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

**Clarice Bean that’s me!** By Lauren Child
Meet Clarice Bean and her noisy family!

**Beegu** by Alexis Deacon
You can't help but love Beegu the alien....

**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 a 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 power 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 has such fun on his sometimes challenging adventures.
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 with delightfully horrible detail by the lovely Sarah McIntyre.

Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper

A lyrical story about friendship. I was once about to read this to a class of 5 year olds 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.

Silly Suzy Goose by Petr Horocek

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.

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