**BOOKS IN YEAR R**

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| Book Title | Synopsis | Age Suitability | Theme |
| The Littlest Yak  *Lou Fraser* | It’s ok to be small.  Little yak wants to grow up and be big like the others, but realises that being small has its uses! | ALL | Accepting Differences  (size) |
| Here We Are  *Oliver Jeffers* | Diversity in the world. Loving differences (room for everyone). | ALL | Accepting Differences  (around the world) |
| My Hair!  *Hannah Lee* | Self love & accepting who you are. | ALL | Accepting Differences  (race) |
| The Proudest Blue  *Ibtihaj Muhammad* | Being proud of who you are. A girl wearing her Hijab for the first time. | KS1 | Accepting Differences  (culture & race) |
| Elmer  *David Mckee* | Accepting differences. Being yourself. Not being afraid to stand out from the crowd. | ALL | Accepting Differences |
| Maisie’s Scrapbook  *Narh* | Mixed race child and her heritage – different parts of her mum and dad’s culture and how they make her who she is. | ALL | Accepting Differences  (race) |
| Oh Dear Geoffrey  *O’Neill* | A very tall giraffe feels like the odd one out until he realises that being tall can be useful! | ALL | Accepting Differences  (size) |
| Mira’s Curly Hair  *Miryam al Serkal* | A black girl struggling to accept her curly hair. She comes to realise that she should be proud of her hair and how it looks (and teaches her mum the same!) | ALL | Accepting Differences  (race) |
| Me and My Sister  *Rose Robbins* | A boy with a ‘different’ sister | ALL | Accepting Differences (autism?) |
| Howl  *Kat Patrick* | A little girl ‘turns into a wolf’ when everything goes wrong. All about managing anger and calming down. | ALL | Anger (managing big feelings) |
| The Worrysaurus  *Rachel Bright* | Anxiety/dealing with worry.  All about a little dinosaur who can’t stop worrying. | ALL | Anger/Anxiety |
| Ravi’s Roar  *Tom Percival* | Dealing with anger | ALL | Anger/Anxiety |
| The Problem with Problems  *Rachel Rooney* | How to deal with problems and feelings of anxiety. | ALL | Anger/Anxiety |
| Today I’m Strong  *Nadiya Hussain* | Finding school difficult, bullying, finding your inner strength. | ALL | Anxiety |
| My Daddy’s Going Away  *Christopher MacGregor* | How a family copes/what they do when their dad goes away on service. | ALL | Armed Services (a parent going away on duty) |
| Mary Had a Little Glam  *Tammi Sauer* | A twist on traditional nursery rhymes. | ALL | BAME character (fun story!) |
| Charlie Star:  *Terry Milne* | Courage.  OCD/Habits  Intrusive thoughts  Courage & making mistakes | ALL | Courage |
| The Lion Inside  *Rachel Bright* | You don’t have to make a big loud noise to be brave and heard. | ALL | Courage |
| What Happened to You?  *James Catchpole* | A little boy with one leg who has to field awkward questions from his peers. | ALL | Disability  (missing limb) |
| Freddie and the Fairy  *Julia Donaldson* | A hard-of-hearing fairy and her difficulty making wishes come true | ALL | Disability (deafness) |
| Clean Up!  *Nathan Bryon* | Rocket helps to clean up a beach. | ALL | Environment |
| Julian at the Wedding  *Jessica Love* | Families.  Picture book about two children at a wedding. BAME & LGBTQ+ characters | ALL | Families (LGBTQI+) |
| My Daddies!  *Gareth Peter & Garry Parsons* | A little girl with two dads. Fun story about what they do together. | ALL | Families  (LGBTQI+) |
| The Girl with Two Dads  *Mel Elliot* | Families  Gay parents | ALL | Families/ LGBTQ!+ |
| The Family Book  *Todd Parr* | Different families and how they’re made up/what they like to do | ALL | Families |
| That’s My Daddy!  *Ruth Redford* | What different people’s Dads are like… a celebration of Dads! | ALL | Families |
| Love Makes a Family  *Sophie Beer* | How love is shown in different ways in family environments. | Year R & 1 (Board book) | Families  (Love) |
| Feelings  *Libby Walden & Richard Jones* | A book of very short poems, each one exploring different emotions and what they feel like. | ALL | Feelings |
| In My Heart  *Jo Witek* | Different feelings and how we cope with them. | ALL | Feelings |
| The Pet  *Catherine Emmett* | A little boy wants more and more and more… be careful what you wish for! | ALL | Greed/wanting what other people have |
| Stanley’s Stick  *Neal Layton* | Imagination | ALL | Imagination |
| Dream Big, Little Leader  *Vashti Harrison* | Inspirational black women throughout history | Year R & 1 (board book) | Inspiration  (BAME) |
| A Friend for Little Bear  *Harry Horse* | Friendship.  People are more important than material things. | ALL | Love & Friendship |
| The Hug  *Eoin Mclaughlin* | Friendship | YEAR R & 1 | Love & Friendship |
| Talking is not my Thing!  *Rose Robbins* | A boy with a sister who is mute | ALL | Mutism/ Shyness |
| We Are In A Book!  *Mo Willems* | Being a reader and having fun doing it! | ALL | Reading |
| The Tree:  *Neal Layton* | Environmental – looking after habitats  Humans & animals living in harmony | ALL | Respect |
| Everybody’s Welcome  *Patricia Hegarty* | Working together to achieve something. Everybody being welcome no matter who they are (different animals make a home together). | ALL | Teamwork |

**Year R – Reading spine – Books to read for pleasure, discuss and support teaching of topics**

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| Where is the dragon?  *Leo Timmers*  *Reading for pleasure/*  *Shadows / imagination / prediction* | Three not-so-smart knights go in search of a dragon – the King doesn’t dare to go to bed until they defeat the beast.  The knights know all about dragons, and are armed to the teeth. Now they just have to find it.  With a candle in hand, they go looking in the dark night.  They soon find something that looks very much like a dragon… Charge! In Where Is the Dragon? Leo Timmers plays with light and shade in an ingenious way. Charming illustrations tell a story in which nothing is what it seems. |
| Press Here  *Herve Tullet*  *Reading for pleasure/*  *Interactive/*  *prediction* | Harness the power of imagination and interactivity: Press the yellow dot on the cover of this book, follow the instructions within, and embark upon a magical journey! Each page of this surprising book instructs the reader to press the dots, shake the pages, tilt the book, and who knows what will happen next! |
| Small Knight and George and the Royal Chocolate Cake  *Ronda Armitage*  *Rhyming* | Small Knight and George the Dragon are off on quest — to rescue the world's biggest chocolate cake. But will the wild and hungry robber-brigands give up the cake without a fight? |
| How to catch a star  *Oliver Jeffers*  *Space /*  *Resilience /*  *friendship*  *Year 1* | Once there was a boy, and that boy loved stars very much. So much so that he decided to catch one of his very own. But how? Waiting for them to grow tired from being up in the sky all night doesn't work. Climbing to the top of the tallest tree? No, not tall enough. The boy has a rocket ship . . . but it is made of paper and doesn't fly well at all. Finally, just when the boy is ready to give up, he learns that sometimes things aren't where, or what, we expect them to be. |
| Blue monster wants it all  *Jeanne Willis*  *Wants and needs /*  *family* | Despite getting everything he wants, Blue Monster is never happy and wants more and more. But are there some things money can’t buy? A clever story that will get children thinking. |
| I am a tiger  *Karl Newson*  *Persuasion /*  *Looking at things from a different perspective* | This is a story about a mouse with BIG ideas. Mouse believes he is a tiger, and he convinces Fox, Raccoon, Snake, and Bird he's one, too! This uproariously funny, read-aloud picture book encourages children to use their imaginations and be who they want to be! Doesn't everyone want to be a tiger? |
| A great big cuddle  *Michael Rosen*  *Poetry /*  *rhyme* | A collection of poems that explore life from a child’s point of view. |
| Zim Zam Zoom!  *James Carter*  *Space /*  *Animals/*  *Music/*  *fireworks* | A stunning book containing exciting performance poetry to perform with the children. |
| Pattan’s pumpkin  *Citra Soundar*  *Traditional tales/*  *Cultural* | Pattan’s pumpkin is bigger than goats, elephants, mountains, it’s bigger than everything. But when an epic flood threatens Pattan’s family, will the immense pumpkin be enough to save them. A great book to introduce traditional tales. |
| This book just ate my dog  *Richard Byrne*  *Reading for pleasure* | When her dog disappears into the gutter of the book, Bella calls for help. But when the helpers disappear too, Bella realizes it will take more than a tug on the leash to put things right. Cleverly using the physicality of the book, *This book just ate my dog!*is inventive, ingenious, and just pure kid-friendly fun! |
| Mr Big  *Ed Vere*  *Friendship* | Mr Big just wants friends, but he is so big that he scares them off. How can he get people to see beyond his huge appearance and notice the person inside? |
| Supertato  *Sue Hendra*  *food* | 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? |
| Aliens love underpants  *Claire Freedman*  *Rhyming /*  *prediction* | The perfect picture book for reluctant readers. Not only is there a catchy and funny rhyming text that helps with predictive skills, but the crazy plot involving aliens wearing pants cannot fail to amuse. |
| The Gruffalo  *Julia Donaldson*  *Rhyming /*  *prediction* | This is a rhyming story of a mouse and a monster. Little mouse goes for a walk in a dangerous forest. To scare off his enemies he invents tales of a fantastical creature called the Gruffalo. So imagine his surprise when he meets the real Gruffalo. |
| Six Dinner Sid  *Inga Moore*  *Pets /*  *Vets/*  *Wants and needs /*  *Different families* | Unbeknownst to each of his owners, Sid the cat lives with six different people on the same street. By doing so, he's able to get six different dinners every night! He also answers to six names, sleeps in six beds, and maintains six different personalities. All is perfect for Sid - until the day he catches a dreadful cough. Then it is off to the vet not once, but six times! |
| Whatever Next!  *Jill Murphy*  *Space /*  *Friendship /*  *imagination* | The moon and back before bath time? Whatever next! Join Baby Bear as he finds a rocket, makes friends with an owl and has a picnic on the moon. Whatever Next!, a beautiful story of innocence and imagination, |
| On the way home  *Jill Murphy*  *Reading for pleasure/*  *Imagination* | Claire has hurt her knee so she sets off home to tell her mum all about it. On the way she meets her friends and tells them each a different story on how she got her scrape. Was she dropped by a wolf, a slithering snake, an enormous dragon, or a hairy gorilla? Just how did that scrape happen? Playful and creative, this is a fantastic journey of the imagination that every child can relate to. |
| Farmer Duck  *Martin Waddell*  *Respect /*  *friendship* | There once was a lazy farmer who spent his days in bed eating chocolate while his duck did all the hard work around the farm. One day the other animals decide it's time to put a stop to the farmer's disgraceful behaviour and together hatch a plan to help their friend. |
| We’re going on a bear hunt  *Michael Rosen*  *Rhyme and rhythm /*  *Onomatopoeia /*  *Reading for pleasure* | We’re going on a bear hunt. We’re going to catch a big one.. Will you come too? For more than twenty-five years readers have been swishy swashing and splash sploshing through this award-winning favorite. Join in the fun! |
| Handa’s surprise  *Eileen Browne*  *Cultural/*  *prediction* | Handa carries seven delicious fruits to her friend Akeyo as a surprise But thanks to some hungry animals she meets along the way it's Handa who's in for a surprise! |
| Shark in the park  *Nick Sharatt*  *Repetition/*  *Prediction /*  *Rhyming/*  *Reading for pleasure* | Timothy Pope has a brand new telescope and he's testing it out at the park. Peep through the die-cut holes in this book to see if you can spy a shark. Is that *really*a shark? Turn the page and find out . . . A delightful, entertaining story - with its rhyming text and ingenious die-cut pages, it's a book children will want to read again and again. |
| Burgular Bill  *Janet and Allan Ahlberg*  *Reading for pleasure* | Janet and Allan Ahlberg's hilarious picture book, *Burglar Bill.* *Burglar Bill* is an entertaining picture book by the iconic British husband and wife picture book team Janet and Allan Ahlberg |
| The colour Monster  *Anna Llenas*  *Feelings / emotions* | Unpack feelings with color in this international bestseller that helps young readers identify emotions and feel more in control. One day, Color Monster wakes up feeling very confused. His emotions are all over the place; he feels angry, happy, calm, sad, and scared all at once! |
| Oi Frog!  *Kes Gray*  *Reading for pleasure/*  *Phonics/*  *rhyming* | A frog is discovering what animals sit on so he wants to find out what he sits on. However it takes him a long time to find out! A humorous book for children about where animals sit... especially at the end! So much rhyme involved in this book. This gives the children to be creative in thinking of their own rhyming examples for what objects animals could be sitting on |
| Dave and the tooth fairy  *Reading for pleasure/*  *BAME /* | This humorously told story features a computer literature, independent-minded tooth fairy. Losing teeth us a universal experience and the story combines fact and fantasy in an original way. There is a wealth of thoughtful, humorous detail contained within the dynamic illustrations, which provide the reader with an insight into both Dave’s life and Afiya’s magical world. A marvellous book with broad appeal. |
| Billy and the dragon  *Nadia Shireen*  *Reading for pleasure/*  *BAME* | Whilst at a fancy-dress party, something terrible happens: Billy's loyal sidekick Fatcat is kidnapped by a fire-breathing dragon. Uh-oh! But luckily for Fatcat, Billy won't stand for that: off she goes on a brave rescue mission... Join Billy for a fairytale adventure with a twist. |
| Baby goes to market  *Antinuke*  *Rhythmic language/*  *Cultural/*  *BAME/*  *Numbers* | Join Baby and his doting mama at a bustling southwest Nigerian marketplace for a bright, bouncy read-aloud offering a gentle introduction to numbers. |
| So much  *Trish Cooke*  *Cultural/*  *Families/*  *BAME/*  *Rhythmic* | Written in an easy, sing-song rhythm that is fun to say aloud. It's refreshing to see it capture the cadence of an Afro-Caribbean family, with Trish Cooke writing the language as it would be spoken. It's a brilliant way for all parents and carers to talk about different cultures with children. |
| Ellie and the cat  *Marjorie Blackman*  *Respect/*  *Friendship/*  *BAME* | Ellie is the rudest, most spoilt child her grandma has ever met. So Grandma decides to teach her a lesson and switches Ellie's body with Jolly the cat's. As she starts to make friends with the other animals in the house, the mice and the spiders, Ellie starts to learn how to be a good friend |
| Hair love  *Matthew A. Cherry*  *Self confidence/*  *Families/*  *BAME* | Zuri’s hair has a mind of its own. It kinks, coils, and curls every which way. Zuri knows it’s beautiful. When mommy does Zuri’s hair, she feels like a superhero. But when mommy is away, it’s up to daddy to step in! And even though daddy has a lot to learn, he LOVES his Zuri. And he’ll do anything to make her—and her hair—happy. |
| Zoom!  *Trish Cooke*  *Imagination/*  *Onoematopeia/*  *BAME* | Hurricane Kieron and Rush Around Ria never stop. They run right through the day, rushing from breakfast to bedtime. When they get up, they start all over again. That is, until Kieron falls over and his knee is too sore to run around on. Left on his own while Ria continues to rush, he discovers that with a bit of imagination he can create a hullaballoo without even making a sound. |
| A first book of Nature  *Nicola Davies*  *Nature/*  *Poetry/*  *Recipes/* | Part poetry book, part scrapbook of recipes and facts, A First Book of Nature is a delightful way to begin to learn about the natural world, and is full of ideas for fun outdoor activities that children will enjoy, from beachcombing to baking a berry crumble. With lots to see in the richly-coloured spreads, this is a very special book to explore together and to treasure. |
| I really want to shout  *Simon Philip*  *Emotions /*  *Feelings /*  *Anger /*  *Rhyming /*  *Reading for pleasure/* | What do you do when you really, really want to shout? Do you let it out? Or do you hold it in? Or do you jump up and down and play the kazoo? A little girl explores different ways to manage her anger in this laugh out loud story. |
| Fabulous Fifi the flamengo Flamingo  *Alice Corrie*  *Cultural /*  *Uniqueness /*  *Celebrating difference /*  *Reading for pleasure/* | A tongue twisting, funny story of Fifi the Flamenco loving flamingo is a celebration of fabulousness and pure camp, as well as the vibrance of hispanic and latino culture. |