

Spring Reading Adventure: supporting booklist

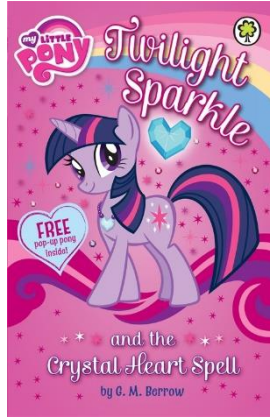
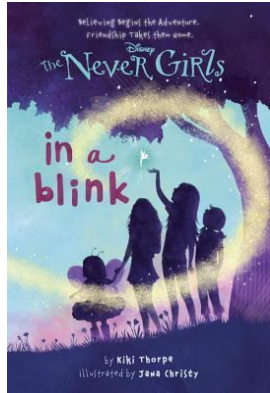
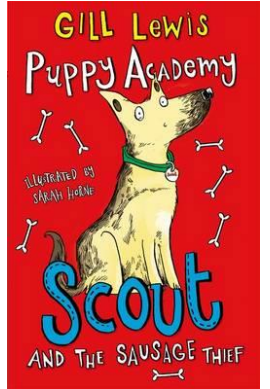

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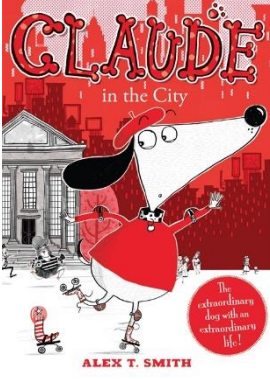
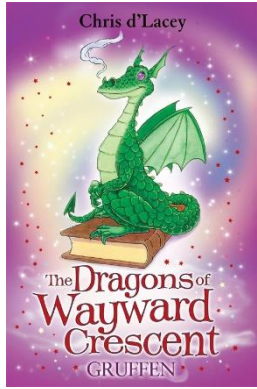
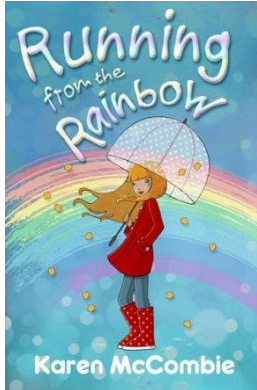
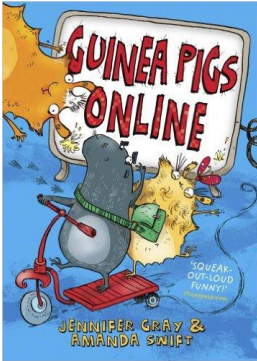



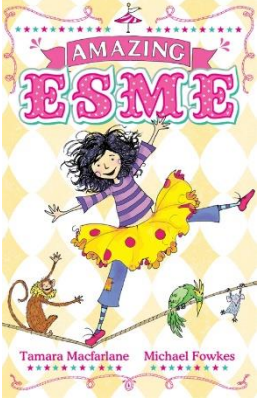
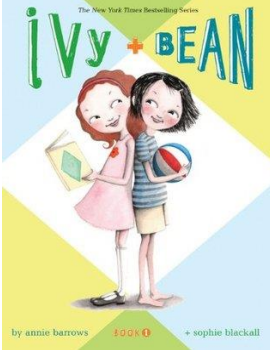
We've put together a short list of recommended reads relating to the Frankie's Magic Football and Magic Animal Friends series so that you can build on your children's interest in football, animals, adventure and friendship to support their reading as they branch out into more challenging titles. Each list builds from easier reads to more difficult reads so that readers of all confidence levels will have a great book to turn to the next time they head to the bookshop or library.

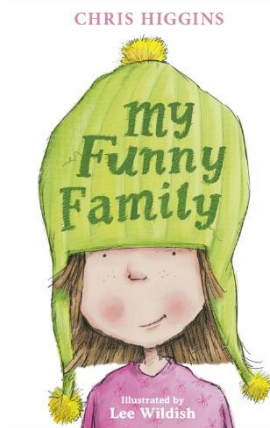

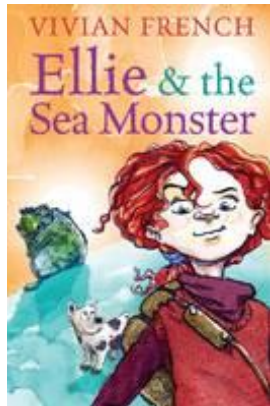
For fans of Magic Animal Friends, try...

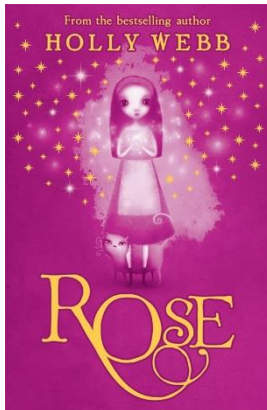
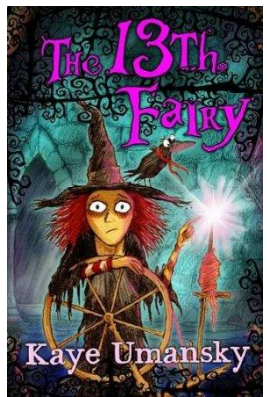

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	<p>Learning to read is fun with the Rainbow Magic Fairies! Developed in conjunction with Early Years reading consultants and based on the most up-to-date educational research, the Rainbow Magic Early Readers are the perfect way to introduce pupils to the magical world of reading. 74 pages.</p>	<p>Rainbow Magic: Early Reader Tamara the Tooth Fairy</p> <p>Daisy Meadows</p> <p>9781408336328</p>
	<p>The first in a fantastic graphic novel series of new stories and every day adventures with the LEGO Friends. The full colour illustrations will hook in reluctant readers and the themes of adventure and friendship will appeal to fans of Magic Animal Friends. Suitable for ages 6+. 80 pages.</p>	<p>LEGO Friends 1: Adventures in Heartlake City</p> <p>Olivia London</p> <p>9781510200517</p>

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	<p>Meet Twilight Sparkle and her pony pals in the sparkling My Little Pony fiction series. Twilight Sparkle has been crowned Princess of the Crystal Empire, and now she wants to learn how to be a good leader. Inspired by her friend, Princess Cadance, she sets off on a quest to discover the Crystal Heart Spell - a magical spell that will help Twilight Sparkle follow her heart, no matter what. 128 pages.</p>	<p>My Little Pony: Twilight Sparkle and the Crystal Heart Spell</p> <p>G M Barrow</p> <p>9781408331231</p>
	<p>A Disney version of the familiar Rainbow Magic formula, The Never Girls series transports readers to the realm of Pixie Hollow—a land of fairies including Tinkerbell and other familiar Disney characters. Disney connections should make these books easy to pick up while their short length and illustrations make them easy to finish. 128 pages.</p>	<p>Never Girls 1: In a Blink</p> <p>Kiki Thorpe</p> <p>ISBN: 9780736427944</p>
	<p>A new series for young dog lovers aged 6-8. Author Gill Lewis' series introduces young readers to a team of puppies learning to become police dogs. In the first book we meet Scout as she takes her Care in the Community test. Fans of series fiction will enjoy meeting a new puppy in each book – books one and two are out now with books three and four out in 2016. 128 pages.</p>	<p>Puppy Academy 1: Scout and the Sausage Thief</p> <p>Gill Lewis</p> <p>ISBN: 9780192739209</p>
	<p>For newly-confident readers not quite ready to move away from series fiction, The Secret Kingdom book series offers many of the same features readers love in Magic Animal Friends. Three best friends are magically transported to a secret kingdom of pixies and imagination where they will have to be brave to save the land from danger. Illustrations and short chapters help readers move along quickly in these fast-paced books. 128 pages.</p>	<p>Secret Kingdom 1: Enchanted Palace</p> <p>Rosie Banks</p> <p>ISBN: 9781408323649</p>


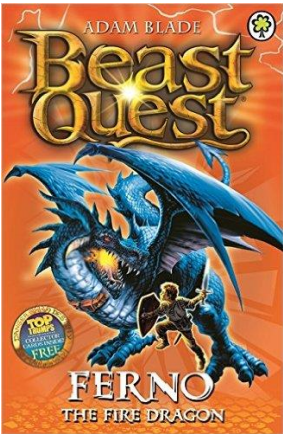
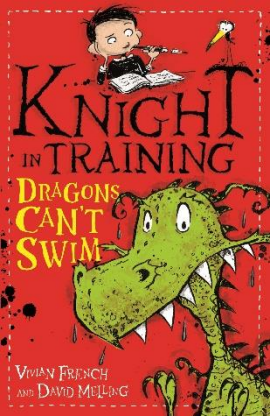
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	<p>Claude is no ordinary dog - he leads an extraordinary life! When Mr and Mrs Shinyshoes set off for work, Claude decides what adventure he wants to have that day.</p> <p>Today he and Sir Bobblysock go to the city for the very first time. They have tea in a cafe, go shopping and visit a museum. It is all very normal until... Claude accidentally foils a robbery and becomes the local hero! 96 pages.</p>	<p>Claude in the City Alex T. Smith 9780340998991</p>
	<p>When Lucy Pennykettle suspects there's a monster in her bedroom, her mum knows exactly what to do. She makes a guard dragon - Gruffen - to look after Lucy. But soon Gruffen realises there's a mystery behind the monster... 112 pages.</p>	<p>The Dragons Of Wayward Crescent: Gruffen Chris D'Lacey 9781846166099</p>
	<p>Running from the Rainbow is a moving and sympathetic story about the adventure of growing up. Short and easy to read, this book tackles more complex themes while remaining non-threatening and fun for less confident or reluctant readers. 64 pages.</p>	<p>Running from the Rainbow Karen McCombie ISBN: 9781781120033</p>
	<p>Animal lovers will enjoy the hilarious adventures of Fuzzy and Coco, guinea pigs who love to surf the web whilst their owners, Ben and Henrietta Bliss, are not looking. In the first book Fuzzy, an avid cook, is excited when local chef Scarlet Cleaver advertises for guinea pigs. Despite Coco's warnings Fuzzy sets off in search of the restaurant and a daring rescue mission ensues. 192 pages with illustrations by Sarah Horne.</p>	<p>Guinea Pigs Online (Book 1) Jennifer Gray and Amanda Swift ISBN: 9780857389909</p>

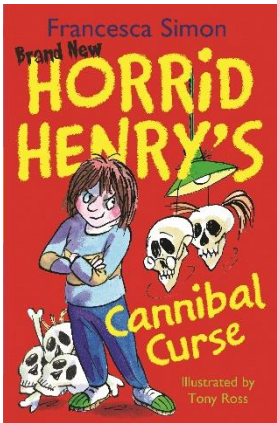
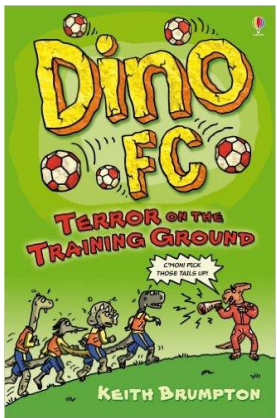
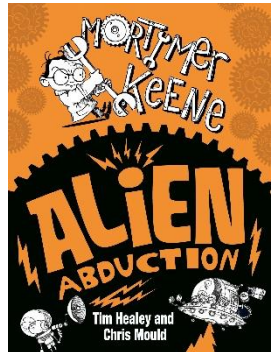
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	<p>This series sets itself apart from similar fairy-centric books through the fascinating character of Sprite. As a fairy companion to the young girl Violet, Sprite is alternately hilarious and heartwarming as he helps Violet return escaped fairies to the Otherworld. Published over ten years ago, Pixie Tricks is somewhat of a forerunner to the current fairy craze. Perfect for readers ready to move past easy readers. 112 pages.</p>	<p>Sprite's Secret: Pixie Tricks 1 Tracey West ISBN: 9780439172189</p>
	<p>Follow the wildly imaginative adventures of Esme as she leaves behind her circus home for the first time to spend the summer with her cousins Magnus, Cosmo and Gus at Maclinkey Castle where it's easy to get lost and where you can discover all sorts of weird and wonderful animals in unlikely places - there are porcupines in beds, lizards in drawers and giraffes on the loo... 176 pages.</p>	<p>Amazing Esme Tamara Macfarlane 9780340999936</p>
	<p>Readers will find plenty of friendship and magic in this classic young reader series. Next door neighbours Ivy and Bean form an unlikely friendship as they get each other out of trouble and discover they have more in common than they ever imagined. The gold standard of short chapter books for newly confident readers. 120 pages.</p>	<p>Ivy and Bean (Book 1) Annie Barrows ISBN: 9780811849098</p>

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	<p>Mattie is nine years old and she worries about everything. Which isn't surprising. Because when you have a family as big and crazy as hers, there's always something to worry about. Will the seeds she's planted in the garden with her brothers and sisters grow into fruit and veg like everyone promised? Why does it seem as if Grandma doesn't like them sometimes? And what's wrong with Mum?</p> <p>Fortunately, reassurance is always close to hand in this first winning story about the lovable Butterfield clan. 128 pages.</p>	<p>My Funny Family Chris Higgins 9780340989845</p>
	<p>Magic becomes part of real life in this captivating story of a little girl who finds out what would truly happen if all of her wishes suddenly came true. The Genie is a book for more confident Magic Animal Friends readers. However, visually interesting illustrations and a fast moving plot make it an enjoyable transition that ponders what would happen if magic really did exist. 64 pages.</p>	<p>The Genie Mary Hooper ISBN: 9781781122037</p>
	<p>Ellie and the Sea Monster combines all of the best parts of princess books with the action of a swashbuckling adventure. Ellie is a princess who goes on adventures full of danger and monsters but instead of fighting the monsters she meets, she makes friends with them! The character of the sea monster alone makes this a must read for confident Magic Animal Friends readers. 64 pages.</p>	<p>Ellie and the Sea Monster Vivian French ISBN: 9781781122709</p>

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	<p>The grand residence of the famous alchemist, Mr Fountain, is a world away from the dark orphanage Rose has left behind. For the house is positively overflowing with sparkling magic - she can feel it. And it's not long before Rose realises that maybe, just maybe, she has a little bit of magic in her, too... 272 pages.</p>	<p>Rose Holly Webb 9781408304471</p>
	<p>Adapting the subject of fairies to a slightly older audience, The 13th Fairy is the long-awaited magic adventure book for girls who don't wear pink. With a storyline as entertaining as it is thought-provoking, this book's short length allows it to elegantly bridge the gap between simple and more complex reads. 64 pages.</p>	<p>The 13th Fairy Kaye Umansky ISBN: 9781781123492</p>
	<p>There is enough magic in The Worst Witch series to captivate more confident Magic Animal Friends readers one hundred times over. There are many books that make the transition to more challenging chapter books but only The Worst Witch makes the switch with this much humour and heart. 128 pages.</p>	<p>The Worst Witch Jill Murphy ISBN: 9780141329596</p>

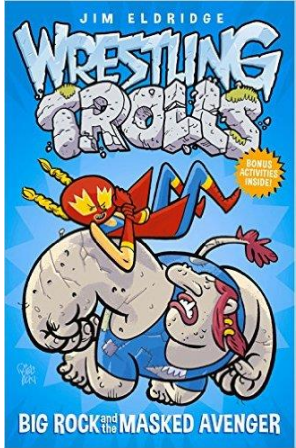
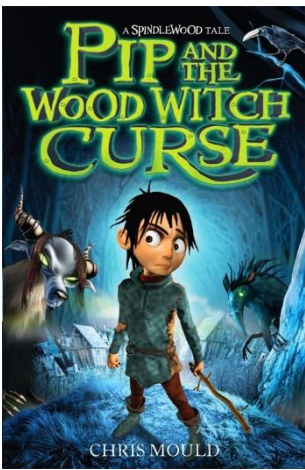

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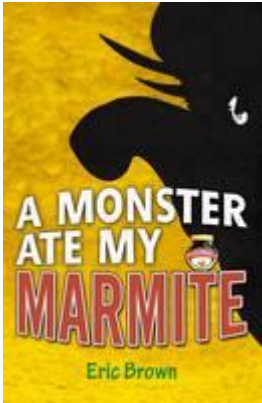

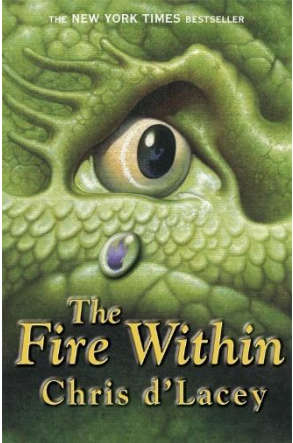
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	<p>Easy but fun reads for children, the Pocket Heroes series delves into the fascinating question of “What were famous figures like as children?” Entertaining illustrations and short book lengths make these ideal for more reluctant readers. 64 pages.</p>	<p>Pocket Heroes: Sir Lance-a-Little Dave Woods and Chris Inns ISBN: 9781408313596</p>
	<p>The Beast Quest books remain incredibly popular and the familiar plot pattern and tales of wizards, heroes, magic and deadly beasts draw in even the most reluctant readers. The first series of books follows the journey of two unlikely heroes – Tom, a seemingly ordinary boy from the village of Errinel, and his new-found friend, the orphan Elenna – in a quest to save the kingdom of Avantia from the Dark Wizard, Malvel. 128 pages.</p>	<p>Beast Quest 1: Ferno and the Fire Dragon Adam Blade 9781846164835</p>
	<p>Illustrated by David Melling, this is the first book in a six part series with books 1-3 available now and book 4 coming in 2016. The series follows Sam J. Butterbiggins as he attempts to fulfil his only ambition of becoming a Very Noble Knight. Whilst staying with his aunt and uncle, Sam discovers a scroll which gives instructions on the six quests to be completed in order to become the perfect knight... Suitable for Key Stage 1 pupils. 128 pages.</p>	<p>Knight in Training 1: Dragons Can't Swim Vivian French 9781444922271</p>


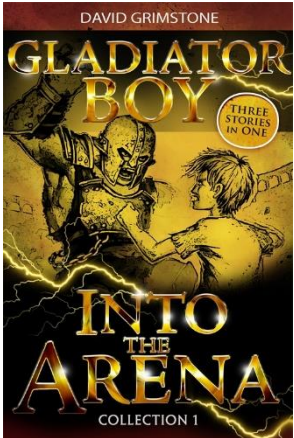
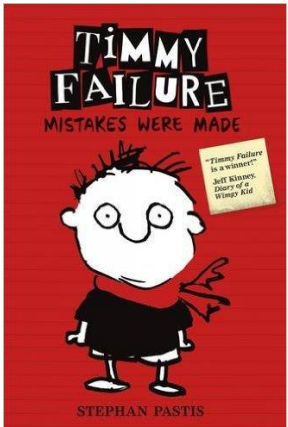
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	<p>Part of the final collection of four brand new utterly horrid stories, the <i>Horrid Henry</i> series remains incredibly popular with young readers. In this instalment Henry conjures up an ancient cannibal's curse to deal with his enemies and his small, annoying brother. For ages 6+. 112 pages.</p>	<p>Horrid Henry's Cannibal Curse</p> <p>Francesca Simon</p> <p>9781444000184</p>
	<p>Fans of <i>Beast Quest</i> will love the <i>Sea Quest</i> series. When Cephalox the Cyber Squid kidnaps Max's dad, he gives chase in a stolen submarine. Can Max use his bravery, cunning and skill with gadgets to rescue him? And will he discover who controls the terrifying Robobeasts? For pupils aged 7+. 128 pages.</p>	<p>Sea Quest 1: Cephalox the Cyber Squid</p> <p>Adam Blade</p> <p>9781408318485</p>
	<p>Dino FC is the craziest team in the Jurassic world! Football fans will love this wild and witty series, illustrated with wacky cartoon-style drawings. In the first book in the series Dino FC are at the bottom of the Premier League when chairman Danny Deinonychus drafts in a new fitness trainer to turn the team around... 96 pages.</p>	<p>Dino FC 1: Terror on the Training Ground</p> <p>Keith Brumpton</p> <p>ISBN: 9781409504832</p>
	<p>Mortimer Keene is full of bursting with madcap plans, and if it's trouble you're after, look no further! With laugh out loud illustrations, rollicking rhymes, and short chapters perfect for new readers, this third book in the series sees Mortimer Keene up to no good again with an alien ray gun machine! With illustrations by Chris Mould this book will appeal to readers aged 6+. 96 pages.</p>	<p>Mortimer Keene 3: Alien Abduction</p> <p>Tim Healey</p> <p>9780340997758</p>


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	<p>Young protagonist Tom goes on a treasure hunt through time to battle history's mightiest warriors. Knight Quest, the second book in the series, finds Tom confronting the legendary knights of King Arthur's round table. Immediately appealing for fans of action and adventure, the series' formula makes it easy for reluctant readers to pick up the next volume. 176 pages.</p>	<p>Time Hunters: Knight Quest Chris Blake ISBN: 9780007514007</p>
	<p>Football fans will love the six books in the Football Academy series. In the first book we meet left-winger Jake. He's a fantastic player but is always told he's too small to play at the highest level. He keeps trying though and finally makes the Premier League United team. However, someone at the club is out to make his life difficult...A great read for fans of Frankie's Magic Football. 179 pages.</p>	<p>Football Academy 1: Boys United Tom Palmer ISBN:</p>
	<p>Written in an engaging "found journal" style, the Charlie Small series is a wildly imaginative chronicle of adventurer Charlie Small's journeys. Fast-paced and action-packed, these books are for slightly more confident readers who want to continue to read about harrowing adventures. 144 pages.</p>	<p>Charlie Small: Gorilla City Charlie Small ISBN: 9780385617277</p>
	<p>Sure, you can battle a dragon to free him from a Wizard's curse, but what happens when you keep a dragon as a pet? The Dragonsitter series answers this question with a run of hilarious escapades by a young boy Edward and his Uncle Morton's pet dragon. 112 pages.</p>	<p>The Dragonsitter Josh Lacey ISBN: 9781849394192</p>

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	<p>George's dog Timmy sniffs out an adventure when he spots some suspicious-looking passengers on a train. He is very interested in one of them, but what has he spotted? Can the Famous Five solve this mystery? In addition to the 21 novels in the Famous Five series, Enid Blyton wrote a clutch of short stories based on the characters. These were published in magazines and were collected in the Famous Five Short Story Collection (Hodder). For the first time, the complete text of Five and a Half-Term Adventure appears in an individual volume, illustrated in full colour. 80 pages.</p>	<p>Famous Five Colour Reads: Five and a Half-Term Adventure</p> <p>Enid Blyton and illustrated by Jamie Littler</p> <p>9781444916256</p>
	<p>A farcical play-off of Robin Hood and his merry men, the Green Men of Gressingham was written and printed with reluctant readers in mind. Illustrations, page breaks, and short chapters all make this book inviting to pick up while its storyline makes it impossible to put down. After wide acclaim for the Green Men's humour and style, a sequel to the book, The Red Dragons of Gressingham, was published in 2012. 64 pages.</p>	<p>The Green Men of Gressingham</p> <p>Philip Ardagh</p> <p>ISBN: 9781842992227</p>
	<p>Stupendously silly and always engaging, Jeremy Strong has been hooking reluctant readers into books for years. <i>There's a Viking in my Bed</i> continues this winning formula, combining the world of swords and shields with a modern day English town that suddenly finds a Viking in its midst. Although slightly longer than the Frankie's Football Magic books, Strong's sense of humour promises to make the pages fly by. 208 pages.</p>	<p>There's a Viking in my Bed and Other Stories</p> <p>Jeremy Strong</p> <p>ISBN: 9780141325927</p>

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	<p>The first book of six in a fun new series by award winning writer and illustrator Jim Eldridge. Jack knows every wrestling move there is to know, and his dreams come true when he's recruited as a training assistant to Waldo's Wrestling Trolls. Little does Jack know that he's actually part troll, and that when his new family is in trouble he morphs into the terrifying Thud!</p> <p>240 pages.</p>	<p>Big Rock and the Masked Avenger: Wrestling Trolls: Match One</p> <p>Jim Eldridge</p> <p>ISBN: 9781471401930</p>
	<p>Readers on the lookout for something a little scarier will love Pip and the Wood Witch Curse. The great walled city of Hangman's Hollow is at war with the forest outside. Into this war, one dreadful winter's night, fate delivers a skinny, helpless boy. But maybe Pip isn't as helpless as he seems. Maybe he is the one who will defeat the wood witches and rescue the children of Hangman's Hollow...</p> <p>176 pages.</p>	<p>Pip and the Wood Witch Curse</p> <p>Chris Mould</p> <p>9780340970690</p>
	<p>Set in a medieval fantasy world similar to the world of Beast Quest, Young Merlin is a transition chapter book for more confident series fiction readers. Chronicling the early adventures of the wizard Merlin, this book is full of magic, dragons, and adventure. Despite its chapter book format, Young Merlin is still very short, making it a non-threatening next read after books such as Frankie's Magic Football. 64 pages.</p>	<p>Young Merlin</p> <p>Tony Bradman</p> <p>ISBN: 9781781120729</p>

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	<p>Ever wish you could just jump in a time machine to finish that pesky history homework? Maybe even travel back to the middle ages and meet a real knight in armour? That's what Mouse and Millie thought too before they were forced to save a village from an evil monster. A reluctant-reader friendly story about how being a knight is harder than it seems. 64 pages.</p>	<p>A Monster Ate My Marmite Eric Brown ISBN: 9781842991114</p>
	<p>Full of swashbuckling and seawigs, Oliver and the Seawigs is a book about a young boy who goes off on an adventure in search of his missing parents. Occupying the middle ground between a picture book and a chapter book, humorous writing and detailed illustrations make it an excellent bridge from series fiction to longer reads. 208 pages.</p>	<p>Oliver and the Seawigs Philip Reeve ISBN :9780192734556</p>
	<p>'David ran a hand through his mop of brown hair. Dragons. It was certainly different from his last set of lodgings, where all you got were spiders and the occasional mouse. "It's perfect," he said.'</p> <p>When David arrives at Wayward Crescent he has no idea what lurks inside the Pennykettle house. Only when he's given his own special dragon does he begin to unlock their mysterious secrets, and to discover the fire within... 288 pages.</p>	<p>The Last Dragon Chronicles: 1: The Fire Within Chris D'Lacey 9781841215334</p>

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	<p>When Molly and her little brother Jack visit their rich relatives on Ravenstorm Island, Molly feels immediately on edge. An elderly butler gives them bizarre warnings, eerie statues of children are dotted around the island, and she's expected to be friends with her moody cousin, Arthur. But things become much worse when Jack disappears - and no one else on the island remembers he ever existed! Molly and Arthur must work together to save Jack. They unlock a hidden world of vicious spirits, but will they uncover the secret behind the Lost Children before it's too late? 272 pages.</p>	<p>Mysteries of Ravenstorm Island: The Lost Children Gillian Phillip 9781408330180</p>
	<p>Books 1-3 of a gripping series packed full of action and adventure as young gladiator Decimus Rex fights for survival in Ancient Rome. Captured and sold into slavery, Decimus Rex is trained to fight as a gladiator in the infamous Arena. Our young hero must take on the might of Rome in order to survive. With the same text size and illustrations throughout, this is perfect for readers who like action/adventure. 304 pages.</p>	<p>Gladiator Boy: Collection 1 David Grimstone 9781444920611</p>
	<p>Written and illustrated by New York Times bestselling cartoonist Stephan Pastis, this award-winning series featuring the brilliantly bad kid detective Timmy Failure and his sidekick polar bear Total is sure to have your students in stitches. Follow the adventures of Timmy and his detective agency Total Failure Inc. across four books. Suitable for readers aged 7+. 304 pages</p>	<p>Timmy Failure 1: Mistakes Were Made Stephen Pastis ISBN: 9781406347876</p>

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	<p>A full-fledged chapter book over 200 pages, this marks the full transition into more challenging reads for series fiction lovers. However, How to Train Your Dragon is so much fun that many readers will find it a remarkably easy transition. Having been made into a movie, the book easily lends itself to a combined reading/watching experience that promises to convince any reluctant reader. 227 pages.</p>	<p>How to Train Your Dragon Cressida Cowell ISBN: 9780340999073</p>