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Reading Rainbow

Year Group	Title	Author	Plot	Theme/Link
Year 2	The true story of the 3 little pigs	Jon Scieszka	Re telling of the classic tale from a different point of view	Traditional Tales - different point of view
	Fairy Tales News	Colin and Jacqui Hawkins	Mix up of traditional tale characters	Story setting - fairy tale land
	The Wolf's Story	Izhar Cohen	Re telling of the classic tale from a different point of view	Traditional Tales - different point of view
	The Frog Prince Continued	Jon Scieszka	Adventure resulting in turning back into a frog	Traditional Tales what come next
	The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig	Eugene Trivizas and Helen Oxenbury	Re telling of the classic tale from a different point of view	Traditional Tales - different point of view
	Honestly Red Riding Hood was Rotten	Tricia Saskaen	Re telling of the classic tale from a different point of view	Traditional Tales - different point of view
	After the Fall	Dan Sanat		Growth mind-set Conquering fears
	The Dark	Lemony Snicket	Boy afraid of the dark and overcomes fears	Conquering fears
	The Day the Crayons Quit	Drew Daywait and Oliver Jeffers		PSHE - inclusion
	Fantastic Mr Fox	Roald Dahl	Fox makes a plan	Animal adventure/comedy
	Fantastic Mr Fox - the play	Roald Dahl	Fox makes a plan	Animal adventure/comedy
	The Worst Witch	Jill Murphy	Academy for Witches	Friendship Harry Potter
	Please Mrs Butler	Allan Ahlberg and Fritz Wegner	Mixed poetry	Comical poems
	Tuesday	David Weisner	Frogs fly all around a city on an adventure	Fantasy adventure Relationships Inference and discussion Character development Story telling without words



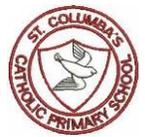
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				Picture Book
The Dark	Lemony Snicket	Laszlo is afraid of the dark. The dark lives in the same house as Laszlo but mostly it spends its time in the basement.		Facing fears Picture Book Inference and discussion
After the Fall	Dan Sanat	After the fall, Humpty Dumpty is a broken egg. Life is tough but one day he decides to conquer his fears and something amazing happens.		Growth Mindset Fear Picture Book Inference and discussion
Captain Pug	Laura James and Eglantine Ceulemans	Pug is going on a seafaring adventure. He's had jam tarts for breakfast. He's wearing a smart sailor suit. There's just one problem. Pug is afraid of the water.		First in a series so great for hooking readers Great introduction to chapter books for young readers
The Tin Forest	Helen Ward	Tin Forest where an old man lives who tidies the rubbish and dreams of a better place.		Picture book. Environment Poetic language and vocabulary Sadness and hope
The Flower	John Light and Lisa Evans	The character finds a book in the library labelled 'Do Not Read', he cannot resist and becomes optimistic.		Environment Picture book Links well with 'The Tin Forest'
Amazing Grace	Mary Hoffman	Grace loves stories, whether they're from books, movies, or the kind her grandmother tells. So when she gets a chance to play a part in Peter Pan, she knows exactly who she wants to be.		Dreams, aspirations and self-belief
The Day War Came	Nicola Davies Rebecca Cobb	Imagine if, on an ordinary day, war came. Imagine it turned your town to rubble. Imagine going on a long and difficult journey - all alone.		Picture book Poetic narrative Refugees
Grandad's Island	Benji Davies	This beautiful book deals with the emotional topic of losing a grandparent. Subtly told, this beautifully illustrated book tackles a difficult subject with great sensitivity and depth.		Death loss and grief Links well to 'Badger's Parting Gifts' by Susan Varley



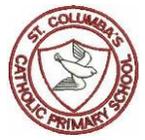
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Badgers Parting Gifts	Susan Varley	This classic tale about a group of forest animals is a gentle and touching lesson about loss, mourning, and the ongoing power of friendship.	Death loss and grief Links well to Grandad's Island
A Stone for Sascha	Aaron Becker	This year's summer holiday will be very different for a young girl and her family without Sascha, the beloved family dog, along for the ride.	Wordless picture book Loss and grief- after the loss of a pet Images show changes over time to the Earth- including civilisations
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.	Emotions
My Name is Not Refugee	Kate Milner	A young boy discusses the journey he is about to make with his mother. They will leave their town, she explains, and it will be sad but also a little bit exciting.	Journeys Refugees
Rosie Revere, Engineer	Andrea Beatty	A girl called Rosie has a passion for inventing and a dream of becoming a famous engineer.	Growth Mindset Aspirations STEAM
I Was a Rat!	Philip Pullman	'I WAS A RAT!' insists Roger. Maybe it's true. But what is he NOW? 'A terrifying monster rampaging in the sewers?' The Daily Scourge is sure of it. Or just an ordinary small boy, though a little ratty in his habits? Only three people believe this version of the story. Only one of them knows who Roger really is.	Ambitious vocabulary A rework of the traditional Cinderella story Endearing, fun central character
Incredible You	Rhys Brisenden and Nathan Reed	Ever had a bad day and wished that you were someone else? Perhaps a mountain gorilla? Or a fierce tiger? But wait . . . just think of all the amazing things that you can do! You can sing, you can write and you can dream. And never stop being incredible you! This picture book brings a breath of fresh air filled with positivity, zest and energy from a sensational new pairing.	Uniqueness
Amelia Earheart- Little People, Big Dreams	Isabel Sanchez	When Amelia was young, she liked to imagine she could stretch her wings and fly away like a bird. As a grown woman, she set a new female world record for flying up to 14,000 feet.	Transport History topic - flight Non-fiction



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	Your Fantastic Elastic Brain	JoAnn Deak Sarah Ackerley	A book all about understanding how our amazing brains work.	Growth mindset
	The Great Fire of London: Anniversary Edition of the Great Fire of 1666	Emma Adams and James Weston Lewis	Events of the Great Fire of London	History topic Non-fiction
	Poems to Perform	Julia Donaldson and Clare Melinsky	Various poems	Poetry
	The Works KS1	Pie Corbett	Various poems	Poetry
	A First Book of Animals	Nicola Davies	Various poems	Poetry Animal Science Geography