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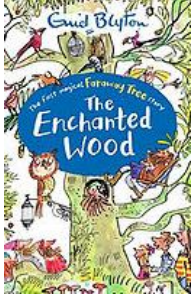
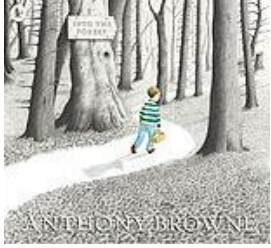
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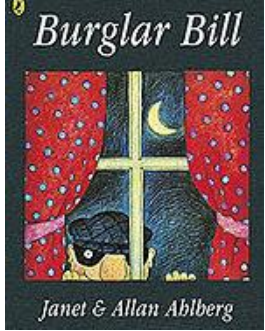
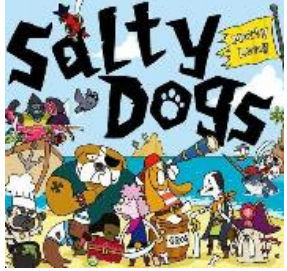
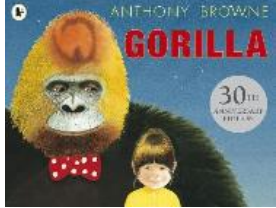
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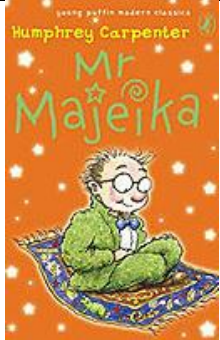
Year 2 – Recommended Reading List

	<p><u>The Hedgehog – Dick King-Smith</u></p> <p>Max is a hedgehog who lives with his family in a nice little home, but it's on the wrong side of the road from the Park where there's a beautiful lily pond and plenty of juicy slugs, worms and snails! The busy road is dangerous but Max is determined to make his way across. If humans can do it, why can't hedgehogs? His first attempt ends in a nasty bump on the head and, when Max tries to speak, he realises his words are all mixed up. He is no longer a hedgehog but a hedgehog!</p>	
	<p><u>Traction Man Is Here– Mini-Grey</u></p> <p>With an action outfit for every occasion, Traction Man patrols the house. Whether he is saving toys (in latex space suit and Perspex helmet, teamed with Rocket Boots); searching the sink for the lost wreck of the sieve (in sub-aqua suit, fluorescent flippers and infra-red mask) or rescuing damsels in distress (in jungle pants, camouflage vest and a bandanna), Traction Man is never less than stylishly turned out and expertly accessorised. He is the last word in heroic fashion flair - until, that is, the day that he is presented with an all-in-one knitted green romper suit and matching bonnet by his owner's granny.</p>	
	<p><u>The Troll – Julia Donaldson</u></p> <p>The Troll longs for a goat - but has to make do with fish for supper instead. Meanwhile, Hank Chief and his pirate crew are digging for treasure - but it seems they've sailed to the wrong island. Again.</p> <p>Watch the fun unfold as these two worlds collide in a richly inventive, gloriously comic tale.</p>	
	<p><u>The Three Little Wolves and The Big Bad Pig – Eugene Trivizas</u></p> <p>The three little wolves erect first a solid brick house. The big bad pig comes along and when huffing and puffing fails to work, he uses a sledgehammer to bring the house down. Next they build a home of concrete: The pig demolishes it with his pneumatic drill. The three little wolves choose an even stronger design next time round: They erect a house, made of steel, barbed wire, armour plates and video entry system, but the pig finds a way to demolish it too.</p>	


	<p><u>The Enchanted Wood – Enid Blyton</u></p> <p>When Joe, Beth and Franny move to a new home, an Enchanted Wood is on their doorstep. And when they discover the Faraway Tree, that is the beginning of many magical adventures! Join them and their friends Moonfaced, Saucepan Man and Silky the fairy as they discover which new land is at the top of the Faraway Tree.</p>	
	<p><u>Journey – Aaron Becker</u></p> <p>A stunning, wordless picture book debut about self-determination and unexpected friendship follows a little girl who draws a magic door on her bedroom wall. Through it she escapes into a world where wonder, adventure and danger abound.</p>	
	<p><u>Flat Stanley – Jeff Brown</u></p> <p>Stanley Lamb chop is an ordinary boy with an extraordinary problem. One night, a giant pinboard falls on top of him leaving him completely flat. At first, Stanley enjoys the benefits of his strange predicament - it can be fun going in out of rooms simply by sliding under the door. And it's a hoot being posted to your friends in California for a holiday. But it's not always easy being different, and, once the novelty begins to wear off, Stanley wishes he could be just like everybody else again.</p>	
	<p><u>Beegu – Alexis Deacon</u></p> <p>Beegu is not supposed to be on Earth. She is lost. She is a friendly little creature, but the Earth People don't seem very welcoming at all. However, so far she has only met the BIG ones. The little ones are a different matter . . .</p>	
	<p><u>Into The Forest – Anthony Browne</u></p> <p>One night a boy is woken by a terrible sound. A storm is breaking, lightning flashing across the sky. In the morning Dad is gone and Mum doesn't seem to know when he'll be back. The next day Mum asks her son to take a cake to his sick grandma. "Don't go into the forest," she warns. "Go the long way round." But, for the first time, the boy chooses to take the path into the forest, where he meets a variety of fairy tale characters</p>	

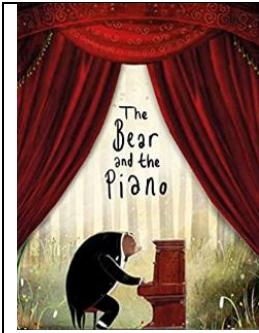
	<p><u>Gregory Cool – Caroline Binch</u></p> <p>When Gregory wakes up on his first day in Tobago with his grandparents, his heart sinks. The food is strange, the sun too hot, his cousin Lennox is on another wave length, and there are none of the televisions, video games and other high-tech gadgets that a cool city-boy takes for granted. How Gregory adjusts to the strange culture, and learns to enjoy the lifestyle of the Caribbean is enchantingly told and illustrated by award-winning author Caroline Binch.</p>	
	<p><u>The Worst Witch – Jill Murphy</u></p> <p>Hold on to your broomstick for magical mayhem! Jill Murphy's much-loved classic <i>The Worst Witch</i> -the original story of life at a magical boarding school - is full of fun and perfect for readers aged 5 - 9 years. Mildred Hubble is a trainee at Miss Cackle's Academy for Witches, but she's making an awful mess of it. She keeps getting her spells wrong and crashing her broomstick. And when she turns Ethel, the teacher's pet into her worst enemy, chaos ensues...</p>	
	<p><u>The Mousehole Cat – Antonia Barber</u></p> <p>Mowzer the cat lives happily with old fisherman Tom – Tom who rocks the rocking chair just right, and catches fresh fish for dinner every night. Their life is a happy one – until one terrible winter, the Great Storm-Cat comes clawing and snarling and leaping at the harbour walls, so that no boat can go out to sea to fish. Soon, with Christmas coming, there is no food left in Mousehole. It is then that Mowzer and Tom set out to brave the fury of the waves together, and discover that it might just need a cat’s perspective to understand – and tame – the ferocious ways of the Great Storm-Cat sea</p>	
	<p><u>The Day The Crayons Quit – Drew Daywalt</u></p> <p>Poor Duncan just wants to colour in. But when he opens his box of crayons, he only finds letters, all saying the same thing: We quit. Beige is tired of playing second fiddle to Brown, Blue needs a break from colouring in all that water, while Pink just wants to be used. Green has no complaints, but Orange and Yellow are no longer speaking to each other. The battle lines have been drawn. What is Duncan to do?</p>	

	<p><u>Burglar Bill – Janet & Allan Ahlberg</u></p> <p>Perfect as a bedtime story and for children learning to read!</p> <p>Who's that creeping down the street? Who's that climbing up the wall? Who's that coming through the window? Who's that? ... It's Burglar Bill.</p>	
	<p><u>Salty Dogs – Matty Long</u></p> <p>Set sail with the Salty Dogs on an adventure through the Pirate Islands in search of TREASURE. Their journey won't be easy. They must outwit rival pirates, navigate stormy sea, and keep the poop deck clean if they are to become pirate legends. Get ready for an amazing new adventure from the award-winning creator of SUPER HAPPY MAGIC FOREST!</p>	
	<p><u>Gorilla – Anthony Browne</u></p> <p>Hannah loves gorillas but has never seen one. Her father's too busy to take her to the zoo – or for anything else come to that. For her birthday, Hannah asks her father for a gorilla – but is disappointed when she discovers that the gorilla she's got is just a toy one. But then something extraordinary happens ... the toy turns into a real gorilla, who puts on her father's hat and coat and takes her off for a magical visit to the zoo...</p>	

	<p><u>Mr Majeika – Humphrey Carpenter</u></p> <p>As a rule, magic carpets don't turn up in schools, but this is exactly what happens when Class Three's new teacher flies in through the classroom window and lands on the floor with a bump. Mr Majeika can behave just like any ordinary teacher if he wants to, but something has to be done about Hamish Bigmore, the class nuisance, and so he uses a little magic to turn him into a frog. And to everyone's delight it looks as if Hamish will have to remain a frog because Mr Majeika can't remember the spell to turn him back again! With Mr Majeika in charge, suddenly life at school become much more exciting.</p>	
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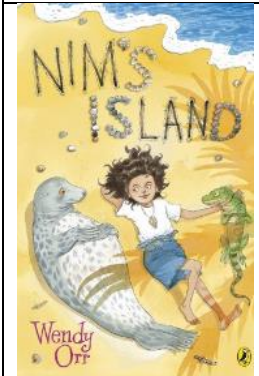
	<p><u>The Dark – Lemony Snicket</u></p> <p>Lazlo is afraid of the dark. The dark lives in the same house as Lazlo but mostly it spends its time in the basement. It doesn't visit Lazlo in his room. Until one night it does . . . Join Lazlo on his journey to meet the dark, and find out why it will never bother him again.</p>	
	<p><u>Beware Of The Storybook Wolves – Lauren Child</u></p> <p>Every night, Herb's mother reads him a bedtime story. Sometimes it's about a big bad wolf who terrifies little girls and their grandmothers with his growl and his sharp teeth. The story gets very nasty in the middle and everybody nearly comes to a sticky end. But, by the last page, it all turns out happily-ever-afterly. But what will happen to Herb when the wolves escape from his book? Will they gobble him up? Or will it all end happily-ever-after?</p>	
	<p><u>Fungus The Bogeyman – Raymond Briggs</u></p> <p>Life in Bogeydom is full of snot, smells, slime, scum and other unspeakable things, and Bogeymen live under the ground revelling in all the nastiness imaginable</p>	
	<p><u>Mr Wolf's Pancakes – Jan Fearnley</u></p> <p>Mr Wolf fancies some tasty pancakes but he doesn't know how to make them! Asking his neighbours is of no use they're a mean and horrible lot who refuse to help. Poor Mr Wolf! He has to work it out all by himself. But what happens when those nasty neighbours want to help Mr Wolf eat his delicious pancakes?</p>	

	<p><u>Gobbolino The Witch's Cat – Ursula Moray Williams</u></p> <p><i>Gobbolino</i> by Ursula Moray Williams is the charming tale of a witch's cat who would rather be a kitchen cat. Gobbolino has one white paw and blue eyes and isn't wicked at all, so his mother doesn't like him. He escapes to look for a kitchen home but is distrusted everywhere he goes and blamed for mysterious happenings, such as the farmer's milk turning sour and the orphanage children's gruel turning into chocolate.</p>	
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The Bear And The Piano – David Litchfield

One day, a young bear stumbles upon something he has never seen before in the forest. As time passes, he teaches himself how to play the strange instrument, and eventually the beautiful sounds are heard by a father and son who are picnicking in the woods. The bear goes with them on an incredible journey to New York, where his piano playing makes him a huge star. He has fame, fortune and all the music in the world, but he misses the friends and family he has left behind.



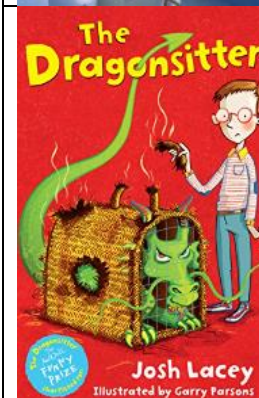
Nim's Island – Wendy Orr

Nim lives on a beautiful island in the middle of the wide blue sea with her father, Jack, an iguana called Fred, a sea lion called Selkie and a turtle called Chica. But when Jack disappears and disaster threatens her home, Nim must be braver than she's ever been before. And she needs help from her friends . . .



The Tear Thief – Carol Ann Duffy

Each night, in the hours between supper and bedtime, the Tear Thief carries her waterproof, silvery sack as she steals the tears of every child who cries. But what does she do with all those tears? This warm, poignant and beautifully illustrated story offers a thought-provoking message and a starting point for sharing children's emotional responses.



The Dragonsitter – Josh Lacey

'Dear Uncle Morton. You'd better get on a plane right now and come back here. Your dragon has eaten Jemima.'

It had sounded so easy: Edward was going to look after Uncle Morton's unusual pet for a week while he went on holiday. But soon the fridge is empty, the curtains are blazing, and the postman is fleeing down the garden path.

Rewards for reading

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