


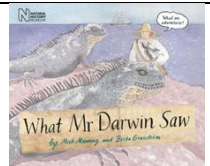

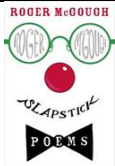
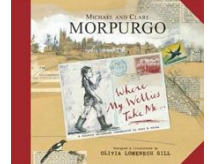


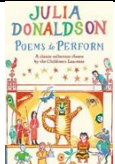
Year 5 and 6 Class readers, 2025

	AGARD, John: Book 9780744544787 AR: 6.4 MY "My name is Book. For centuries I've told other people's stories, now it's time to tell my own. The story of my adventures on the way to the shelf". A wonderful autobiography of the life of books, interspersed with poems and quotations.
	ALMOND David: Mouse Bird Snake Wolf 9781406345995 BB: Dark Blue AR: 3.5 MY Three children start to fill in the gaps in creation which the lazy gods didn't bother to finish. A short text but with great opportunities for discussion .
	BAKER-SMITH Grahame: FarTHER 9781848771338 BB: Brown AR: 2.6 LY Re-think Reading! A young boy is captivated by his father's ambition to fly. When the father is sent off to war and doesn't return, the boy takes up that dream. The front cover and title alone are thought-provoking and will generate discussion and the illustrations are full of symbolism.
	BALEN Katya: Birdsong 9781800900981 AR: 4.2 MY The blackbirds' song uplifts and restores in this captivating novella from one of the most exciting voices in children's fiction. A gentle, succinct novel that carries you along in its melody.
	BLACKMAN Malorie: Robot Girl 9781781124598 AR: 3.7 MY When your Father is a famous inventor and obsessed by his work, life can get lonely, so Claire is soon pouring out her heart to her new online pen pal. A thought-provoking short novel in the dyslexia friendly series by Barrington Stoke.
	BYARS Betsy: The Midnight Fox 9780571310333 BB: Dark Red/Black AR: 4.9 MY A conventional novel with unexpected challenges in a narrative which repeatedly uses memory and speculation .
	CHAN Maisie: Danny Chung does Not do Maths 9781800780019 BB: Dark Blue AR: 4.5 MY Heart-warming and hilarious with adorable characters. A great message about discovering what you are good at, and lots of great information about Chinese culture. An entertaining read.
	COTTRELL- BOYCE Frank : The Un-forgotten Coat 9781406341546 BB: Dark Red AR: 4.4 MY Chingis and Nergui are two brothers from Mongolia and Julie is a pupil at their new school in Liverpool. The brothers appoint Julie as their good guide to all things British and it is Julie who writes down their story years later after visiting the old school. This is a funny and moving tale of two cultures based on a true story.

	<p>CROSSLEY-HOLLAND Kevin: Short Too! A Second Book of Very Short Stories</p> <p>Re-think Reading!</p> <p>Another cornucopia of riches to explore but one or two of the stories are a touch macabre towards the end of the book.</p>	<p>9780192780133 BB: Black</p>
	<p>DAVIES Nicola: The Whale Who Saved Us</p> <p>Suki is sent to stay with relatives in Whale Bay after her older brother Levi tries to commit suicide. Expecting to be bored and miserable, Suki is surprised by how much she thrives in the natural world. Lots to think about in the 100 pages of this novel and some useful background information from the author at the end.</p>	<p>9781406356106 BB: Dark Blue</p>
	<p>DAYWALT Drew: The Day the Crayons Quit</p> <p>Bookwrites</p> <p>Duncan just wants to do some colouring but when he opens his box of crayons he finds a series of letters from his disgruntled crayons after they quit their jobs in a protest to get better treatment. Oliver Jeffers' illustrations perfectly capture the tone of this highly amusing picture book.</p>	<p>9780007513765 BB: White AR: 3.8 LY</p>
	<p>DUFFY Carol Ann: The Tear Thief</p> <p>Bookwrites</p> <p>The tear thief carries her silvery sack as she steals the tears of every crying child. However the tears of real sadness are the most precious. A dreamy and evocative story that has a thought provoking message with haunting illustrations to match.</p>	<p>9781846863943 AR: 4.3 LY</p>
	<p>GAVIN Jamila: Blackberry Blue and Other Fairy Tales</p> <p>Bookwrites</p> <p>Prepare to enter a world of magicians, enchanted forests, talking animals and wicked witches. Six original fairy tales by this award-winning author.</p>	<p>9781848531079 BB: Dark Blue AR: 6.1 MY</p>
	<p>HATHORN Libby: Way Home</p> <p>Re-Think Reading</p> <p>Award-winning, powerful picture book concerned with the plight of the homeless. Dark and compelling illustrations by Greg Rogers.</p>	<p>9781842702321 AR: 2.5 LY BB: Dark Blue</p>
	<p>JEFFERS Oliver: The Heart and the Bottle</p> <p>Within this deceptively simple picture book there are some big issues to explore around coming to terms with loss. Excellent to explore inference and deduction.</p>	<p>9780007182343 AR: 2.5 LY</p>
	<p>KENNY Pádraig: Tin</p> <p>Christopher is 'Proper', a real boy with a real soul, orphaned in a fire. He works for an engineer, a maker of the eccentric, loyal and totally individual mechanicals who are Christopher's best friends. But after a devastating accident, a secret is revealed and Christopher's world is changed forever Whilst the pace and action will engage readers, there is much to reflect on in this story. (Challenging read Y6)</p>	<p>9781911077657 BB: Dark Red AR: 5.3 MY</p>
	<p>LEWIS C.S.: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe</p> <p>Peter, Edmund and Lucy are evacuated during the war to live with a vague professor. Left much to their own devices, they find their way into a fantastic land that lies behind an ordinary wardrobe door.</p>	<p>9780007323128 BB: Dark Blue/Black AR: 5.7 MY</p>

	<p>LEWIS Gill: The Closest Thing to Flying 9780192749482 BB: Dark Red AR: 4.3 MY</p> <p>When Samira discovers a diary written by Hen, a girl living over 100 years ago, she finds the friend she has been desperately seeking. A beautifully crafted story which interweaves the story of pioneering Edwardian women and the exploitation suffered by courageous Semira and her mother, refugees from Eritrea who are living in London. (Upper KS2) NOTE: Brief reference made to domestic violence but nothing explicit or detailed.</p>
	<p>McALLISTER Angela: Winter's Child 9781783701629 BB: Grey</p> <p>When Tom wishes winter would never end he meets Winter's child who prolongs the season so that they can enjoy playing together. Tom doesn't notice the impact this is having until he finally notices his grandmother's suffering. He realises that for the cycle of life to continue he must sacrifice his friendship. The haunting illustrations add to the richness of this book.</p>
	<p>MORPURGO Michael: Kensuke's Kingdom 9781405248563 Bookwrites AR: 4.7 MY</p> <p>Based on the true story of a Japanese soldier who survived on his own on an island for forty years after the end of World War 2. The details of life at sea and on the island should appeal to those with even a mildly adventurous streak!</p>
	<p>MORRIS Jackie: The Ice Bear 9781847804570 Bookwrites AR: 4.3 LY</p> <p>Back in a time when people and animals lived together in harmony, a bear-child is stolen away from his mother. The evocative illustrations capture the stark landscape of the arctic but the rich language of the text creates even more powerful images in the mind of the reader.</p>
	<p>MORRIS Jackie: The Snow Leopard 9781845076689</p> <p>The magical story of a girl and a powerful being that takes the shape of a snow leopard. Set in the Himalayan landscape this tale sends a deeper message about the need for the protection of Earth's wild places. Poetic and lyrical, the text weaves amidst stunning illustrations that capture the true spirit of nature.</p>
	<p>PAVER Michelle: Wolf Brother 9781842551318 BB: Dark Red/Black AR: 4.5 MY</p> <p>Torak, a young warrior teams up with an orphaned wolf cub to defeat a demon which has taken the form of a great bear. This tense adventure successfully mixes historical and fantasy elements, resulting in an exciting and satisfying read.</p>
	<p>PEARCE Philippa: The Shadow Cage and Other Tales of the Supernatural 9781903252406 Re-think Reading!</p> <p>Truly gripping ghost stories which are beautifully crafted. Any one of these tales could be used to examine narrative structure. The language used to create tension and build suspense is striking and the stories provide good models for writing.</p>
	<p>RUNDELL Katherine: Rooftoppers 9780571280599 BB: Dark Red AR: 3.5 MY+</p> <p>Sophie runs away to Paris with her guardian in search of the mother who everyone tells her died in the shipwreck from which she was rescued as a baby. Evading the French authorities, she meets Matteo and his network of roof-toppers. Together they scour the city for Sophie's mother before she is caught and sent back to London. An unusual and atmospheric story for able readers.</p>

	TAN Shaun: The Arrival 9780734415868 BB: Grey What drives so many to leave everything behind and journey alone to a mysterious country, a place without family or friends, where everything is nameless and the future is unknown? This wordless graphic novel is the story of every migrant, every refugee, every displaced person and will challenge able pupils.
	THOMPSON Colin: How to Live Forever 9780099461814 BB: Dark Red The starting point of the book is a library which contains a copy of every book published, but one book is missing – 'How to live forever'. This fascinating book will stimulate imaginative written and illustrative work , as well as discussion about how changes to our lives are ultimately to be cherished rather than feared.
	THOMPSON Colin: The Paperbag Prince 9780099933205 Rich and detailed illustrations work beautifully with the no less intriguing narrative. There is lots to look at and discuss, both in the illustrations and the environmental theme and especially the unexpected twist where the Paperbag Prince turns out not to be quite what we had imagined.
	VILLA Alvaro F: Flood 9781782021261 Bookwrites This is the story of a flood and the impact it has on a family. The book is wordless, with the powerful images conveying the changes in emotions. A fantastic book to practice creating atmosphere in writing. Possible curriculum links – Geography.
	WILLIAMS Marcia: My Secret War Diary 9781406331998 Bookwrites An invented diary account of WWII. Flossie Albright is nine years old in 1939 and her father leaves to join the army. She uses the diary to record everyday life and its hardships as well as news from abroad as the war continues. The entries are "handwritten" with letters, postcards and memorabilia stuck in to create the effect of a scrapbook.
Non-fiction	
	ARLON Penny: Weather 9781407138411 Weather is packed with striking photographs and amazing facts about the world's extreme weather. Learn all about weather types and systems with case studies, eyewitness accounts and information on meteorologists and storm chasers. Varied page layouts and clever info-graphics make this an exciting book to explore.
	HUGGINS-COOPER, Lyn: How to Invent 9781781715635 This book breaks the process down into eight easy-to-follow stages and offers tips and examples for every stage with a particular focus on inventing toys and puzzles. Discover how and why the Rubik's cube was invented and the problems Erno Rubik encountered along the way. Throughout the book are inspirational case studies of young inventors.
	LANGLEY Andrew: Space 9781445118277 BB: Dark Blue Find out everything in the amazing universe, from stars and galaxies to comets and asteroids. Discover how we explore the depths of space. An interesting and appealing layout with "amazing fact" and "True or false" boxes, a quiz at the end and for light relief, a few jokes scattered throughout the book.

	MANNING Mick & GRANSTROM Brita: Tail-end Charlie This is an account of life for an air gunner in WWII. Written primarily as a diary and highly illustrated, it uses multiple text types and forms, including comic strip, postcards, posters and facsimile documents. There is an extensive glossary of period vocabulary.	9781847800756 AR: 3.8 LY
	MANNING Mick & GRANSTROM Brita: What Mr Darwin Saw This is a wonderful pictorial account of Darwin's epic voyage of scientific discovery aboard the HMS Beagle. The author has reflected the language of the period in Darwin's imagined recount of his experiences. A fascinating introduction to evolution.	9781845079703 AR: 5.4 LY
Poetry		
	BLACKMAN Malorie: Cloud Busting Bookwrites Poetic forms are used to tell this unusual, realistic story of bullying.	9780385607964 BB: Dark Red AR: 3.3 MY
	McGOUGH Roger: Slapstick An enticing array of humorous and thought provoking poems by this prestigious poet. This appealing collection stirs all the emotions and is complemented by lively, black and white illustrations.	9780141325071
	MORPURGO Michael: Where My Wellies Take Me Bookwrites Pippa loves going for long, wandering walks exploring the countryside and recounting the wildlife, animals and people she meets along the way. Each of her meetings is accompanied by a poem from a wealth of famous names which make up part of our literary heritage. Richly illustrated by Olivia Lomenech Gill this is a glorious celebration of the English countryside.	9781848775442 AR: 5.4 MY
	MOSES Brian and STEVENS Roger: What Are We Fighting For? A collection of poetry on the theme of war which is fascinating and moving in equal measure. The collection begins with WWI and moves forward in time, including more general poems on the theme of conflict. A difficult subject handled well by two highly respected modern poets.	9781447248613
	NICHOLS Grace: Paint me a Poem As writer-in-residence at the Tate, Grace Nichols worked with children to create their own poems inspired by the many famous works of art on display. The book presents poems by Nichols and the children alongside a photograph of the painting that provided the source of inspiration.	9781472927675
	Chosen by DONALDSON Julia: Poems to Perform The collection has been carefully compiled to cover classic to contemporary and provides a range of poems for two voices through to a large group. There are suggestions for performance at the end of the book.	9781447243397 BB: Grey