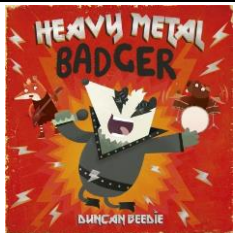
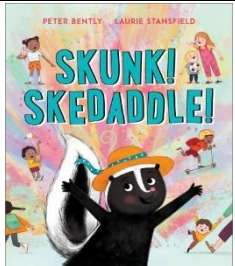
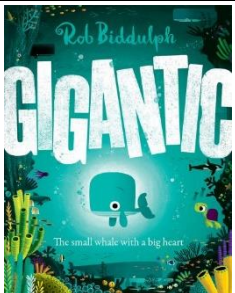
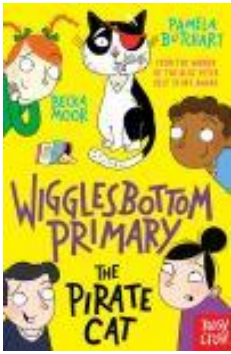
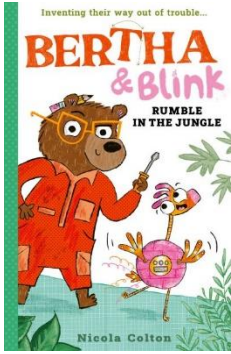
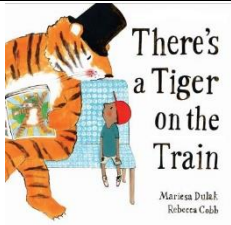
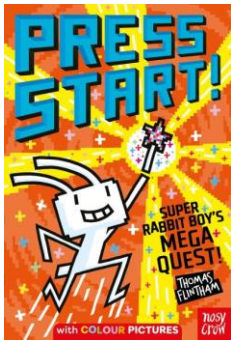
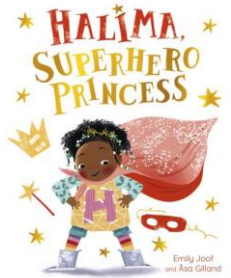
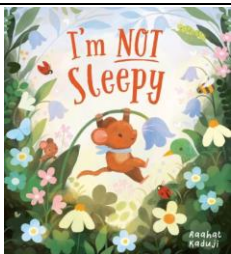


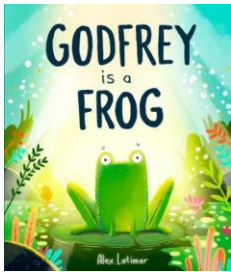
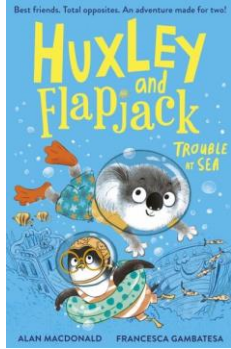


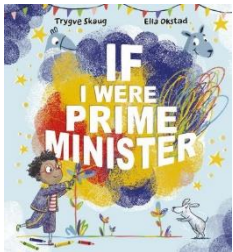
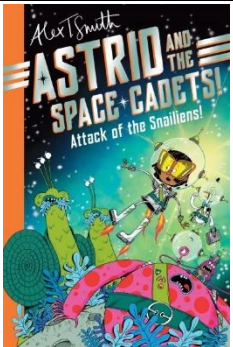
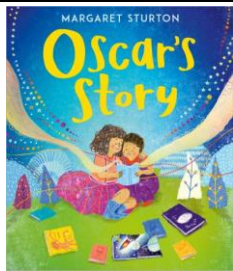
2024-25 RECOMMENDED READS YEAR 2

	Big Bad Dragon Club	Beach	An enjoyable story of three bad dragons who struggle to be as wicked as they want to be. Fang, Grub and Scorch are out to spoil everyone's fun but is their fun a bit too tempting for the three bad dragons not to join in? Lively illustrations really add to this funny tale.	Picture Book
	Heavy Metal Badger	Beedie, Duncan	Badger loves music and has a loud drumbeat inside of him. However, he is struggling to find his musical tribe... after trying the recorder, the marching band and the church choir, will he ever discover his rock and roll soul? A great story of self-expression and identity. Adults will particularly appreciate the various band references and lyrics in the illustrations.	Picture Book
	Skunk! Skedaddle!	Bently, Peter	Sally the skunk is desperate to make some new friends and ventures from the woods to the city to see who she can meet. Unfortunately for Sally everyone skedaddles as soon as they see her, fearing the stink they all know skunks have. With a mean robber stealing from the shops though, Sally might just be able to save the day. A funny and charming story about being misunderstood.	Picture Book
	Gigantic	Biddulph, Rob	A whale of a tale! Gigantic is anything but big - in fact, he's the smallest whale in the pod. One day while playing with his friends, Gigantic's older brother decides to show off and beaches himself due to his size. It's up to Gigantic to save the day! Brilliantly illustrated and beautifully told, this is a heartwarming story for anyone of any size.	Picture Book

	The Pirate Cat	Butchart, Pamela	The latest instalment from the ever-charming Wigglesbottom Primary series. This collection of three short stories includes a crisp-loving, one-eyed cat that crashes a trip to the beach; a mysteriously fast-growing Year 2 pupil; and a ghost-slime filled Halloween disco. The fun never stops at Wigglesbottom Primary!	Children's Fiction
	Rumble in the Jungle	Colton, Nicola	Bertha is a super smart inventor but when she's betrayed by another scientist, she moves to the jungle so no-one can let her down again. Bertha creates a robotic buddy, Blink, and before long the pair go out to discover what is rumbling in the jungle. A brightly illustrated chapter book perfect for adventure fans. Keep an eye out for the sequel that is sure to follow too.	Children's Fiction
	Night Flight	Cottle, Katie	Ellie adores nature and the birds that fill her skies. A house move to the city lacks birds and sadly feels very different to her nature filled world. When a magical starling asks for Ellie's help, she discovers a way to make the birds flight South easier. Young readers will learn about light pollution and how it can disrupt our natural world. They may even be sparked into new ideas for protecting nature and the environment.	Picture Book
	There's a Tiger on the Train	Dulak, Mariesa	A boy and his Dad take the train to the seaside for a day out but it's no ordinary train ride. A tiger in a top hat appears, followed by a whole entourage of other animals, but will Dad ever look up from his phone and notice? A lovely story with a relevant message about not missing out on what's going on in the real world around you.	Picture Book

	Super Rabbit Boy's Mega Quest!	Flintham, Thomas	Sunny loves playing his favourite video game, Super Rabbit Boy, but he's always finding himself taking on side quests rather than completing the main one. In this sixth instalment of the series Sunny must defeat King Viking's new, super-powerful, Giant Robot. Can he complete his latest test? A brilliant adventure story with quirky illustrations that will really appeal to young gamers and comic fans.	Children's Fiction 
	The Picnic and Other Stories	Jarvis	Four short stories about two best friends, ideal for those just starting to read independently. Through these charming stories, we learn about Bird and Bear's special friendship, as they get up to all sorts of adventures together. Told with warmth and innocence, with colourful and simple illustrations, this chapter book is a gentle joy to read.	Children's Fiction 
	Halima, Superhero Princess	Joof, Emily	Halima has been invited to a fancy-dress party but is unsure of who to go as because of the way she looks. Her Mama tells her of all the amazing black women who have done inspiring things. Halima spends the week dressing up and making costumes and finally decides on a superhero - herself! Great for self-esteem, empowerment and PSHE sessions.	Picture Book
	I'm not Sleepy	Kaduji, Raahat	Travel through the seasons with Flora, the not-sleepy Dormouse. Whilst her friends like to take it easy and nap in the safety of home, Flora wants to discover the world and have adventures. A beautifully illustrated book teaching children about the natural world and exploring beyond the safety of our homes.	Picture Book 

	Godfrey is a Frog	Latimer, Alex	Once upon a time, Godfrey was a tadpole. He loved all the changes he went through to become a frog. But now he's still... just a frog. His friends try and convince him that being a frog is awesome, but Godfrey is not so sure. A hilariously illustrated tale of self-discovery and development. Would also be perfect for 'Growing' and 'Life Cycle' topics.	Picture Book
	Here be Giants	Lloyd, Susannah	When a young and foolish knight goes in search of giants, he doesn't realise how close he is to discovering them. In this hilarious adventure, children will have fun exploring the pages and reading the expressions between the Damsel and the Young Knight. The young Damsel is stronger and smarter than the Knight realises, and he owes his life to her. An easy introduction to 'old style' English language with brilliant illustrations and some interesting misconceptions between the sexes.	Picture Book
	Trouble at Sea	MacDonald, Alan	The second in this adorable series of two unlikely friends. Huxley the koala and Flapjack the penguin set off for a day at the beach, but get invited onto a submarine to search for a shipwreck. Adventure and excitement ensue as they discover the mysteries of the sea - including a scary one, with teeth! A bright, cute and appealing story that would work as a short class read.	Children's Fiction
	The Boy who Painted the World	McLaughlin, Tom	A bright and imaginative story for all the creative young readers out there. A boy who doesn't think he can be an artist, creates amazing pictures with the help of the paintbrushes. With plenty of colour and a splash of magic, this is a book bursting with inspiration.	Picture Book

	If I were Prime Minister	Skaug, Trygve	When a young boy dreams of a world without the usual adult constraints and responsibilities if he were a prime minister, he sets about sowing the seeds of a kinder and gentler world full of play. This superbly illustrated picture book introduces children to the ideas of democracy, tolerance and working in harmony. Children are invited to think about their own world should they become prime minister.	Picture Book
	Attack of the Snailies!	Smith, Alex T	A brilliantly fun adventure story, ideal for young readers moving on to chapter books. Astrid is an ordinary girl by day, but at night she jumps into the Intergalactic Transporter Pod (masquerading as a wardrobe) and joins the Space Cadets on an adventure. This time she's enlisted to help with a giant Snailien problem. A pacy read from the author of Claude and Mr. Penguin.	Children's Fiction  
	Oscar's Story	Sturton, Margaret	Oscar loves reading stories with his big sister, Katy. However, when she moves onto reading books without pictures, Oscar is upset. Suddenly, no-one seems to have time to read to him. A lovely story with a happy ending about the power of imagination and sibling affection.	Picture Book
	Sam Francisco, King of the Disco	Tagholm, Sarah	A hilarious rhyming story that will entertain young readers as they follow the Mad Cats and their leader, Sam Francisco, through the night until dawn arrives. Just as miserable Buzzkill Bill tries to end the party, the Mad Cats play their last set and get the town up and dancing to their music. A great fun read that will have your Year 2 class up and dancing!	Picture Book



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