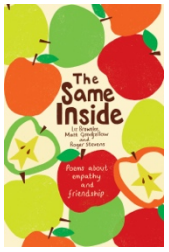
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	The Wind in the Willows	Kenneth Grahame	Fiction	 Voyage and return	Classic text
	Charlotte's Web	E. B. White	Fiction	 Overcoming the monster	Classic text Female protagonist
	The Sheep-Pig	Dick King-Smith	Fiction	 Rags to riches	Classic text
	You're a Bad Man Mr Gum	Andy Stanton	Fiction	 Comedy	

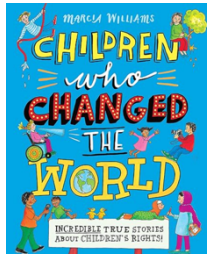
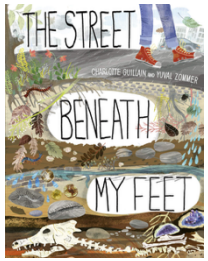
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	Gregory Cool	Caroline Binch	Fiction	 Voyage and return	**Diversity** – race, country
	Ellie and the Cat	Malorie Blackman	Fiction	 Rebirth	**Diversity** – race Female protagonist
	The Little Match Girl Strikes Back	Emma Carroll and Lauren Child	Fiction	 Rebellion against 'the one'	Female protagonist
	Gobbolino the Witch's Cat	Ursula Moray Williams	Fiction	 Quest	
	Call Me Lion	Camilla Chester	Fiction	 Overcoming the monster	**Diversity** – mutism

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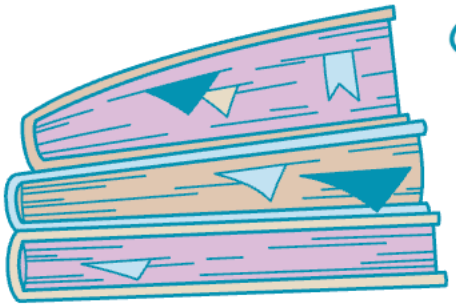
	Skunk and Badger	Amy Timberlake	Fiction	 Rebirth	
	The Thames and Tide Club	Katya Balen	Fiction	 Quest	Female protagonist
	From a Railway Carriage	Robert Louis Stevenson	Poem		
	The Patio Gutter	Julio Serrano Echeverría	Poem		**Diversity** – country, race
	Jia-Wen's Grandad	Matt Goodfellow	Poem		**Diversity**

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	Children Who Changed the World	Marcia Williams	Non-fiction		**Diversity** – race, country
	The Street Beneath My Feet	Charlotte Guillain	Non-fiction		
	Amazing Islands	Sabrina Weiss & Kerry Hyndman	Non-fiction		

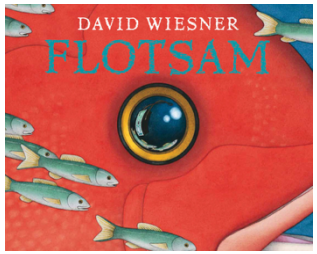
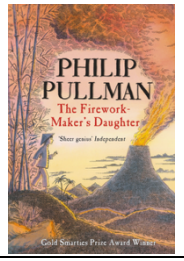
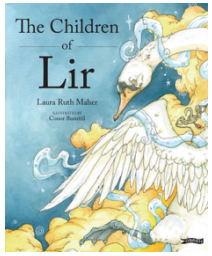
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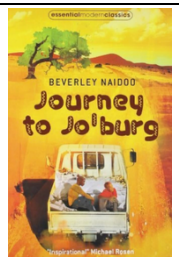


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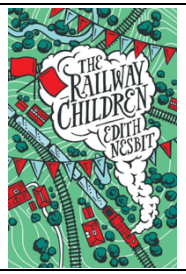
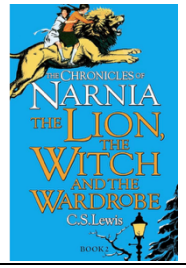
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	Flotsam	David Wiesner	Wordless picture book	 Voyage and return	
	The Firework-Maker's Daughter	Philip Pullman	Fiction	 Quest	**Diversity** – country Female protagonist
	The Happy Prince	Oscar Wilde	Fiction	 Tragedy	Classic text
	The Children of Lir	Alfred Noyes	Fiction	 Overcoming the monster	Classic text

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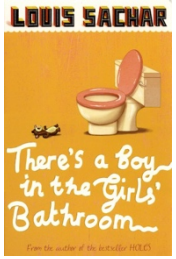
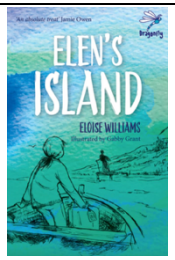
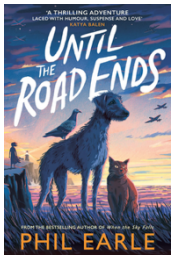
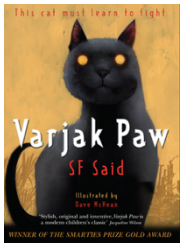
	Journey to Jo'burg	Beverley Naidoo	Fiction	 Quest	**Diversity** – race, country
	Krindlekrax	Philip Ridley	Fiction	 Overcoming the monster	
	The Iron Woman	Ted Hughes	Fiction	 Overcoming the monster	Female protagonist

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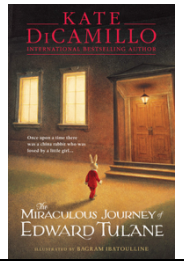
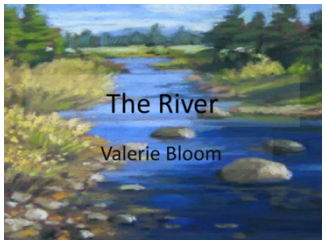
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	The Railway Children	Edith Nesbit	Fiction	 Rebirth	Classic text Female protagonist
	The Secret Garden	Frances Hodgson Burnett	Fiction	 Rebirth	Classic text Female protagonist
	The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe	C. S. Lewis	Fiction	 Overcoming the monster	Classic text
	Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	Lewis Carroll	Fiction	 Voyage and return	Classic text Female protagonist

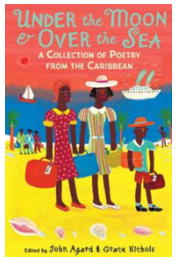
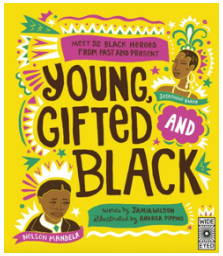
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	There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom	Louis Sacher	Fiction	 Rebirth	**Diversity** – different main character
	Elen's Island	Eloise Williams	Fiction	 Quest	Female protagonist
	The Girl Who Stole an Elephant	Nizrana Farook	Fiction	 Rebellion against 'the one'	**Diversity** – race, country
	Until the Road Ends	Phil Earle	Fiction	 Quest	
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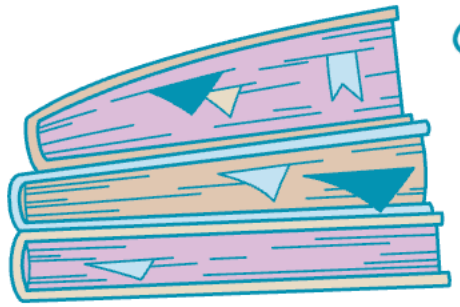
	The Wild Robot	Peter Brown	Fiction	 Voyage and return	
	The Last Firefox	Lee Newberry	Fiction	 Quest	**Diversity** – family types
	The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane	Malorie Blackman	Fiction	 Rebirth	
	The River	Valerie Bloom	Poem		
	If All the World Were Paper	Joseph Coelho	Poem		

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	Windrush Child	John Agard	Poem	 Voyage and return	**Diversity** – race
	Young, Gifted and Black	Jamia Wilson	Non-fiction		**Diversity** – race
	India, Incredible India	Jasbinder Bilan	Non-fiction		**Diversity** – country
	A Wild Child's Book of Birds	Dara McAnulty	Non-fiction		

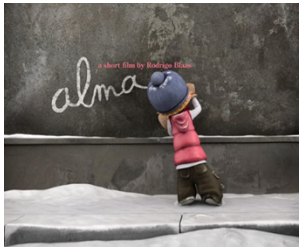
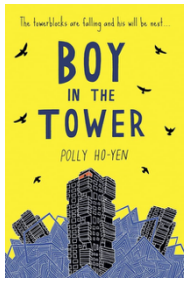
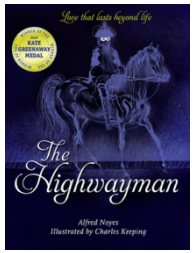
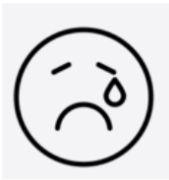
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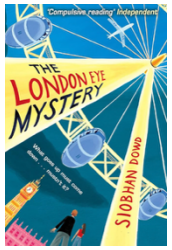
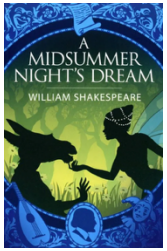


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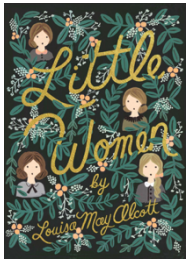
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	Alma	Rodrigo Blaas	Film stimulus	 Tragedy	Female protagonist
	Boy in the Tower	Polly Ho-Yen	Fiction	 Overcoming the monster	**Diversity** – race
	Coraline	Neil Gaiman	Fiction	 Overcoming the monster	Female protagonist
	The Highwayman	Alfred Noyes	Poem	 Tragedy	Classic text

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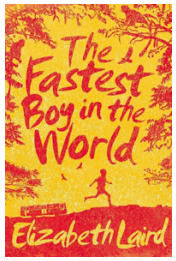
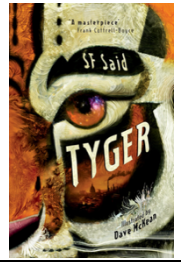
	The London Eye Mystery	Siobhan Dowd	Fiction	 Mystery	**Diversity** – neurodiversity
	A Midsummer Night's Dream	William Shakespeare	Play	 Comedy	Classic text
	Holes	Louis Sacher	Fiction	 Voyage and return	

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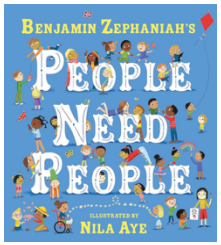
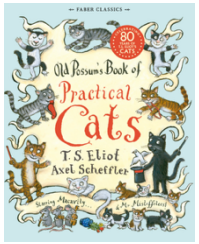
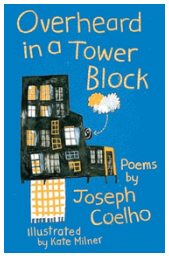
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	Little Women	Louisa May Alcott	Fiction	 Rebirth	Classic text Female protagonists
	Ballet Shoes	Noel Streatfield	Fiction	 Quest	Classic text Female protagonists
	Tom's Midnight Garden	Philippa Pearce	Fiction	 Voyage and return	Classic text
	Wonder	R. J. Palacio	Fiction	 Rebirth	**Diversity** – disability

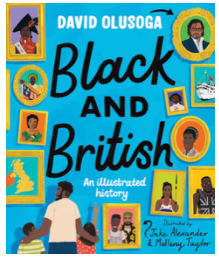
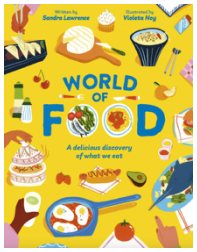
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	Kensuke's Kingdom	Michael Morpurgo	Fiction	 Voyage and return	
	The Fastest Boy in the World	Elizabeth Laird	Fiction	 Quest	**Diversity** – race, country
	Tyger	S. F. Said	Fiction	 Overcoming the monster	Equality theme
	The House with Chicken Legs	Sophie Anderson	Fiction	 Voyage and return	**Diversity** – country Female protagonist
	Who Let the Gods Out?	Maz Evans	Fiction	 Comedy	Historical – Ancient Greeks

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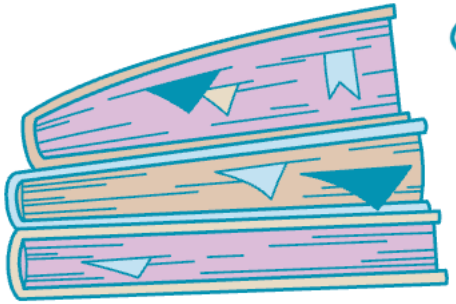
	A Kind of Spark	Elle McNicoll	Fiction	 Rebellion against 'the one'	**Diversity** – neurodiversity Female protagonist
	Hacker	Malorie Blackman	Fiction	 Mystery	**Diversity** – race Female protagonist
	People Need People	Benjamin Zephaniah	Poem	 Rebirth	**Diversity** – race
	Macavity the Mystery Cat	T. S. Eliot	Poem	 Comedy	
	There are Things that Lurk in the Library	Joseph Coelho	Poem	 Mystery	

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	Black and British	David Olusoga	Non-fiction		
	Curious About Crocodiles	Owen Davey	Non-fiction		
	World of Food	Sandra Lawrence	Non-fiction		

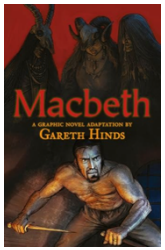
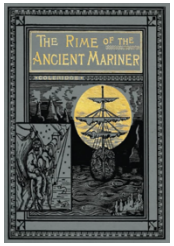
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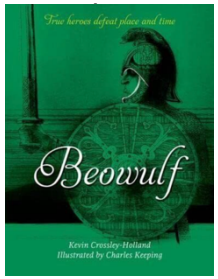
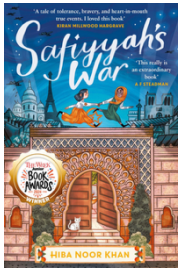


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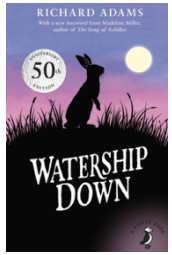
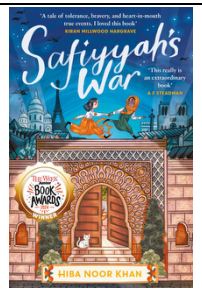
	Title	Author	Text type	Themes / Conventions	Notes
	Francis	Dave Eggars	Film stimulus	 Mystery	Linked to tone set by Alma
	October, October	Katya Balen	Fiction	 Rebirth	**Diversity** – neurodiversity Female protagonist
	Macbeth	William Shakespeare	Play	 Tragedy	Classic text using Shakespearian language
	The Rime of the Ancient Mariner	Samuel Taylor Coleridge	Poem	 Voyage and return	Classic text

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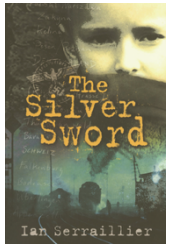
	Beowulf	Unknown Version used by Kevin Crossley-Holland	Epic poem	 Overcoming the monster	Classic text
	Safiyyah's War	Hiba Noor Khan	Fiction	 Rebellion against 'the one'	**Diversity** – religion, race Female protagonist Writing linked to guided reading text

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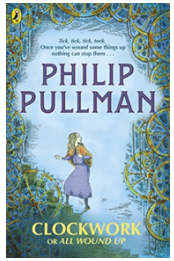
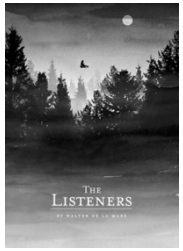
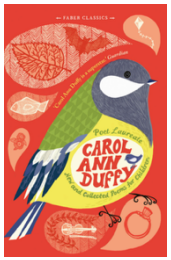
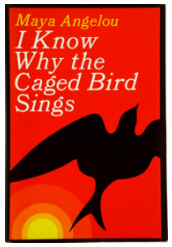
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	A Christmas Carol	Charles Dickens	Fiction	 Rebirth	Classic text
	Swallows and Amazons	Arthur Ransome	Fiction	 Voyage and return	Classic text
	Watership Down	Richard Adams	Fiction	 Quest	Classic text
	Safiyyah's War	Hiba Noor Khan	Fiction	 Rebellion against 'the one'	**Diversity** – religion, race Female protagonist Historical – World War 2

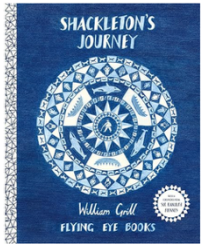
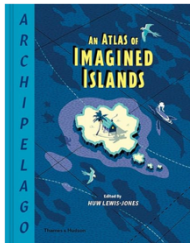
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	The Final Year	Matt Goodfellow	Fiction	 Rebirth	
	The Breadwinner	Deborah Ellis	Fiction	 Rebirth against 'the one'	**Diversity** – religion, race, country Female protagonist
	The Silver Sword	Ian Serraillier	Fiction	 Quest	Historical – World War 2
	When Life Gives You Mangoes	Kereen Getten	Fiction	 Rebirth	**Diversity** – race, country
	Cogheart	Peter Bunzl	Fiction	 Quest	Historical - Victorian

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	Clockwork	Philip Pullman	Fiction	 Overcoming the monster	
	Bird Boy	Catherine Bruton	Fiction	 Voyage and return	**Diversity** – race
	The Listeners	Walter de la Mare	Poem	 Mystery	
	Late	Carol Ann Duffy	Poem	 Tragedy	
	Caged Bird	Maya Angelou	Poem	 Rebellion against 'the one'	**Diversity** – race

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	Cards Dealt	Joseph Coelho	Poem		
	I Ate Sunshine for Breakfast	Michael Holland FLS & Philip Giordano	Non-fiction		
	Shackleton's Journey	William Grill	Non-fiction		
	Archipelago: An Atlas of Imagined Islands	Huw Lewis-Jones	Non-fiction		

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