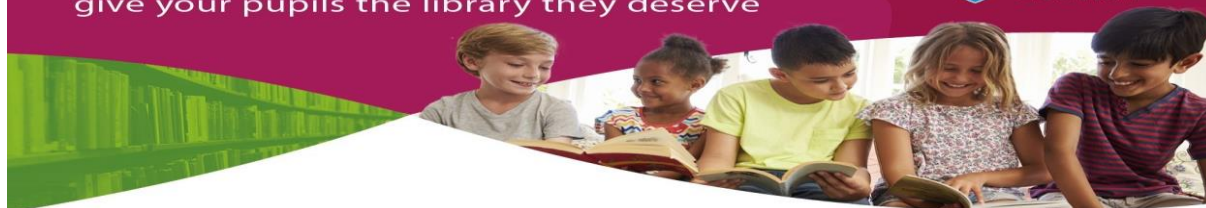

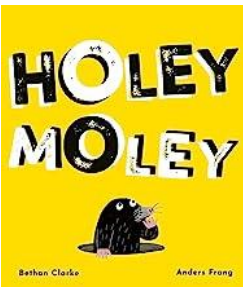
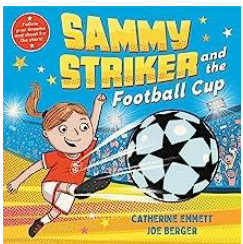


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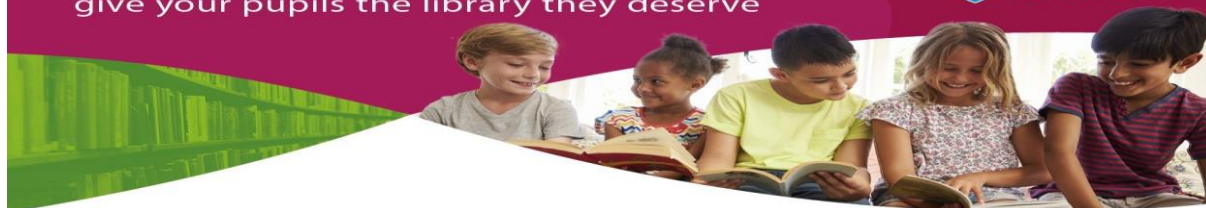



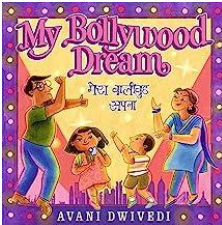
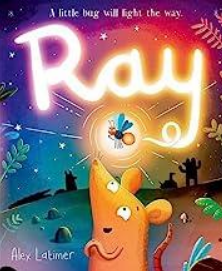
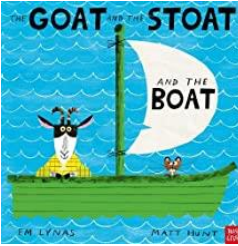
New books featured in the July 2023 SLS Primary Book Chat

	Author	Title	ISBN
PICTURE BOOKS			
	Bethan Clarke Anders Frang	<i>Holey Moley</i>	9781801044134
<p>When Gus the Goat meets Mavis Mole he can't wait to guess where she lives. As the story progresses Gus' rhyming attempts become more and more absurd until frustrated Mavis Mole reveals the answer. But will Gus stop his rhyming antics when he discovers Mavis' true home?</p> <p>A hilarious picture book full of silly rhymes and lots of opportunities for the reader to predict the ends of sentences. A perfect picture book to read aloud to a KS1 class.</p>			
	Catherine Emmett Joe Berger	<i>Sammy Striker and the Football Cup</i>	9781509896936
<p>Ever since she was a toddler, Sammy has loved playing football. One day she is scouted in the local park by a football coach and joins the country's new Under-8s team. When training begins, Sammy expects to be as good as everyone else but every time that she attempts to score a goal the ball bends to the left. Frustrated and dejected, Sammy thinks her dreams of playing football for her country are over until her coach explains that Sammy's unique style could be the key to winning the match.</p> <p>A long-overdue football picture book with a female protagonist. Sammy's story shows readers that with hard work, practice and determination everyone has the potential to be a valued team player.</p>			

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	Avani Dwivedi	<i>My Bollywood Dream</i>	9781529505146
	Alex Latimer	<i>Ray</i>	9780192783868
	Em Lynas Matt Hunt	<i>The Goat and the Stoat and the Boat</i>	9781839944215

A young girl takes the reader on a car journey to the cinema through the streets of Mumbai whilst celebrating the joy, colour and music of Hindi cinema.

A vibrant, charming and nostalgic love letter to Bollywood cinema using familiar actors and movie scenes to illustrate how cinema can capture the imagination and turn mundane activities into something extraordinary.

Mouse is enjoying his stroll until he realises just how late it is. Mouse doesn't like the dark but is too ashamed to tell anybody else. Luckily he quickly meets a glowing firefly who is more than willing to guide Mouse home but things look very different in the dark. As Mouse makes the spooky journey home he meets other animals who are just as afraid to be out so late. But, as Ray and his new friends get used to night-time, will they become too complacent and end up walking straight into the jaws of doom?

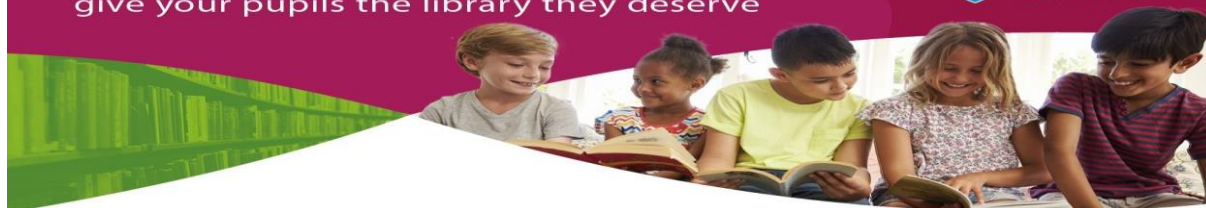
An enjoyable and witty look at being afraid of the dark from 2021 West Sussex Picture Book Award winner, Alex Latimer. As Mouse makes his way along his journey, he encounters sinister shadows that reveal themselves to be far less terrifying than they originally appear. The reader is encouraged to guess the real identity of the shapes before the page is turned. The twist at the end is bound to stir up conversation!


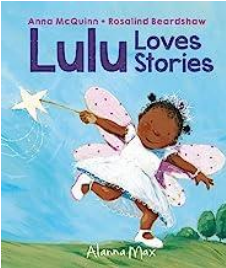
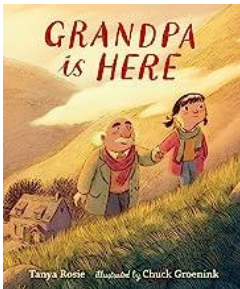
A stoat is enjoying a leisurely sail in a boat when he is spotted by a goat who asks if he can come aboard. So begins a tug-of-war between the goat and the stoat as to whom the boat belongs to and whether there is enough room for two. Will the goat and the stoat learn to share?

An unrelentingly silly rhyming story that provides readers with the opportunity to practice "oa" words. This story is illustrated by 2022 West Sussex Picture Books to Shout About! Award winner, Matt Hunt.

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	Anna McQuinn Rosalind Beardshaw	<i>Lulu Loves Stories</i>	9781907825521
	Tanya Rosie Chuck Groenink	<i>Grandpa is Here</i>	9781406394887

Lulu loves to visit the library with her dad on Saturdays. The library is busy but they always find something really good to borrow. The stories that Lulu reads with her parents at night fires her imagination and influences her imaginary play. We see Lulu as a fairy princess, a firefighter, builder and a tiger. The last few pages pay homage to 'Where the Wild Things are.'

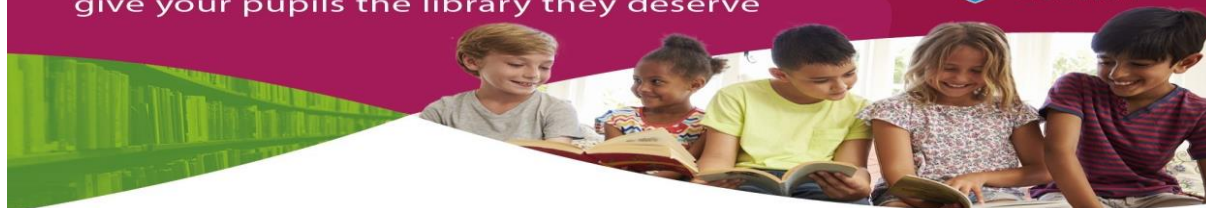
An effective and simple look at the power of reading and sharing stories. This story is particularly good at modelling parent and child reading and could be useful for a Nursey or EYFS classroom.


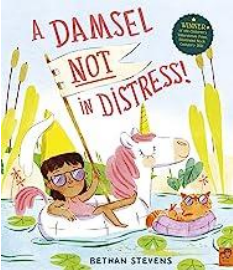
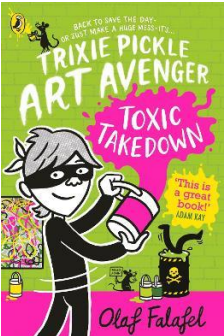
A young girl's grandfather is visiting for the winter from his home country far away. Although they do not speak the same language, the girl and her grandfather communicate through shared experience, love and laughter.

A beautifully illustrated story that sensitively shows how love and understanding can overcome distance, age and language.

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	Bethan Stevens	<i>A Damsel <u>not</u> in Distress!</i>	9780711275171
<p>We all know the classic stories about young maidens trapped in tall towers waiting to be rescued by their prince. And this is another one of those stories...Wait, it's not? NO! This is the story of a fiercely independent young lady who lives at home with her grandma and fills her days with exactly the things that she wants to do. Unfortunately, she keeps being disturbed by dragons and knights who are determined to "rescue" her. How can she convince them that she's fine as she is?</p> <p>A witty and sassy take on the "damsel in distress" story. The damsel appeals directly to the reader in order to challenge the narrator's version of the facts and, by the end, she entirely effects the story to ensure that her peace is secured.</p>			
LOWER KEY STAGE 2 FICTION			
	Olaf Falafel	<i>Trixie Pickle Art Avenger: Toxic Takedown</i>	9780241537664
<p>Trixie has a new challenge in the second book in this series. As well as making comics and avoiding the mean girls, she is trying to work out why everyone seems to be getting sick. Maybe some artistic inspiration from Botticelli will help her get to the bottom of the mystery.</p> <p>The second in this laugh out loud mystery complimented by amusing cartoon illustrations and immersed in art history with plenty of facts about artists.</p>			

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	Nirzana Farook	<i>The Boy Who Saved a Bear</i>	9781839943928
<p>Nuwan finds a stolen key in the books he is delivering to the King's City, and finds himself on an adventure, finding his way through the forest. He is followed by a bear, who's life he saved and who he now entrusts with the key until he can place it safely in the hands of the Queen. But first he needs to avoid the librarian and her husband who want the key for themselves and have several devious plans to capture him and steal it from the bear.</p> <p>An atmospheric tale of adventure set in the tropical island of Serendib, the setting for three other stories in this series: <i>The Girl Who Stole an Elephant</i>; <i>The Boy Who Met a Whale</i>; <i>The Girl Who Lost a Leopard</i>.</p>			
	Liz Flanagan	<i>Wildsmith: Into the Dark Forest</i>	9781915235046
<p>War threatens Rowan's home in the city so she moves to the Dark Forest to live with her grandpa and his white wolf. She discovers that her grandpa is a Wildsmith and has responsibility for the welfare of all the animals where they live. Keen to help, Rowan rescues a baby dragon from poachers and discovers she may have some Wildsmith skills of her own. But the dragons are in danger as the war approaches, and Rowan may need the help of her new friends to keep them safe.</p> <p>A lively, rich fantasy story for younger readers with peril and pets, magic and folklore, complimented by black and white illustrations by Joe Todd-Stanton.</p>			

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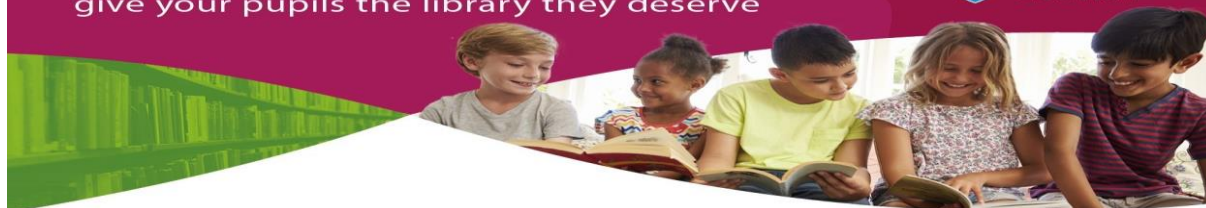
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UPPER KEY STAGE 2 FICTION			
	Sabine Adebinka	<i>Time to Shine at the River School</i>	9781915026217
<p>Jummy and Caro are thrilled to be back at the River School, this year working with their Nile House friends on the school corn-planting competition. But why is the beautiful Shine-Shine river is running low and what does it have to do with the sinister bakery nearby? The friends will have to step up if they want to save the river and its wildlife, and win the school prize in the process...</p>			
<p>Second in the series about a girls' boarding school in Nigeria, with lots of cultural references, authentic dialogue and typical midnight feasts and fall outs!</p>			
	Jess Butterworth	<i>Lost on Gibbon Island</i>	9781510110328
<p>Lark defies her journalist mother's command to remain in the hotel while she follows a lead in her search for the poachers who kidnap and export gibbons. So, when she finds herself shipwrecked and surviving on a tiny island with only a baby gibbon for company, Lark is determined to find her way home and solve the mystery that almost killed them both.</p>			
<p>A page-turning thriller with links to the environment, poaching, rainforest habitats and endangered species. Each page is outlined with pencil illustrations of the rainforest and it's wildlife by Rob Biddulph.</p>			

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	Lindsay Galvin	<i>Call of the Titanic</i>	9781913696696
PASTORAL CARE/E4S/PSHCE			
	Niall Breslin Sheena Dempsey	<i>The Sleep Scan</i>	9780717197446

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	Kate Ferdinand Emma Randall	<i>The Family Tree</i>	9780241569689
	Samantha Hawkins Cory Reid	<i>My Mummy Marches</i>	9781915244154
	Harry Woodgate	<i>Grandad's Pride</i>	9781839132667

Ash and Willow live with their dad in the Family Tree within the magical forest. They love to bake and are excited to enter the Busy Beetle Bake-Off but their feelings change when dad introduces them to Hazel. While talking to their friends, Ash and Willow discuss their feelings towards Hazel and their worry that she may try to replace their mum. They also learn that it is ok not to be sure about a new person moving into the family home. But with days until the Bake-Off, could Hazel be the best person to help them succeed?

A sensitive look at blended families and the worries and anxieties that arise from parents meeting new partners.

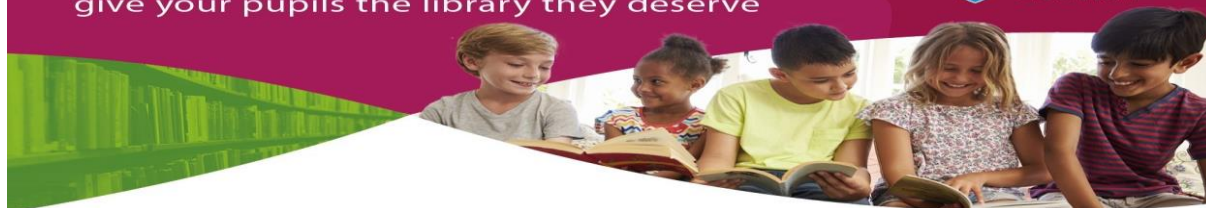
A young girl talks about her mum's activism and the reasons behind it. We see her mum at environmental protests and equality marches. We also see her proudly going to vote at a polling station. The deceptively simple text uses similes and metaphors to describe the deep feelings that her mum has for the causes she represents and the history of protests that have gone before. This title would be useful in a KS1 classroom to prompt discussion about activism and community.


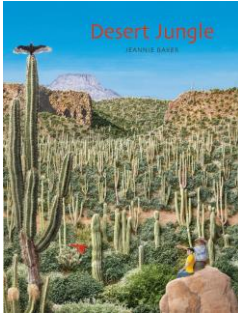
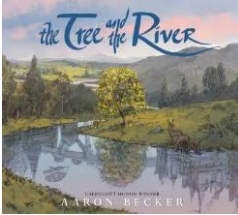
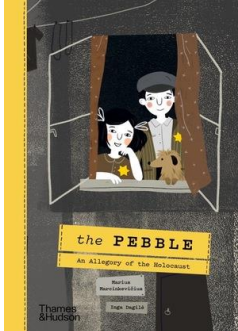
This companion picture book to 'Grandad's Camper' takes the characters from the first story and looks at how different generations celebrate Pride. Visiting her Grandad for the summer, Milly discovers his old Pride flag in the attic. Her Grandad reminisces about the marches and parades that he attended in cities across Europe. When Milly asks for a Pride march in the village, Grandad worries that the locals won't be so accepting of it but is surprised to discover that his community embrace the event and all join in with the celebration.

An excellent companion story that shows how Pride can be embraced by a small yet diverse community.

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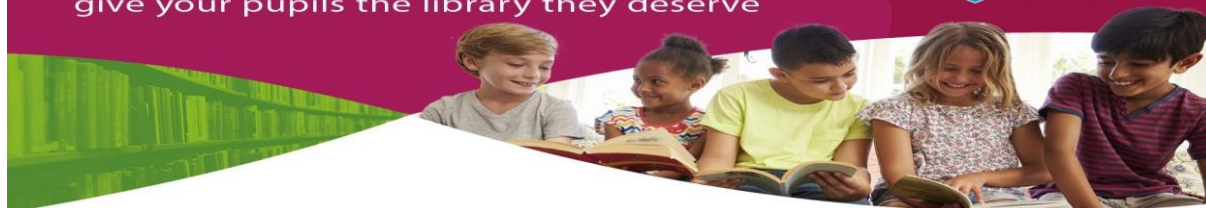
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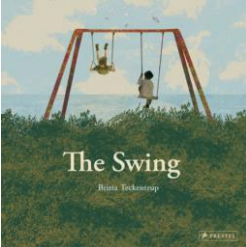
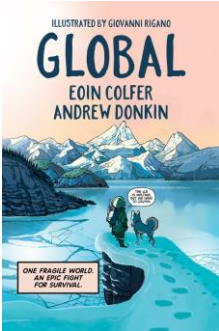


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PICTURE BOOKS FOR OLDER READERS			
	Jeannie Baker	<i>Desert Jungle</i>	9781406387872
<p>This book begins with the quote: <i>What you do not know, you will fear. What one fears, one destroys.</i></p> <p>This is the tale, artistically illustrated in collage just as in Jeannie’s previous books, about a boy exploring the landscape which is the home of his grandpa: the Sonoran Desert. At first he fears it, but his grandpa shows him the plant life and wildlife and soon he learns to love it.</p> <p>A lyrical tale of the relationship between a boy and his grandfather, a simple introduction to the habitat of the Sonoran Desert and an example of how to take time to watch, listen and be mindful of your surroundings.</p>			
	Aaron Becker	<i>The Tree and the River</i>	9781529512946
<p>A wordless picture book which follows the development of a river and the settlements which surround it, in a timeline of double page spreads focussing on one tree in a valley where a river meanders. View hunter-gatherers become urban settlers and industrial engineers, turning the ever-flowing river into a tiny patch of water dominated by civilisation. Eventually the landscape is destroyed and nature takes back what was once a riverbank, with the last page showing the growth of an oak from a tiny acorn carried downstream, and so the cycle begins again.</p>			
	Marius Marcinkevičius Inga Dagilė	<i>the Pebble: an allegory of the Holocaust</i>	9780500653265
<p>This is the story of Eitan and his life in a Jewish Ghetto during WWII. Although the block is surrounded by a wall and guarded by soldiers, you can climb on the roof and dream there. Although families are taken out of the ghetto one by one and do not return, it does not extinguish people’s hope and culture: performances are held in the theatre, voices echo in the streets, neighbours gather, children and their pets play.</p> <p>Eitan does not survive the war, but his best friend Rivka does, and the author tells in a sensitive, nuanced way the outcome of the war and how she honours the life of her friend.</p>			

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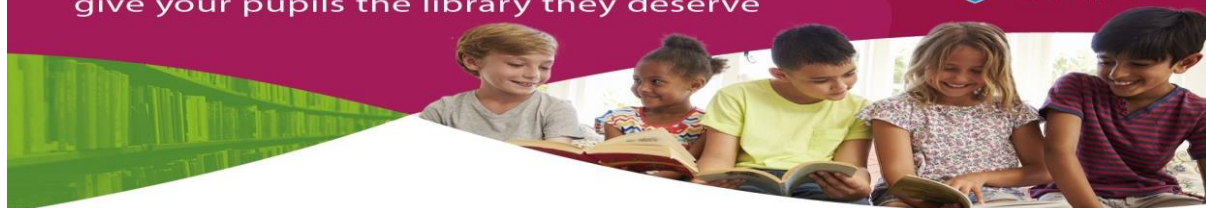
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	Britta Teckentrup	<i>The Swing</i>	9783791375366
<p>"The swing has always been in this place—ever since I can remember," declares the narrator. "Here we stood together, looking out to sea, waiting for something to change. . . for something new, something exciting. But every day was the same." But as seasons change and years pass, things do change. Friends come and go, lovers meet and kiss, spring turns to autumn, and the swing set grows creaky with age.</p> <p>Complimented by Teckentrup's collage paintings that employ soft, radiant colours and simple yet powerful compositions. The sparse text lyrically delineates the passing of time for individuals, as children and as adults remembering their childhood, growing older, through friendship and loss.</p>			
GRAPHIC NOVELS			
	Eoin Colfer Andrew Donkin	<i>Global</i>	9781444951912
<p>Yuki lives in an increasingly deserted Inuit township in Nova Scotia where she attempts to protect the rare grolar bears which are being shot due to melting glaciers forcing them closer to town. Sami lives in a fishing village on the Bay of Bengal but because of the ever-rising ocean level, each day is a struggle to survive.</p> <p>A compelling, true-to-life and immersive graphic novel following the lives of two young people struggling to cope with the impact of climate change. Vividly illustrated in colour pencil by Giovanni Rigano. This is a challenging read for Y6 and requires good visual literacy.</p>			

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	Author	Title	ISBN
	Aoife Dooley	<i>Finding My Voice</i>	9780702307386
	Sarah Soh	<i>Juniper Mae: Knight of Tykotech City</i>	9781912497454

Frankie is different, and so is her best friend, Sam. So, when they both start secondary school, it's tough. Particularly when there are so many rules to follow. When she gets the chance to compete in a Battle of the Bands contest, Frankie couldn't be more excited. Except, to have a band, you need to have band members. And to have band members, you need to be good at making friends. Can Frankie learn to find her voice and stand out?

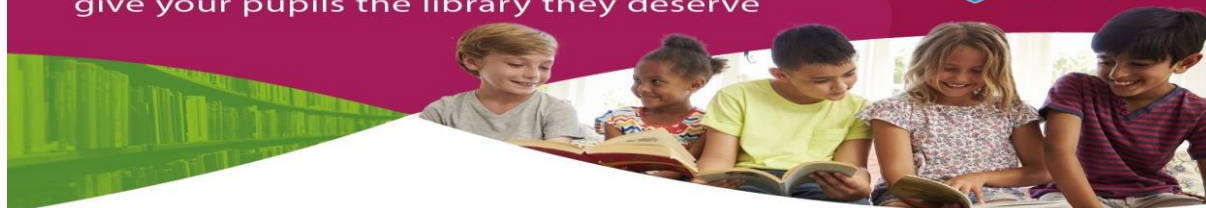
A warm-hearted, funny and sensitive look at how someone with neurodiversity handles secondary school and learns to be herself.

Building her own gadgets in her Dad's repair shop, Juniper Mae is a certified kid wonder. But a slight malfunction with one of her latest inventions causes her to crash-land in the dangerous forests around her city, and there she discovers a whole world of mystery, ancient knights and even a small green tama-tama friend, Albie. When her city is in danger, and when a catastrophic series of events threaten to destroy her home, it's finally time for Juniper Mae to don her own armour and step into the spotlight.

Page-turning fantasy adventure for children looking for more highly illustrated fiction.

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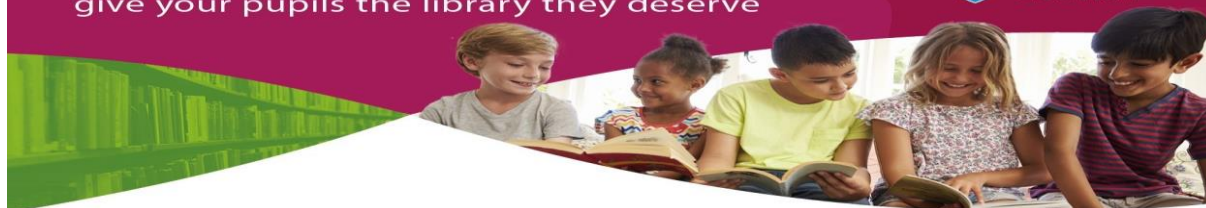
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	Alex Woolf Sian James	<i>Escape Room Adventures: Sherlock's Greatest Case</i>	9781398813786
<p>This puzzle book puts you in control of your very own interactive adventure! You'll be taking on the role of Sherlock Holmes, the world's most brilliant detective. Your mission: to retrieve the stolen Musgrave Diamond, and thwart criminal mastermind Moriarty's diabolical scheme! Use your observation and logic skills to uncover clues. Then choose the correct answer from a selection of options to progress through the story in a race against time.</p> <p>Readers can practice using logic, observation and lateral thinking skills to solve the clues and reveal the location of Moriarty and the Musgrave diamond.</p>			
<p>KS3 (Challenging Y6/Transition Reads) Please note – the content of these titles is not suitable for the majority of primary-aged children however they may appeal to KS3 pupils or some Y6 pupils looking for transition titles in the summer term</p>			
	Jeffrey Boakye	<i>Kofi and the Rap Battle Summer</i>	9780571367344
<p>Set on a London tower block estate in 1994, this engaging school story follows two teenage friends, Kofi and Kelvin, as they attempt to make money by selling music lyrics to their fellow pupils. As the rap and grime scene begins to emerge (a pirate radio station sits at the top of Kofi's block) Kofi discovers that his best friend has a talent for rap battle lyrics. Could this be the beginning of new career?</p> <p>A nostalgic look at London culture in the early 90s', with a cast of engaging characters. This book touches on serious themes including secondary school bullying, criminal activity and racism.</p>			

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	Author	Title	ISBN
	Nadine Aisha Jassat	<i>The Stories Grandma Forgot (and How I Found them)</i>	9781510111578
	Elizabeth Laird	<i>The Misunderstandings of Charity Brown</i>	9781529075656
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