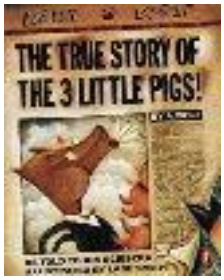
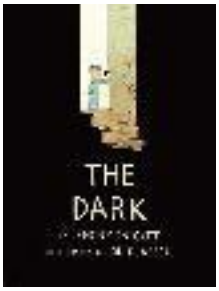
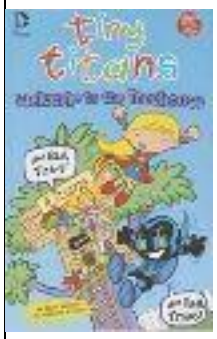
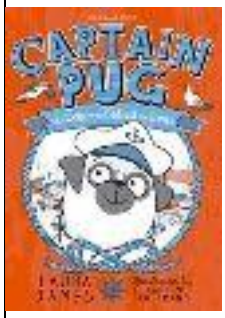
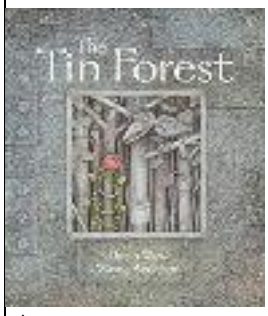
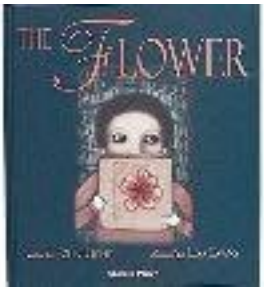
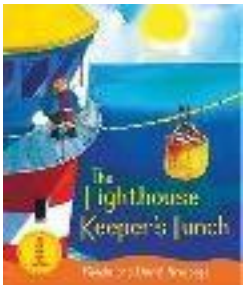
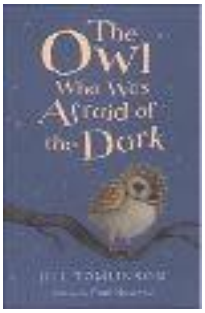
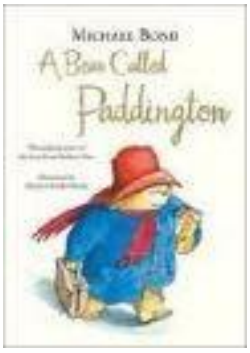
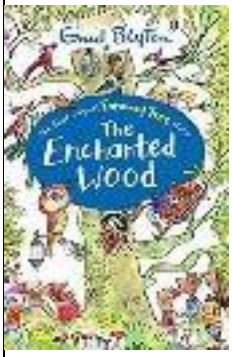
Year 2

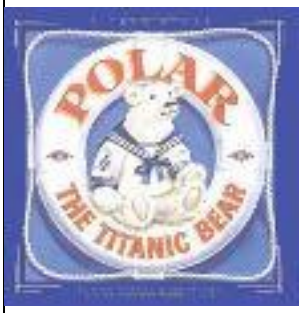
Contemporary Fiction

 The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs Jon Sciezka	You may think you know the story of the Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf - but only one person knows the real story. And that person is A. Wolf. His tale starts with a birthday cake for his dear old granny, a bad head cold and a bad reputation. The rest (as they say) is history. A hilariously inventive retelling of the popular story which Publishers Weekly called the 'Funniest book of the year'.	• Great for alternative fairy tales • Written in a casual, conversational style from the point of view of the wolf • 1st person throughout • Picture book
 Tuesday David Weisner	In this ingenious and imaginative – nearly wordless – picture book, frogs in a pond lift off on their lily pads and fly to a nearby town where they zoom through a woman's living room, encounter a dog playing in his yard, and distract a bathrobe-clad citizen from his midnight snack. Who knows what will happen next Tuesday?	• Versatile- can be used effectively all the way to Y6 (and beyond!) • Almost wordless • Fantasy adventure • Relationships • Inference and discussion • Character development • Story telling without words
 The Dark Lemony Snicket	An empowering story about conquering your fears, from Lemony Snicket and Jon Klassen. Laszlo is afraid of the dark. The dark lives in the same house as Laszlo but mostly it spends its time in the basement. It doesn't visit Laszlo in his room. Until one night it does . . . Join Lazlo on his journey to meet the dark, and find out why it will never bother him again.	• An unusual book in which the dark is personified • A lovely book about facing fears • Non-rhyming text • Picture book
 After the Fall Dan Sanat	After the fall, Humpty Dumpty is a broken egg. Life is tough: he's so afraid of heights, he can't even bear to climb onto his bed, or reach his favourite cereal on the top shelf at the supermarket. But one day, fuelled by his passion for bird-watching, he decides to conquer his fears and something amazing happens...	• Growth Mindset • Picture book • Written in 1st person, from Humpty Dumpty's point of view • A story of how, despite his fear, he managed to overcome his terrible accident

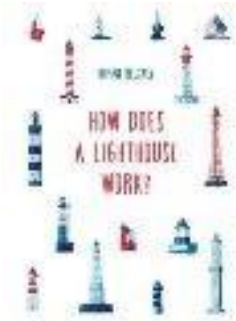
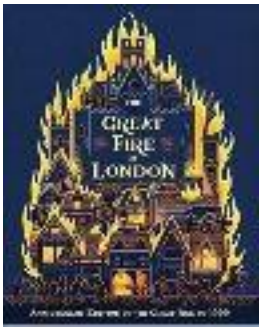
 Tiny Titans: Welcome To The Treehouse Art Baltazar and Franco	You'll see what life is like for the very young heroes of Sidekick Elementary and learn what could go wrong when the kids of Sidekick Elementary spend an afternoon in the Batcave in this new graphic novel. These all ages tales from the DC Universe, beautifully written and illustrated by Art Baltazar and Franco, will entertain new readers and seasoned fans of comics.	• Fans of Teen Titans and other superhero TV shows will be drawn to this bright and appealing comic • Familiar characters will appeal to otherwise reluctant readers • Great addition to the reading area
 Captain Pug Laura James and Eglantine Ceulemans	Pug is going on a seafaring adventure. He's had jam tarts for breakfast. He's wearing a smart sailor suit. There's just one problem. Pug is afraid of the water!	• First in a series so great for hooking readers • Great introduction to chapter books for young readers • Super addition to reading areas for independent reading •
 The Tin Forest Helen Ward	"There was once a wide, windswept place, near nowhere and close to forgotten that was filled with all the things that no one wanted." So begins Helen Ward's tale of the Tin Forest where an old man lives who tidies the rubbish and dreams of a better place. With faith, ingenuity and hard work, he transforms a junkyard into a wonderland in this poetic modern fable.	• Picture book. • Contains important lessons about caring for the environment • Poetic language and vocabulary • Beautiful illustrations that capture both sadness and hope
 The Flower John Light and Lisa Evans	Brigg lives in a small, grey room in a large, grey city. When he finds a book in the library labelled 'Do Not Read', he cannot resist taking it home John Light's enigmatic story is told with utter simplicity, but resonates long after we finish reading this book. His increasingly optimistic vision is hauntingly captured by Lisa Evans's beautiful and whimsical illustrations.	• Themes of environment, responsibility and community • Picture book • Set in a bleak future where flowers no longer exist. • Links well with 'The Tin Forest'

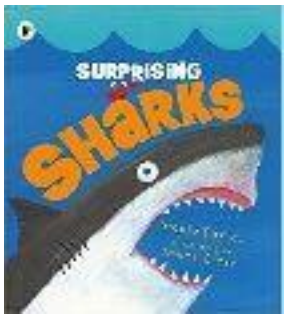
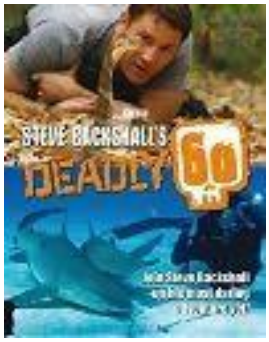
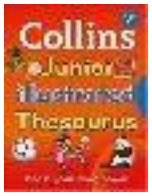
Literary Heritage

 The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch Ronda Armitage	Once there was a lighthouse keeper called Mr. Grinling. Every day Mr Grinling tucks into delicious lunch, prepared by his wife, Mrs Grinling. But Mr Grinling isn't the only one who enjoys the tasty food, so Mrs Grinling hasto think of a way to stop the greedy seagulls from stealing his lunch! First published over thirty years ago, THE LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER'S LUNCH has become a modern picture book classic and is loved by children everywhere.	• Picture book • Great for vocabulary • Provide opportunities for a wide range of writing outcomes • First in a series of books so offers further reading
 The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark Jill Tomlinson and Paul Howard	Plop the baby Barn Owl is afraid of the dark. He's sure dark is nasty! Then Mrs Barn Owl sends him down from his nest-hole to ask about the dark, and he meets a little boy waiting for the fireworks to begin, an old lady,a scout out camping, a girl who tells him about Father Christmas, a man with a telescope and a black cat who takes him exploring. Is Plop a night bird after all?	• Great introduction to chapter books • Picture book version available • Great for the Autumn term- links to Bonfire Night/Christmas/stars
 A Bear Called Paddington Michael Bond	"A bear on Paddington Station?" said Mrs Brown in amazement. "Don't be silly – there can't be." The Browns first met Paddington on a railway station – Paddington station, in fact. He had travelled all the way from Darkest Peru with only a jar of marmalade, a suitcase and his hat. The Browns soon find that Paddington is a very unusual bear. Ordinary things – like having a bath, travelling underground or going to the seaside become quite extraordinary, if a bear called Paddington is involved.	• Opportunity to explore immigration and refugees • Link to recent film will appeal to reluctant readers • Great for building empathy •
 The Enchanted Wood Enid Blyton	The Enchanted Wood is the first magical story in the Faraway Tree series by the world's best-loved children's author, Enid Blyton. When Joe, Beth and Frannie move to a new home, an Enchanted Wood is on their doorstep. And when they discover the Faraway Tree, that is the beginning of many magical adventures! Join them and their friends Moonface, Saucepan Man and Silky the fairy as they discover which new land is at the top of the Faraway Tree. Will it be the Land of Spells, the Land of Treats, or the Land of Do-As-You-Please? Come on an amazing adventure – there'll be adventures waiting whatever happens.	• Chapter book- with almost stand-alone stories • Fantasy adventure • Updated version contains modifications in language, names and characters e.g. Dame Snap now scolds the children in school

 Polar the Titanic Bear Daisy Corning Stone Spedden	Tells the adventures of a boy called Douglas, told through the eyes of his white teddy bear, Polar. His family book a passage to America on board the Titanic, and the story reaches its climax on the night it sank, when the family escape from the stricken vessel.	• A beautifully presented collection of images of real historical artefacts with the story of real Titanic passenger, Douglas and his polar bear toy. • Ideal to explore class as gives backstory to their life and hobbies

Non-Fiction

 **How Does a Lighthouse Work?** Roman Belyaev	How can we tell one lighthouse from another? What does a lighthouse keeper do? Where are the most unusual lighthouses in the world? Depart on an enchanting voyage with the school children in this book to discover the answers to these questions along with other fascinating facts about lighthouses and how they work. A charming journey through the science and history of lighthouses around the world.	• Illustrated non-fiction book • Compare with other, more traditional formatting of non-fiction information • Great for vocab development
 Your Fantastic Elastic Brain JoAnn Deak Sarah Ackerley	Your Fantastic, Elastic Brain is a book all about understanding how our amazing brains work. A superb book for introducing the idea of growth mindset, this brightly illustrated text helps to explain how our brains grow and stretch when we face new experiences and learn from our mistakes.	• Growth Mindset- links to brain development but also emotions • Wonderful illustrations • Full tour of the brain, helped by a little mouse and owl • Positive messages about courage
 **The Great Fire of London: Anniversary Edition of the Great Fire of 1666** Emma Adams and James Weston Lewis	*The Great Fire of London* is a hauntingly beautiful visual re-telling of one of the most well-known disasters in the city's history Lewis's drawings take readers on a journey, from the single smouldering coal that falls out of the baker's oven to the swirling clouds of ash that engulf the city and then in to the very heart of the fire itself. As the pages turn, you can witness London burning to the ground and then rebuilding again. Children will love examining the rich detail of each spread.	• Illustrated non-fiction book • A great non-fiction text to share with the children • Includes detailed illustrations and maps which are historically accurate.

 **Surprising Sharks** Nicola Davies and James Cockroft	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.	• Fascinating facts on a creature that is often popular with children • Well-labelled diagrams - a great model for pupil's own non-fiction texts with diagrams • Great illustrations of different types of sharks •
 **Steve Backshall's Deadly 60**	From lethal beauties to killer beasts, from the unseen to the unexpected, the one thing these creatures have in common is that they are all deadly to other animals. Steve Backshall's encounters range from famous killers such as the Black Mamba and the North American Grizzly Bear to less well known but no less deadly animals.	• Traditionally formatted non-fiction book, jam packed with facts and photographs • Each creature has two page spread – great for analysis like text-marking • Complementing TV series also available
 First News	**First News** is an award-winning national UK newspaper for children, read at home or in school, with 2.2 million readers every week.	• Newspaper specifically written for children- could be used throughout the school • Available as a subscription or you can pick up weekly from supermarkets • Ideal for reading for pleasure
 **Collins Junior Illustrated Thesaurus**	Help children aged 6 and over to develop their writing skills with this colourful, easy-to-use thesaurus, fully refreshed for the latest curriculum.	• Perfectly pitched for Y2