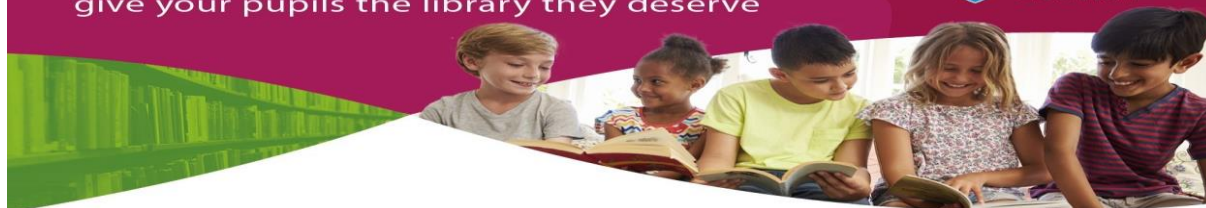

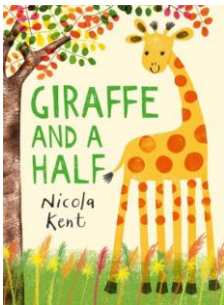
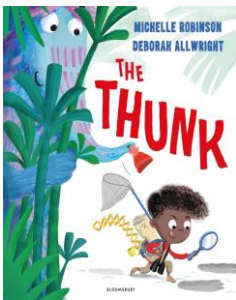


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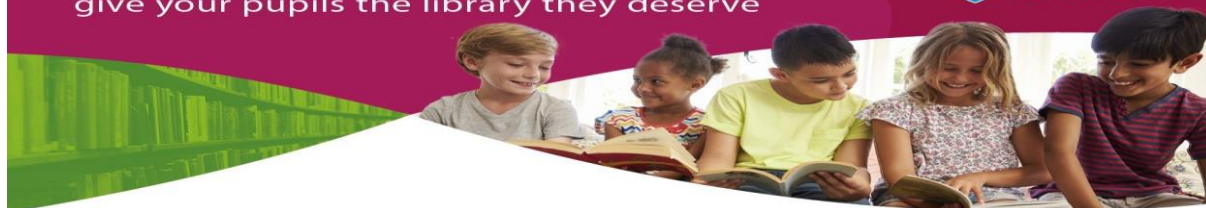




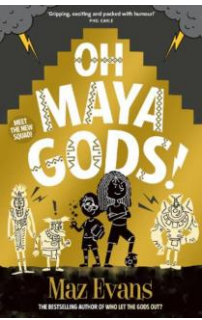

New books featured in the November 2023 SLS Primary Book Chat

	Author	Title	ISBN
PICTURE BOOKS			
	Nicola Kent	<i>Giraffe and a Half</i>	9781839132759
<p>Giraffe and a Half has six legs and three ears, which is brilliant for dancing and listening, but not so good for making friends. But one day, playing on her own, she meets Bird and a Third, who knows that sometimes, it's our insecurities that hold us back the most.</p> <p>A charming, heart warming and lyrical tale of friendship and acceptance, which will expand children's vocabulary and make them laugh.</p>			
	Michelle Robinson Deborah Allwright	<i>The Thunk</i>	9781408892855
<p>Hector Voltaire is a young explorer who can't wait to discover all the wonders of the wide world. His first discovery is a magical, mythical creature called the THUNK. The Thunk has a trunk and its fur's blue-ish pink, and it's ever so slightly, completely EXTINCT. Or at least, that's what everyone else thinks. Hector is determined to prove them wrong.</p> <p>This is a humorous, rhythmic, rhyming story ideal for lessons in the outdoor classroom, sure to increase knowledge of vocabulary related to flora and fauna, and an inspiration for conversations about the conservation of animals.</p>			

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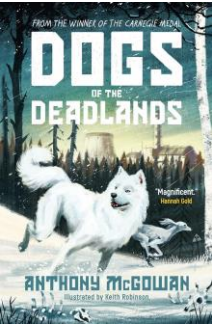



	Author	Title	ISBN
	Stephanie Taylor Jade Orlando	<i>I'm Going to be a Princess</i>	9781839944727 Maya discovers the achievements of some incredible Black women - but it's a brave Nigerian princess who really captures her imagination! This is a great introduction to lots of professional women of colour through the eyes of a child. While mum looks more and more despairing, Maya, is determined to be a princess, just like her hero Amina who was a strong, brave and bold leader in West Africa.
KEY STAGE 2 FICTION			
	Maz Evans	<i>Oh Maya Gods!</i>	9781913696870 From the author of the popular series <i>Who let the gods out?</i> comes the first in a new spin-off series set in the world of Maya mythology. Vesper and Aster are drawn into a plot to release the old trickster gods and save the world. With a brand-new God Squad and references to the first trilogy, this pacy, exciting and hilarious read will appeal to younger fans of Rick Riordan and <i>Horrible Histories</i> .
	G.M. Linton	<i>Sunshine Simpson cooks up a storm</i>	9781801313353 The second in the highly praised series that follows Sunshine as she navigates her way through upper KS2. Now in Y6, Sunshine is preparing for secondary education and coping with the anxiety of leaving the familiarity of her primary school. At the same time, she is also planning the Charity Bake Sale and dealing with all of the school drama that ensues. At home, following the death of her grandad, Sunshine's dad is working away from home a lot more and mum is struggling to rebuild her relationship with her own mother who has come back into their lives after many years. An entertaining, poignant and relatable story set in the autumn term of Y6. Themes include racism, family bereavement, friendship dramas and anxiety.

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	Author	Title	ISBN
	Anthony McGowan Keith Robinson	<i>Dogs of the Deadlands</i>	9780861546398
	Philip Reeve Sarah McIntyre	<i>Adventure Mice: Mice on Ice</i>	9781788452694

Pups, Misha and Bratan, learn to survive in the harsh environment of the wild woodlands, near where the infamous 1986 nuclear disaster took place. They may be the descendants of Natasha's puppy who she was told to leave behind when the disaster happened. But much has occurred since then and there is more than one enemy in the forests surrounding Chernobyl.

This is a challenging, immersive and haunting read about pack mentality and how animals survive in the wild while retaining a memory of domesticity.


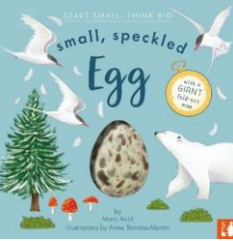

The Mouse Islands are excitedly preparing for the Frost Fair until disaster strikes! The sea has frozen preventing the planning team from returning from the mainland with all of the delicious food. Before long, the Adventure Mice have hatched a plan to sail a ship across the ice on a giant ski. But, can it really be done and will they be able to rescue the team and bring back the food in time for the Frost Fair?

This highly illustrated series with short chapters and good vocabulary is perfect for emergent readers.

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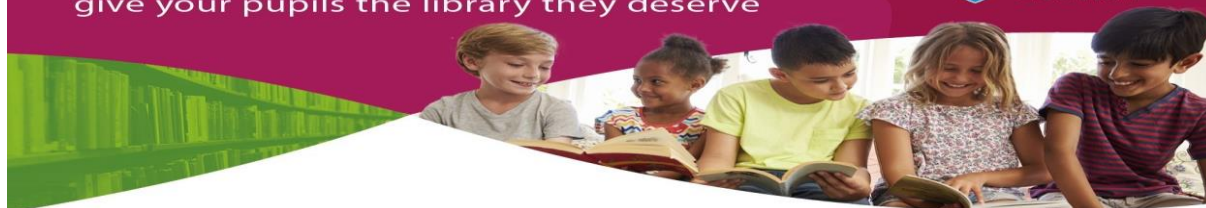
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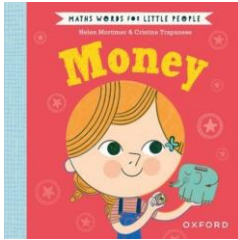
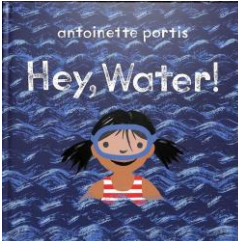
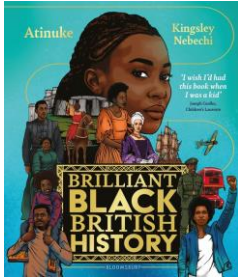


	Author	Title	ISBN
KEY STAGE 1 NON-FICTION			
	Mary Auld Anna Terreros-Martin	<i>Small, Speckled Egg</i>	9781739774875
<p>Follow the lifecycle of the arctic tern as it emerges from an egg and begins its long life developing from fluffy chick to juvenile and then fully grown. The story of her life and long migration which happens every year is told concisely, with captioned illustrations and maps to enable the reader to follow her course from Arctic to Antarctic and back again. The story ends with her meeting her lifelong mate and the 50 adorable chicks they have in their lifetime in a large fold out page.</p>			
	Timothy Knapman Nik Henderson	<i>The Book of Blast Off!</i>	9781913520809
<p>This is a collection of the 15 most iconic missions of all time, told through the eyes of one space-travelling pup in his space suit. A background of collage effect illustrations, labels and captions compliments the clever, rhyming text of each mission and the accompanying astronauts, including the moon landing, Voyager 1's journey into interstellar space and Perseverance's exploration of Mars. There is a detailed synopsis at the back of the book, more suitable for key stage 2 or a teacher to read. A glossary and further reading is also included.</p>			

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	Author	Title	ISBN
	Helen Mortimer Cristina Trapanese	<i>Maths Words for Little People: Money</i>	9780192783295
	Antoinette Portis	<i>Hey, Water!</i>	9781912650262
KEY STAGE 2 NON-FICTION			
	Atinuke, Kingsley Nebechi	<i>Brilliant Black British History</i>	9781526635716

This is a simple introduction to the concept of money for KS1 children. It has clear, diverse and accessible illustrations with a short body of text under the headings and speech bubbles to illustrate each point. There is a small section at the back for older children and adults about getting the most from the book, and a small simple glossary of terms. There are five more in this vibrant new KS1 series: *Time, Sums, Sorting, Counting* and *Shapes*.

Water doesn't always look the same, it doesn't always feel the same, and it shows up in lots of different shapes. Water can be a lake, it can be steam, it can be a tear, or it can even be a snowman. As the girl discovers water in nature, in weather, in her home, and even inside her own body, water comes to life, and children will find excitement and joy in water and its many forms.

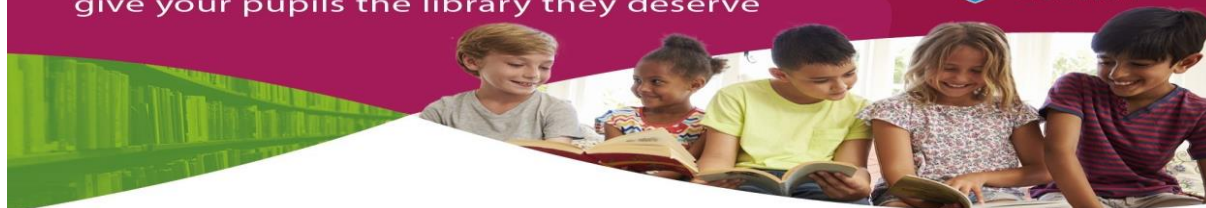
There is one word to a page, against a backdrop of colour illustration and a few words on each page to describe what each form of water does. A simple but effective picture book style that looks at the water cycle with more detailed in-depth support at the back of the book.

In this easy-to-read chronological journey through our shared history, Atinuke uses her experience as an oral storyteller to carry readers through the fascinating history of Black people in Britain. The incredible journey through time is brought to life through illustrated scenes, detailed maps, and timelines created by illustrator Kingsley Nebechi.

A vibrant, colourful collection of historical figures and periods through Black British history with a glossary and photographic index of some of the significant Black people alive in Britain today.

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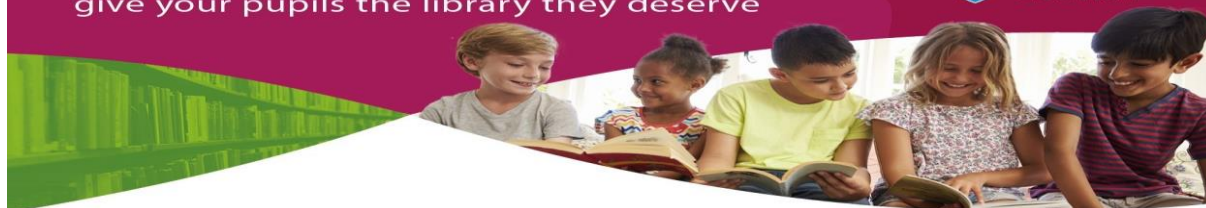
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	Author	Title	ISBN
	Mary Auld, Elisa Paganelli, Rachel Leach	<i>A Little Book of the Orchestra: The Trumpet</i>	9781526314727
<p>Follow trumpet player, Pete, on his musical journey, playing in the school orchestra, at music college and in the recording studio. Discover how the trumpet is played, the different genres of music it can create and its role within the orchestra. Listen along and feel swept away by a lively orchestra performance at the end of the book. With panels that offer suggestions for music to listen to and exclusive music to download from the LSO. This is a multi-sensory experience in which to enjoy and learn about the trumpet.</p> <p>Other titles in this series include: <i>The Cello</i>, <i>The Clarinet</i>, <i>Drums and Percussion</i>, <i>The Flute</i> and <i>The Violin</i>.</p>			
	Laura Baker, Daniel Rieley, Yu Kito Lee	Create Your Own Camping Activities	9781838695996
<p>Packed with over 60 ideas for the best camping games, crafts and activities. There are suggestions for fun things to do throughout the entire trip, whether you're in the tent or on the road, around the campfire or at the picnic table. There are also tips for exploring nature in and around the campground. With plenty of photos and step-by-step instructions, this is ideal for the outdoor classroom and learning skills for forest school and residential trips.</p>			

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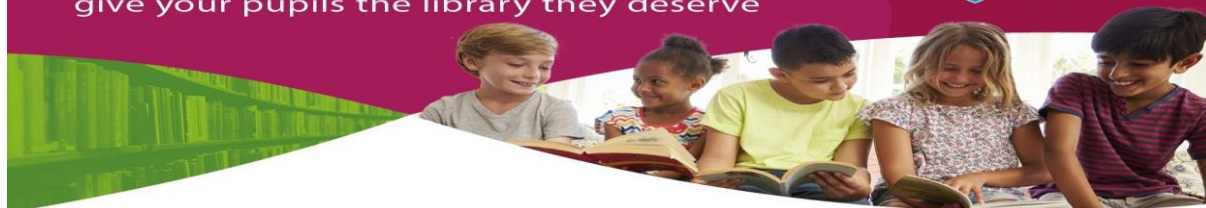


PASTORAL CARE/E4S/PSHCE

	<p>Niall Moorjani</p>	<p><i>Rajiv's Starry Feelings</i></p>	<p>978915244574</p>
	<p>Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow Hatem Aly</p>	<p><i>Salat in Secret</i></p>	<p>9781839132698</p>
	<p>Irene Vasco Juan Palomino</p>	<p><i>Letters in Charcoal</i></p>	<p>9781915244512</p>
<p>Rajiv is having a bad day and struggling to identify his emotions. When his dad takes him for a walk on a starry night, they talk through many of the feelings that can be experienced and how they link to one another. Soon, Rajiv is able to understand where his anger has stemmed from and learns how to manage his emotions more easily in the future.</p>			
<p>This is a beautifully illustrated story that challenges the gender stereotypes related to mental health conversations. When Rajiv is angry, it is his father who instigates the conversation around emotions and uses his own experiences to explain how one emotion can lead to another whether it be positive or negative. The story also very lightly touches on bullying and refugees.</p>			
<p>When Muhammad is seven his parents gift him a beautiful salat rug. He wants to be just like his dad who proudly prays wherever he is, even if it's on the street next to his ice-cream van. But Muhammad is worried about asking his teacher for a quiet place to pray and struggles to find somewhere in school that he can pray alone. Will he gain the courage to ask for help?</p>			
<p>A unique story about religious tolerance and worship that identifies the struggles and anxieties that children may have when it comes to incorporating their religious identities within a school setting.</p>			
<p>In Colombia, literacy levels are low. The narrator is fascinated by the letters that her older sister, Gina, receives from a young doctor but Gina cannot read them, and they go unanswered. Determined to learn, the sisters take reading lessons and, by the end of the year, can identify enough words to read the letters. But, is too late for Gina and the doctor?</p>			
<p>A moving story about the power of literacy to awaken ambition and change lives. Literacy levels in Colombia were stifled by slavery and colonialisation which continues to challenge education opportunities today. The author of this book is known as a 'Reading Promoter' tasked with visiting the remotest parts of the country to support reading and access to books.</p>			

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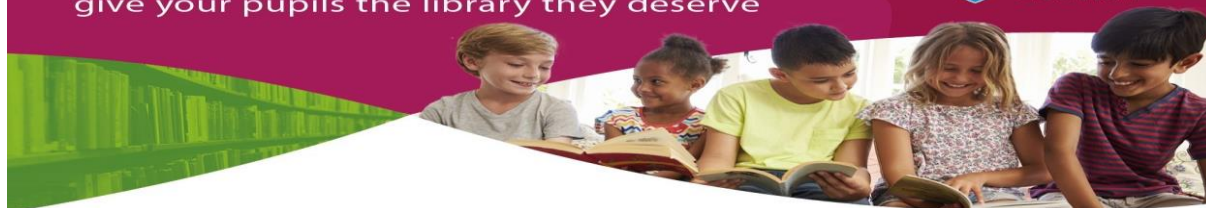


GRAPHIC NOVELS

	Steve Brezenoff Patricio Clarey	<i>The Sentencer's Court</i>	9781398250710
<p>The popular series for reluctant readers is back with a collection of short graphic novels. When Asher Symon falls behind in his reading assignments, he is summoned by the Sentencer, in the Library of Doom, for punishment. Before his punishment can be served, Asher is rescued by the hero Librarian who encourages him to talk to his teachers about his homework struggles.</p> <p>The simple text, short sentences and creepy illustrations make this graphic novel series a welcome addition to any hi-lo collection for Upper KS2.</p>			
	Steve Roberts Joel Stewart	<i>Tangletree Mysteries</i>	9781801300735
<p>A colourful and engaging graphic novel for younger readers featuring two stories. In the woodland village of Tangletree, the residents awake to find themselves covered in stinky slime. Why does everyone feel as though they haven't slept? With Peggy on the case, it soon transpires that a very frustrated librarian is going to extreme methods to ensure that books are returned on time!</p> <p>Charming and funny, this graphic novel is suitable for children aged 6+.</p>			
	Morgan Wagner Lloyd Michelle Mee Nutter	<i>Squished</i>	9781338568936
<p>Avery is one of seven children and dreams of having her own bedroom one day. Having graduated from elementary school, she is nervous and excited to start her new middle school with her friends after the summer. But her mum has a job interview on the other side of the country. How will Avery feel when her plans are uprooted?</p> <p>A witty, charming and relatable graphic novel about family life, friendship dramas and sibling rivalries. The personalities of all of the children in Avery's family are particularly well thought out leading to some hilarious scenes. This story will be of increased appeal to any child who knows the frustration of sharing a bedroom with younger siblings.</p>			

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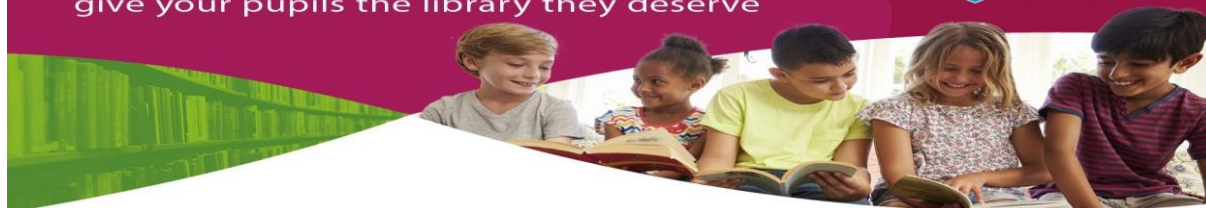


Seasonal Reads: Christmas Picture Books

	<p>Dawn Casey Katie Hickey</p>	<p><i>Once upon a Silent Night</i></p>	<p>9781408896914</p>
<p>A simple retelling of the Nativity using a modern-day setting. An expectant mother and father find shelter in a barn one quiet snowy night. "Who will welcome my child?" the mother asks. "All of us," the world replies. The simple text and rhyming language make this an accessible introduction to the Christmas story for younger readers.</p>			
	<p>Vashti Hardy Katie Cottle</p>	<p><i>Santa's Marvellous Mechanical Workshop</i></p>	<p>9780702312281</p>
<p>It's Christmas Eve and amateur inventor Lily has just moved to a new town with her family. It doesn't feel very much like Christmas when they haven't unpacked yet, but her parents assure her it will feel like home soon. Unpacking her things in her new bedroom, Lily discovers a book she's never seen before. It doesn't have words or pictures but, instead, an elf beckons from the pages and transports her to Santa's workshop! On her tour, she discovers an area full of broken toys that Santa hopes to repurpose one day. Could Lily's resourcefulness and creativity be the inspiration that Santa and his elves need?</p>			
<p>A charmingly illustrated new picture book from acclaimed author, Vashti Hardy. Themes include new beginnings, recycling and engineering.</p>			

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	<p>Huw Lewis Jones Ben Sanders</p>	<p><i>Peas on Earth</i></p>	<p>9780500653159</p>
<p>Bad Apple hates the jollity of Christmas. While the rest of the party are singing carols, enjoying good food and playing games, Bad Apple is becoming increasingly grumpy. Unable to contain his bad mood any further, he lashes out, but could his actions have consequences?</p> <p>This absurd and funny picture book is reminiscent of the picture books of Mac Barnett and Jon Klassen and will appeal to anyone who knows what it's like to spend time with a Christmas grinch.</p>			
<p>Additional books discussed</p>			
	<p>Tony Bradman</p>	<p><i>Operation Banana</i></p>	<p>9781800901872</p>
<p>It's WWII and Susan's dad is away fighting in North Africa. Susan's mum is working long hours at the munitions factory and seems sadder every day. Determined to cheer up her mum, Susan decides to track down a rare banana to gift her as treat. But how easy will it be to find such a rare item in wartime London?</p> <p>An accessible and information-packed story, published by Barrington Stoke, that lightly touches on themes including young carers, crime and mental health. This would be a good class read for any Y6 class studying WWII.</p>			
<p style="text-align: center;">Interested in ordering books? Contact the Schools Library Service for further advice E-mail: sls@westsussex.gov.uk or Phone: 01903 704828</p>			