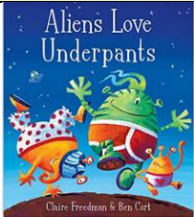
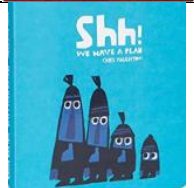
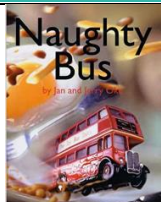


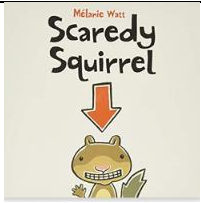
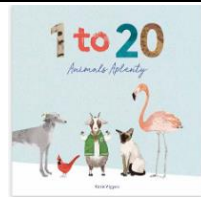

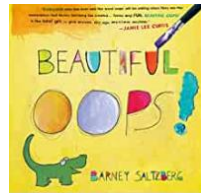

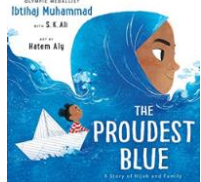


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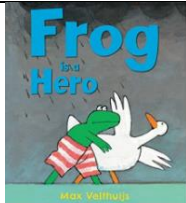
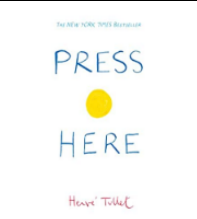
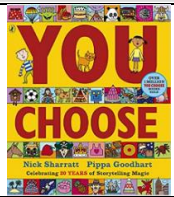
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Title	Book cover	Author	Blurb
Fiction			
Aliens Love Underpants		Clare Freedman	"Aliens love underpants, in every shape and size, But there are no underpants in space, so here's a big surprise...."
Shh! We have a plan		Chris Haughton	From Chris Haughton, the multi award-winning author-illustrator of A Bit Lost and Oh No, George!, comes a picture book about a beautiful bird, four friends and plans gone wrong... The friends are out for a walk. Suddenly, they spot it – a beautiful bird perched high in a tree! They simply must have it and – ssh! – they have a plan.
Supertato		Sue Hendra	Meet Supertato! He's always there for you when the chips are down. He's the supermarket superhero with eyes everywhere – but now there's a pea on the loose. A very, very naughty pea. Has Supertato finally met his match?
The Foggy, Foggy Forest		Nick Sharratt	What can that be in the foggy, foggy forest? Whether it's a fairy queen on a trampoline, three brown bears on picnic chairs, or an ogre doing yoga, children will love trying to guess what each foggy silhouette will be. Take a trip through the mysterious misty landscape – hilarious fairytale fun lies around every corner.
How Many Legs?		Kes Gray	From the award winning creators of Oi Frog! comes an hilarious counting picture book about our four-legged – and two-legged and eight-legged – friends! How many legs would there be if a polar bear came for tea? How high would the leg count go if a squid rode in on a buffalo? As more and more animals join in the fun, count along if you can!
Naughty Bus		Jan and Jerry Oke	'Just when you thought one would never come along... This is a book for reading together with young children; designed to encourage conversation, visual literacy and imaginative play.'

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Scaredy Squirrel		Melanie Watt	a comical story of an endearing squirrel who learns what can happen when he's brave enough to take a risk. Scaredy Squirrel never leaves his nut tree. It's way too dangerous out there. Scaredy Squirrel remains prepared with an emergency kit which includes antibacterial soap, Band-Aids and a parachute. But day, his worst nightmare comes true! Scaredy suddenly finds himself out of his tree...
1 to 20, Animals Aplenty		Katie Viggers	1 to 20 Animals Aplenty is a delightful counting book that takes young readers from 1 to 20 - from dogs who have pet frogs and snakes who love to eat cakes to gorillas looking at mirrors and llamas wearing pyjamas!
Lost and Found		Oliver Jeffers	There once was a boy and one day a penguin arrives on his doorstep. The boy decides the penguin must be lost and tries to return him. But no one seems to be missing a penguin. So the boy decides to take the penguin home himself, and they set out in his row boat on a journey to the South Pole. But when they get there, the boy discovers that maybe home wasn't what the penguin was looking for after all.
Beautiful Oops!		Barney Saltzberg	Every mistake can lead to a beautiful new adventure: That's the lovely life lesson behind this inspiring board book full of pop-ups, pull-the-flaps, and pretty amazing not to mention surprising feats of paper engineering.
The Queen's Knickers		Nicholas Allen	It's a busy year for the Queen - she has lots of important events to attend. Meanwhile, a little girl is wondering what knickers Her Majesty will choose to wear on a school visit! Will they be her 'at home' knickers - adorned with corgis - or her 'garden party' knickers, or perhaps her woolly Balmoral ones...?
The Proudest Blue		Ibtihaj Muhammad with S.K. Ali	The proudest blue. A story of hijab and family.

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Everyone Can Learn to Ride a Bicycle		Chris Raschka	In this simple yet emotionally rich guide, a father takes his daughter through all the steps in the process--from choosing the perfect bicycle to that triumphant first successful ride. Using very few words and lots of expressive pictures, here is a picture book that not only shows kids how to learn to ride, but captures what it feels like to fall . . . get up . . . fall again . . . and finally by luck, grace, and determination ride a bicycle!
Frog is a Hero		Max Velthuis	When the rains come and the river bursts its banks, Frog, Duck, Pig and Hare are stranded. It is Frog who is a hero when he risks his life to help his friends.
Superkid		Clare Freedman	There's a boy quite ordinary, He looks like me or you, But in secret... he is SUPERKID - There's nothing he can't do! With x-ray vision, super speed and bravery by the bag-load, Superkid is always on hand to save the day! He can spot bullies trying to steal your bubblegum, he knows just what to do with a plateful of broccoli, and he can make even pirates surrender.
Press Here		Herve Tulle	Press the yellow dot on the cover of this interactive children's book, follow the instructions within, and embark upon a magical journey! Each page of this surprising touch book instructs the reader to push the button, shake it up, tilt the book, and who knows what will happen next!
You Choose		Pippa Goodhart	Imagine you could go anywhere, meet anyone and do anything. With the help of Nick Sharratt's wonderfully detailed illustrations, Pippa Goodhart explores a whole range of scenarios where choosing is made fun! This is a timeless classic which children will love to return to again and again - and there's something new to find on every read!
The Hairy Toe		Daniel Postgate	In this spine-tickling traditional tale, an old woman finds a hairy toe - and soon the owner comes looking for it! While out picking beans an old woman finds a hairy toe - and soon wishes she hadn't - especially when its owner comes looking for it... Humorously illustrated by Daniel Postgate this spine-tickling traditional tale is perfect for Halloween and shouts to be read out loud!

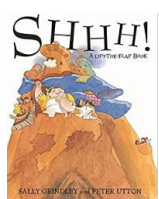
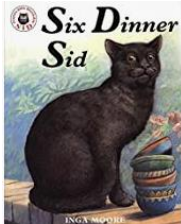
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Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam		Tracey Corderoy	Shifty and Sam have swapped their life of crime for a career in cupcakes. But when they're asked to bake for a pirate party, they find themselves caught up in the middle of a robbery. Uh-oh! Captain Sharpwhiskers and his criminal crew have stolen Captain Chucklebeard's treasure! Can Shifty and Sam catch those BAD pirates and bring back the loot? Find out in this hilarious, rhyming picture book adventure!
The Gruffalo		Julia Donaldson	Walk further into the deep dark wood, and discover what happens when a quick-witted mouse comes face to face with an owl, a snake... and a hungry Gruffalo!
Marvin Wanted More		Joseph Theobald	Marvin is not happy. Why are the other sheep bigger than him? And why are they faster than him? And WHY can they jump higher than him?
Where's My Teddy?		Jez Alborough	A case of mistaken identity among teddy bears – and a phenomenal bestseller! Little Eddy loses his toy bear and has to go looking for him in the dark, horrible woods – where he's in for a gigantic surprise.
Dinosaur that Pooped a Planet		Tom Fletcher	In this laugh-out-loud rhyming picture book, Danny and Dinosaur are off on an adventure in space! But when Danny realises he's forgotten Dino's lunch box, the very hungry dinosaur eats everything in sight, including their only way back home: the rocket! How will Dino get them back down to earth?
The Kiss that Missed		David Melling	The king is in a hurry and blows his son a bedtime kiss... but it misses. The kiss flies out of the window and a brave knight is sent on a fairy tale quest to bring it back.

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Open Very Carefully: A book with a Bite		Nick Bromley	What would you do if you were settling down for a quiet bedtime story and you realised that a crocodile had fallen into your book? And what if that crocodile was furious? Would you slam that book shut or would you be brave enough to peek? This very grumpy crocodile has ended up in totally the wrong book, and so he decides to eat his way out. Just watch out for your fingers!
On Sudden Hill		Linda Sarah	Birt and Etho are best friends, they play on Sudden Hill, making marvellous contraptions out of cardboard boxes. But then a new boy, Shu, wants to join in too. Birt isn't sure that he wants Shu to join them. Eaten up with jealousy, he goes home and refuses to come out to play. Until Etho and Shu come to his house with the most marvellous cardboard contraption so far...
Sam's Sandwich		David Pelham	Sam's sister wants a sandwich ... but sneaky Sam can't wait to add a few wriggling surprises of his own. Lift the flaps and find out just how disgusting Sam can make his sandwich.
The Very Hungry Caterpillar		Eric Carle	Eric Carle's The Very Hungry Caterpillar is a perennial favourite with children and adults alike. Its imaginative illustration and clever cutout detail charts the progress of a very hungry caterpillar as he eats his way through the week.
Each Peach Pear Plum		Janet and Allan Ahlberg	In this book With your little eye, Take a look, And play 'I spy'
The Little Red Hen		Lesley Simms	The Little Red Hen has found some grains of wheat, but who will help her plant them? The cat, the rat and the duck are all sitting in the farmyard, enjoying the sun. Surely one of them will join the Little Red Hen as she grows the wheat and mills it. And what happens when she bakes a crusty golden loaf with the flour she has made?

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Handa's Surprise		Eileen Browne	this is the story of Handa, who's part of the Luo tribe in south-west Kenya. Handa decides to take seven pieces of delicious fruit to her friend, Akeyo, who lives in the neighbouring village. But as Handa wonders, I wonder what fruit Akeyo will like best?, a series of sneaky animals steal something from Handa's basket, which she's carrying on her head... When Handa reaches Akeyo, will she have anything left to offer her friend?
Owl Babies		Martin Waddell	A gentle tale of three baby owls reassures young children that Mummy will always come home. Three baby owls, Sarah, Percy and Bill, wake up one night in their hole in a tree to find that their mother has gone. So they sit on a branch and wait... Darkness gathers and the owls grow anxious, wondering when their mother will return. But, at last, she does and they bounce up and down with joy, welcoming her home.
Goodnight Moon		Margaret Wise Brown	This gentle bedtime story, which has lulled generations of children to sleep, is the perfect first book to share at bedtime. In a great green room a little bunny is tucked up snugly and safely in bed and is getting ready to say goodnight to all the familiar things in his room, one by one.
On the Way Home		Jill Murphy	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 how the fall happened. But just how did it happen . . . ? Was she dropped by a wolf, a slithering snake, an enormous dragon or a hairy gorilla?
SHHHH! A lift-the-flap book		Sally Grindley	Shhh! You are about to enter a giant's castle. Be very quiet. Can you get through the book without waking up the enormous scary giant? What will you do if he wakes up? Why shut the book of course! An interactive retelling of a classic fairy tale with flaps and peepholes that will keep children hooked!
Six Dinner Sid		Inga Moore	Sid is a cat who is addicted to having six meals a day and glories in this lifestyle. Manipulative, persuasive and a charmer he has wrapped everybody round his little paw - each owner believes that Sid belongs to them only . . . until the day he is found out!


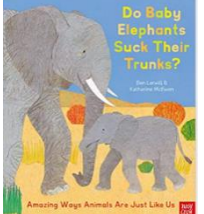
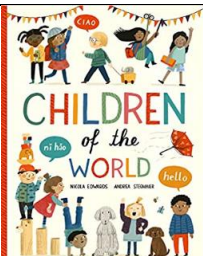
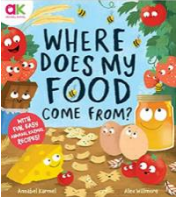
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The Lion inside		Marcus Pfister	<p>n a dry dusty place where the sand sparkled gold, stood a mighty flat rock, all craggy and old. And under that rock in a tinyful house, lived the littlest, quietest, meekest brown mouse.</p> <p>Fed up of being ignored by the other animals, Mouse wishes he could roar like Lion. But, as he discovers, even the biggest, bossiest people are scared sometimes ... and even the smallest creatures can have the heart of a lion!</p>
Giraffe's Can't Dance		Jill Murphy	<p>Gerald the tall giraffe would love to join in with the other animals at the Jungle Dance, but everyone knows that giraffes can't dance . . . or can they?</p>
Grumpy Frog		Ed Vere	<p>Grumpy Frog is not grumpy. He loves green, and he loves to hop, and he loves winning. But what happens when Grumpy Frog doesn't win, or encounters - horror of horrors - a Pink Rabbit?</p> <p>Join Grumpy Frog as he learns about compromise and tolerance, friendship and the power of saying sorry.</p>
Red Knit Cap Girl		Naoko Stoop	<p>In this gentle, heartwarming story, debut author Naoko Stoop introduces readers to Red Knit Cap Girl and her friend White Bunny on their quest to find a way to talk to the Moon. Though the two search and search the forest, they just can't seem to get close enough to reach the Moon. At long last, with the help of their forest friends and the advice of wise Mr. Owl, Red Knit Cap Girl and White Bunny learn that they need only to wait and listen quietly to make their wish come true.</p>
Dear Zoo		Rod Campbell	<p>'I wrote to the zoo to send me a pet . . .'</p> <p>Young children will love lifting the flaps to discover the animals the zoo has sent - a monkey, a lion and even an elephant! But will they ever manage to send the perfect pet?</p>

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Non-Fiction			
National Trust: Look and Say What you See on the Farm		National Trust	From clucking hens in the henhouse to apples and pears in the orchard and lots of farm scenes in-between, this look-and-say book for little ones is a great way to start learning about nature on a farm. The spot-and-find aspect is perfect for the youngest of readers to become absorbed in the fascinating nature details. What can you see in the pig sty? Can you find the rake in the tool shed? There's so much to recognise in each landscape in this beautiful interactive book for the very young.
Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns: A Muslim Book of Colours		Hena Khan	From a crescent moon to a square garden to an octagonal fountain, this breath taking picture book celebrates the shapes – and traditions – of the Muslim world. With stunning illustrations, a rhyming read-aloud text, and strong back matter, CRESCENT MOONS AND POINTED MINARETS will inspire questions and observations about world religions and cultures, and is equally at home in a classroom reading circle as it is being read to a child on a parent's lap.
First Facts Bugs		DK	How many legs does a millipede have? What do dung beetles eat? Why do spiders build webs? Find the answers to all these questions and more. This educational book is ideal for children interested in bugs – it makes learning fun by introducing concepts with short text and engaging photos to inspire curiosity and encourage early learning.
Lifesize Baby Animals		Sophy Henn	Step into the book and see how you measure up against some of the world's most amazing BABY animals. Go eye to eye with a baby blue whale, snuggle up with some red panda cubs and open the FOLD-OUT PAGES to discover a LIFESIZE baby African elephant! This interactive non-fiction adventure features LIFESIZE illustrations of some of the smallest and largest baby animals in the world and invites children to think about how they compare with these amazing creatures.
Slow Down: Bring Calm to a Busy World with 50 Nature Stories		Rachel Williams	All around us, nature is turning, growing...and working. Every day, hour by hour, magical transformations happen right in front of you. But it's not always easy to see them... Discover 50 nature stories, paused just long enough for you to watch them unfold. Then go outside and explore... and see what you find when you take the time to slow down.

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Make Tracks: Cars		Johnny Dyrander	Discover five different cars in this series of interactive board books with easy-to-use moving parts – a car, a sports car, a race car, a four-wheel drive and a taxi!
Do Baby Elephants Suck Their Trunks?		Ben Lerwill	There are babies everywhere! Some babies can fly and some babies can swim. Most animal babies are very different to us, but there are lots of special ways that we might be the same. Especially when we were very little . . . With a friendly text that's perfect for reading aloud, this book encourages children to think about what makes them unique while learning about amazing similarities they might share with babies in the animal kingdom. From giraffes wobbling as they walk to puppies losing their baby teeth.
Children of the World		Nicola Edwards	Discover what daily life is like for children across the world as we explore everything from food to family, and learn how to greet new friends in lots of different languages. See where it's polite to slurp your food and bad manners to give the thumbs up, and find out where you might travel to school by cable car or sleep on an oven bed at night! A fascinating look at the lives of children across the globe.
Where Does my Food Come From?		Annabel Karmel	Find out how eggs, cheese, tomatoes, pasta, strawberries, honey and chocolate are grown and made, and enjoy the fun, step-by-step food activities in each section too. Best of all, Annabel includes two fantastic, child-friendly recipes for each food. They're perfect for getting kids to create and eat wonderful meals with their favourite food – and for getting fussy eaters to try new foods too.

Please see separate list for nursery rhymes and finger plays

"If children know 8 nursery rhymes by heart, by the time they are 4 years old, they are usually amongst the best readers and spellers in their class by the time they are 8!"

Mem Fox, Reading Magic.

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