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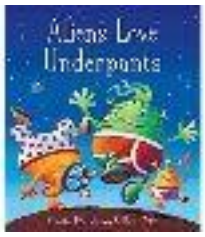
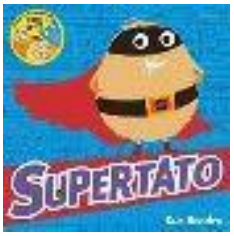
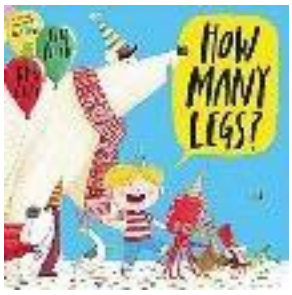
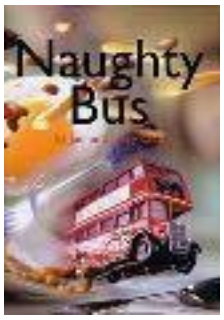
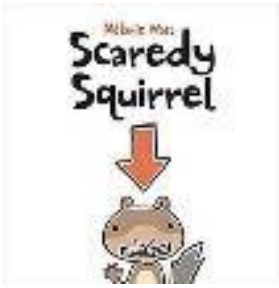
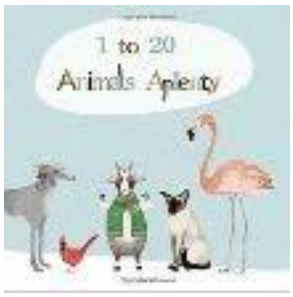
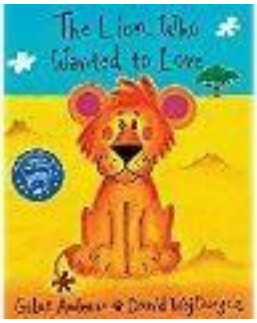
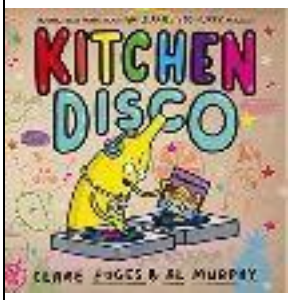
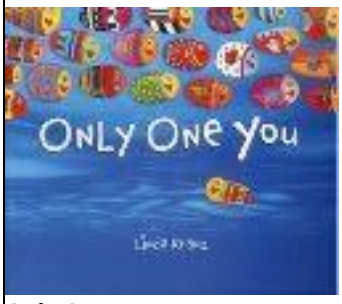
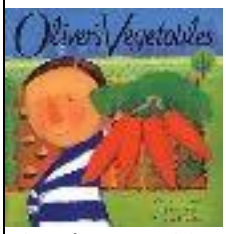
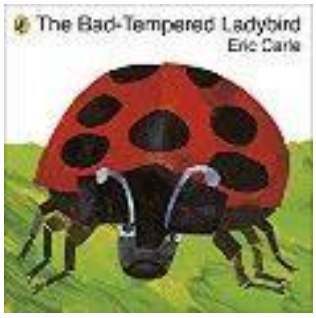
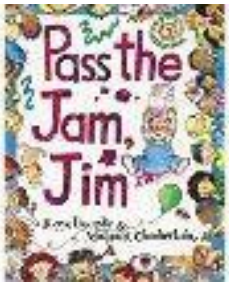
 **Aliens Love Underpants** Clare Freedman	This zany, hilarious tale is delightfully brought to life by Ben Cort's vibrant illustrations. With a madcap, rhyming text by award-winning Claire Freedman, this is sure to enchant and amuse the whole family! Perfect for joining in, this story is fantastically fresh and funny - you'll laugh your pants off!	• Great maths links- superb for exploring pattern • First in a series including Pirates, Monsters and Dinosaurs • Rhyming narrative
 Ssh! We Have a Plan Chris Haughton	A picture book about a beautiful bird, four friends and plans gone wrong... The friends are out for a walk. Suddenly, they spot it – a beautiful bird perched high in a tree! They simply *must* have it and – *ssh!* – they have a *plan*. But, at the turn of the page, we find a ridiculous bunch of very tangled characters and a blissfully oblivious bird, flying away. One hilarious foiled plan after another and it's clear that this goofy gang *cannot* catch that elusive birdie!	• Simple story with repetitive structure and language- great for children to learn by heart
 **Supertato** Sue Hendra	Meet Supertato! He's always there for you when the chips are down. He's the superhero with eyes everywhere - but now there's a pea on the loose. A very, very naughty pea. Has Supertato finally met his match?	• Superhero theme with a strong structure • Problem solving • Sequels available: 'Veggies Assemble', 'Run Veggies, Run', 'Evil Pea Rules' and 'Veggies in the valley of Doom' •
 The Foggy, Foggy Forest Nick Sharratt	Who's lurking in the foggy forest? Look through the trees and guess the shapes to find out! What can that be in the foggy, foggy forest? Take a trip through the mysterious misty landscape – hilarious fairytale fun lies around every corner.	• Good for visual literacy- encourages young children to look and make sense of silhouettes they can see • Good for developing early prediction skills

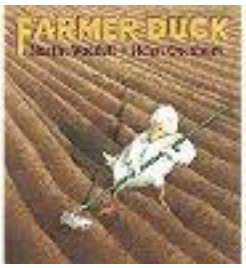
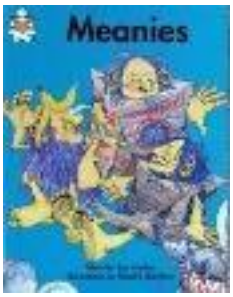
 **How Many Legs?** Kes Gray	From the award winning creators of *Oi Frog!* comes a hilarious counting picture book about our four-legged - and two-legged and eight-legged - friends! How many legs would there be if a polar bear came for tea? How high would the leg count go if a squid rode in on a buffalo? As more and more animals join in the fun, count along if you can!	• Great Maths links – excellent for counting and addition- you could support with manipulatives too • Rhyming text • Links to a topic on animals
 **Naughty Bus** **Jan and Jerry Oke**	A young boy receives a toy bus as a present and has great fun exploring the world with his new toy which turns out to be quite a naughty bus – or is it the boy being naughty? This is a very unusual picture book with a story told through close up photography and mainly narrated by the toy bus.	• Photographs rather than illustrations • Playful font types that help to show the meaning of words •
 **Scaredy Squirrel** Melanie Watt	The first book in the Scaredy Squirrel series is a comical story of an endearing squirrel who learns what can happen when he's brave enough to take a risk. Scaredy Squirrel never leaves his nut tree. It's way too dangerous out there. He remains prepared with an emergency kit which includes antibacterial soap, Band-Aids and a parachute. But one day, his worst nightmare comes true!	• Challenging vocabulary • Models lists very well • Links with Maths through days of the week and time • Routine • Simple instructions • Rich in humour

 **1 to 20, Animals Aplenty** Katie Viggers	Fun to read and educational, *1 to 20, Animals Aplenty* shows each number both numerically and as a quantity, which is the key to teaching children not only to count but also the building blocks of mathematical skills. All this education is disguised by Katie's adorable, detailed creatures, who romp through the numbers with unexpected and frequently silly props--and it all rhymes!	• A simple yet stunning counting book which • Rhyming text • Clear layout for counting
 **The Lion Who Wanted to Love** **Giles Andreae**	**Leo isn't like other lion cubs. Instead of chasing zebras and antelopes, he wants to make friends with them. But can a lion who's so different ever fit in with the rest of his pride?** **Learn how Leo's kindness brings happiness to the jungle in this colourful picture book story. Winner of the Red House Children's Book Award.** **(Same author as 'Giraffe's Can't Dance')**	• **Rhyming text** • **Good for language development- some challenging vocabulary** • **Themes of difference, individuality and kindness**
 **Kitchen Disco** **Clare Foges**	**At night when you are sleeping There's a party in your house,** **It's a pumping, jumping, funky bash When all the lights go out . . .** **When the sun goes down, the Kitchen Disco starts up - and all the fruit in the fruit bowl come out to play. There are lemons who break-dance, tangerines who twirl and some very over-excited apples.**	• **Rhyming text** • **Rich in humour** • **Holographic foil spread in middle of book** • **We also recommend 'Bathroom Boogie' by the same author.**
 **Only One You** **Linda Kranz**	**There's only one you in this great big world. Make it a better place. Adri's mama and papa share some of the wisdom they have gained through the years with their eager son. Their words, simple and powerful, are meant to comfort and guide him as he goes about exploring the world. This exquisitely illustrated book explodes with color and honest insights.**	• **Ideal for transition** • **Shows that every individual is unique** • **Lovely artwork that can be imitated by children easily** • **Teaches acceptance**

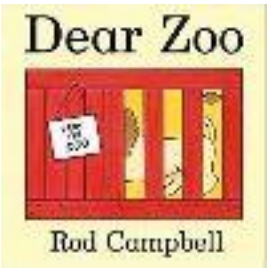
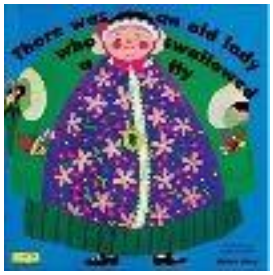
 **Oliver's Vegetables** **Vivian French**	**Do you like chips? Oliver does. In fact, he won't eat anything else - until he plays a game with his grandpa.** **Whatever vegetable Oliver finds in the garden, he must eat. On Monday, he pulls up carrots, on Tuesday, it is spinach . . . An excellent book for parents with slightly fussy children, which also introduces the days of the week.**	• **Great for getting children to think about where their food comes from** • **Non-rhyming text** • **'Oliver's Milkshake' and 'Oliver's Fruit Salad' by the same author**

Literary Heritage

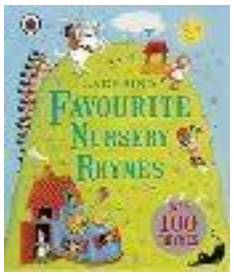
 **The Bad-Tempered Ladybird** Eric Carle	A classic picture book by Eric Carle: *The Bad-Tempered Ladybird.* The bad-tempered ladybird picks fights with every animal he meets, but soon learns the importance of friends and turns into a far nicer, happier bug. The beautifully illustrated pages of this entertaining book demonstrate the sizes of the different animals and the sun's path across the sky as time passes.	• Non-rhyming text with lots of character dialogue • Different sized pages within for children to explore • Time sequencing using o'clock • Links beautifully with a minibeast topic • PSED links- sharing
 **Pass the Jam, Jim** Kaye Umansky	A rhyming picture book in which a group of children prepare for a party. The bright, action-packed illustrations feature all kinds of delicious food.	• Rhyming text with a repeated pattern the children can join in with • Strong rhythm in the language • Great for modelling expression and intonation • Links with celebration theme

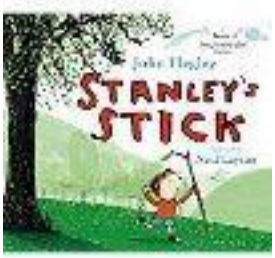
 **Farmer Duck** Martin Wadell	A hardworking duck is rescued from life with a lazy farmer in this award-winning picture book classic. This book tells the story of a hardworking duck, who has the very bad luck of living with a lazy farmer. The duck cooks and cleans, tends the fields and cares for the other animals on the farm – and all while the famer lies in bed! That is until the day the animals decide to take action … and come to the rescue with a simple, but heroic plan	• Non-rhyming narrative • Themes of roles and responsibilities. • Great for role play
 **Meanies** Joy Cowley	In this classic silly book we meet the Meanies who have some very odd habits like drinking bath water and mud and sleeping in rubbish bins. Lots of opportunity for interaction and an excellent choice for emergent readers and read aloud lesson.	• Great for language learners as there is lots of repetition in the text. • We also recommend 'The Meanies Came to School One Day' as a sequel and 'Don't Open this Book' by the same author

 We're Going on a Bear Hunt Michael Rosen	*We're going on a bear hunt. We're going to catch a big one.* Will you come too? For a quarter of a century, readers have been swishy-swashying and splash-sploshing through this award-winning favourite. Follow and join in the family's excitement as they wade through the grass, splash through the river and squelch through the mud in search of a bear. What a surprise awaits them in the cave on the other side of the dark forest!	• Ideal text for children to learn by heart using actions • Repetitive language throughout • Strong rhythm- no rhyme.

 Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy Lynley Dodd	Hairy Maclary goes off for a walk in town, followed by a few friends. All is uneventful until they meet Scarface Claw, the toughest tom in town, and run for home. The story is told by a brilliant, cumulative rhyming text and terrific pictures.	• Strong example of rhythm in language • First in a series of books by the same author • Great illustrations to use as a stimulus for exploring describing words
 **Dear Zoo** Rod Campbell	Rod Campbell's classic lift-the-flap book *Dear Zoo* has been a firm favourite with toddlers and parents alike ever since it was first published in 1982. Young children will love lifting the flaps to discover the animals the zoo has sent - a monkey, a lion and even an elephant! But will they ever manage to send the perfect pet?	• Recommended for Nursery • Lift the flap book • Ideal for children to join in with • Repetitive language
 **There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly** Pam Adams	Forty years after its first publication this much-loved Child's Play classic is as popular as ever. Ingenious die-cut holes bring this iconic nursery rhyme to life, and Pam Adams' fabulous illustrations lend humour and vibrancy to the proceedings. Bouncy images, innovative die cutting and favourite rhymes make Books with Holes a must for every child. Available in three formats, suitable for babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers and the nursery or classroom.	• Great for singing along to the traditional tune. • Lovely, colourful engaging illustrations • Peep-holes through to the next page to spy the animals she has swallowed!

Poetry

 **Ladybird Favourite Nursery Rhymes** Julia Patton	This beautiful hardback Ladybird treasury of favourite nursery rhymes is a beautifully illustrated introduction to many well-loved rhymes that are perfect for sharing with young children from 3+. With more than 100 rhymes including favourites such as Three Blind Mice, The Owl and the Pussy-cat, Humpty Dumpty and Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes, there is a rhyme for everyone in this collection of animal, action, story, food, counting and bedtime rhymes.	• Anthology of nursery rhymes • Buildin'RhymeTime' into your daily routine and explore one rhyme each day.
 The Wheels on the Bus Paul Ozelinsky	In this novelty book of a favourite children's song, the music of the song is also included at the end.	• Pop-up book which will engage children straight away • Sing words along to the traditional tune. • Link to role play
 Lavender's Blue Kathleen Lines	A definitive collection of nursery rhymes, beautifully designed and illustrated by the influential artist, Harold Jones. This facsimile edition has been lovingly produced to recreate the look and feel of the first printing of this much-loved book, which was originally published in 1954.	• An anthology of classic poems and nursery rhymes • Very traditional, old fashioned feel- nice links to the past/history • Hardback book

 **Stanley's Stick** Neal Layton	*Stanley's Stick* is a teaming-up of hefty talents - glorious poet John Hegley and award-winning illustrator Neal Layton. Stanley's stick is not just a stick. With a stick in hand, Stanley's options are endless - he flies to the moon, writes in the sand, goes fishing, plays a whistle and rides a dinosaur - and his imagination takes over and the magic begins.	• One simple poem written across the book/rhyming text • Lovely to use as a compare/contrast with 'Not A Stick' by Antoinette Portis