**Grandad's Island** by Benji Davies

Glorious, rich illustrations and a very sensitive story about love and loss.

**Pandora** by Victoria Turnbull

'Pandora lives alone in a land of broken things' until the day she saves a broken bird, makes a friend and slowly the land lives again. Magical.

**Penguin Problems** by Jory John and Lane Smith

This penguin could give lessons on moaning about life until a walrus tells him a few home truths!

**Garth Pig and the Ice cream Lady** by Mary Rayner

Garth Pig and his siblings have to be very resourceful in this ice cream adventure.

**The Boy Who Grew Flowers** written by Jen Wojtowicz and illustrated by Steve Adams

A special story about being different with a poignant text and rich illustrations.

**A Dot in the Snow** by Corinne Averriss and Fiona

This is an enchanting story about Dot who finds a special friend in the snow....

**Clarice Bean That's Me**

Meet Clarice Bean and her noisy family!

**Beegu** by Alexis Deacon

You can't help but love Beegu.
Tell Me a Dragon by Jackie Morris

Here Jackie celebrates a different dragon on every page with her gorgeous, rich and colourful illustrations.

Have You Seen My Dragon? by Steve Light

More dragons because I love Dragons and NSSM 2015 was a whole month of them (activity sheets are still available on the Fcbg Website). Here is an exploration of a city (and a celebration of numbers!) as a boy hunts for his missing Dragon.

George and the Dragon by Chris Wormell

George is a very unexpected hero in this unusual version of the classic tale.

The Lighthouse Keeper’s Lunch by Ronda and David Armitage

A classic story about the lighthouse keeper, his lunch and his resourceful wife.

Tanka, Tanka Skunk by Steve Webb

You need to practise before reading aloud this fun book about word play, rhyme and syllables and animals and the rhythm of the beat!

Little Home Bird by Jo Empson

Little Bird loves his home so much he doesn’t want to leave it...

Sometimes by Rebecca Elliott

This is such a special book about a little girl who just happens to be in a wheelchair and spends a lot of time in hospital and her brother who loves to spend time and have adventures with her. Rebecca has also written...
Just Because which continues their story.

Milo Armadillo by Jan Fearnley

What would you prefer….a fluffy pink rabbit or Milo the Armadillo?

There’s a Hippopotamus on our Roof eating Cake by Hazel Edwards, illustrated by Grace Niland

Celebrating the wonders of imagination!

David McKee’s Not Now, Bernard

A lesson in listening to your children.

Ruby, Blue and Blanket by Jane Hissey

Remember Old Bear? Here is a new book from Jane Hissey to join the rest of her classic picture books.

The Day the Crayons Quit and The Day the Crayons Came Home by Drew Daywell and Oliver Jeffers

Two clever and funny books which will mean you'll never look at a pencil case of crayons in the same way again! A celebration of colour and letter writing too.

Sir Charlie Stinky Socks and the Really Great Adventure by Kristina Stephenson

Sir Charlie Stinky Socks is a real favourite and has such fun.

Don’t Put Mustard in the Custard by Michael Rosen and Quentin Blake
I know this isn’t strictly a picture book but it has lots of clever poems by Michael Rosen and Quentin Blake illustrations too! Hilarious....

**Morris the Mankiest Monster**

A wonderfully manky picture book written by clever Giles Andreas and illustrated superbly by the lovely Sarah McIntyre.

**Pumpkin Soup** by Helen Cooper

A lyrical story about friendship....I once sat with a class of 5 year olds and was about to read this to them when one of the boys declared 'I know this story' and proceeded to recite it perfectly to all of us. A special moment.

**Are you sitting Comfortably** by Leigh Hodgkinson

A wonderful celebration of reading!

**A Busy Day for a Good Grandmother** and **The Man whose Mother was a Pirate** by Margaret Mahy and Margaret Chamberlain

Margaret Mahy (from NZ) writes the most wonderful, magical picture books ever (and is a superb YA author too) and these two books about feisty women are my favourites. Lovely illustrations by Margaret Chamberlain. Enjoy!

**Queen Munch and Queen Nibble** by Carol Ann Duffy and Lydia Monks

A longer picture book by two very talented ladies about two delightfully different Queens who unexpectedly become great friends.
**Dogger** by Shirley Hughes

A classic story about boy who loses -and finds- something precious to him.

**Siddharth and Rinka** by Addy Farmer and Karin Littlewood

A little boy looks for his favourite toy remembers Frank Muir's crazy, mad dog *What a Mess*? My boys loved him! And for a more recent book we have the equally daft *Silly Suzy Goose* with wonderful colourful illustrations by Petr Horacek.

**Silly Suzy Goose** by Petr Horacek

Here is a very silly goose.

**What a mess!** by Frank Muir and Joseph Wright

A celebration of the chaos that can be wrought by one lovable but crazy dog!

**Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam** by Tracey Corderoy and Steven Lenton.

The tale of two burglars who learn the error of their ways and take up a new career!

**Whatever Next** by Jill Murphy

An adventurous bear flies to the moon before bed time.

**Footpath Flowers** by Jon Arno Lawson and Sydney Smith

A perfect wordless picture book for Spring about the power of observation, and sharing and celebrating simple things.