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Primary Reading Treasure Hunt

A fun book treasure hunt for your classroom

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Lower Primary

Teacher Guide

This resource can be used as part of your Reading Schools journey to involve learners in promoting and exploring the fun of reading with peers, staff and families.

Print off the book covers on pages 6-8 and hide them around your classroom or school. Print off the letters and place one beside each book cover. Print the worksheet (either one per pupil, or group) on page 4-5.

The treasure hunt is based on picture books, however pupils may need support with reading the riddles – inviting older pupils to work together with younger ones is a great way to help with this.

Once they've matched the riddles to the book covers they have found and written down the letters, they can unscramble them to reveal a secret phrase...

Riddle 1: She wriggles, she squirms she jumps high and low... Remember tigers and ticklish too you know!

Book: *Never Tickle a Tiger* by Pamela Butchart and Marc Boutavant

Letter: k

Riddle 2: It's lion o'clock, stay inside your house! But the lion has a secret, he's scare of a mouse!

Book: *The Lion Inside* by Rachel Bright and Jim Field

Letter: o

Riddle 3: One wild night, Max crowns himself king... He shouts with glee, 'let the wild rumpus begin!'

Book: *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak

Letter: v

Riddle 4: A pair of explorers all ready to go... There's more to a back garden than you thought, you know!

Book: *Lollipop and Grandpa's Back Garden Safari* by Penelope Harper and Cate James

Letter: I

Riddle 5: Look out! Pirates! Are they going far? All I can hear from here is a distant "Arrrrrrr!"

Book: *Ten Little Pirates* by Mike Brownlow and Simon Rickerty

Letter: o

Riddle 6: Two robber dogs, all they do is take... Until they find out that life's better when you bake!

Book: *Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam* by Tracey Corderoy and Steven Lenton

Letter: e

Riddle 7: A witch's cat named Wilbur chases a bee... More chaos and clatter than you ever did see!

Book: *Winnie and the Witch* by Valerie Thomas and Korky Paul

Letter: b

Riddle 8: What's that? Surely not! You're having a lark! The last thing you expect is a shark in the _ _ _ _!

Book: *Shark in the Park* by Nick Sharratt

Letter: s

Riddle 9: A fish takes a hat that doesn't belong to him... Will anyone notice if he takes it for a swim?

Book: *This Is Not My Hat*, Jon Klassen

Letter: l

Riddle 10: Going for a walk? Get to know your bears... Read this guide to make sure you're prepared!

Book: *A Beginner's Guide to Bear Spotting* by Michelle Robinson and David Roberts

Letter: o

Secret phrase: I love books

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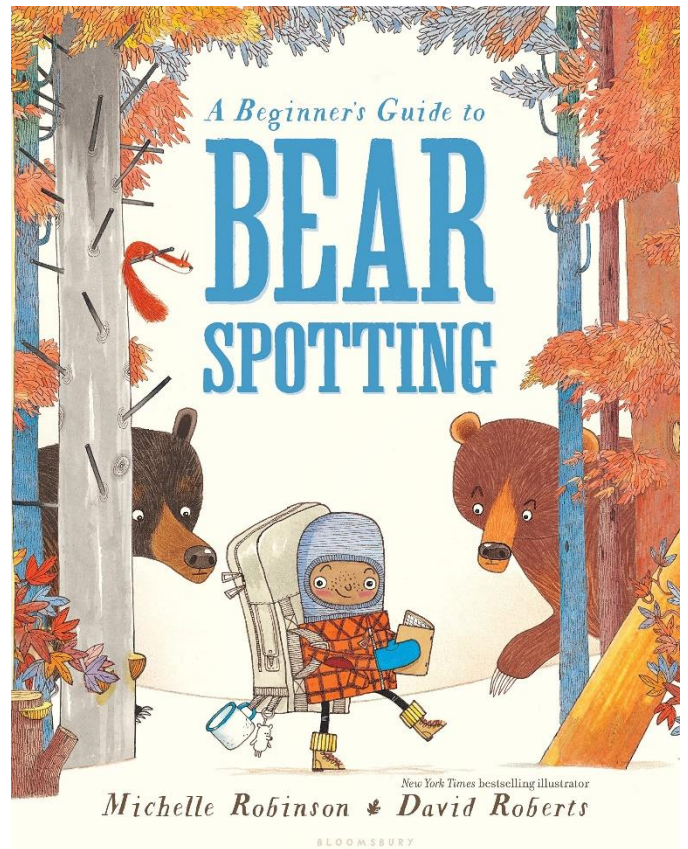
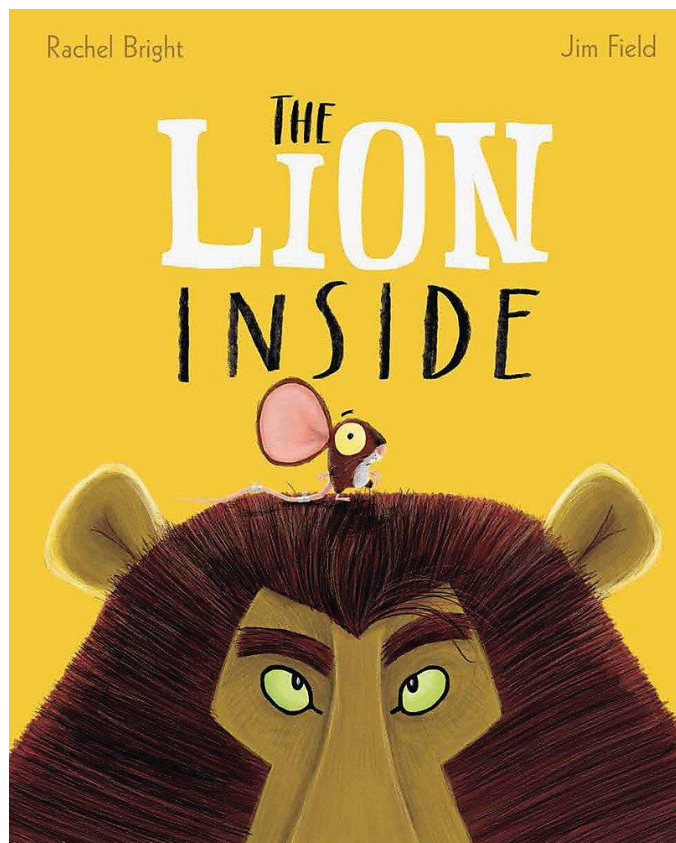
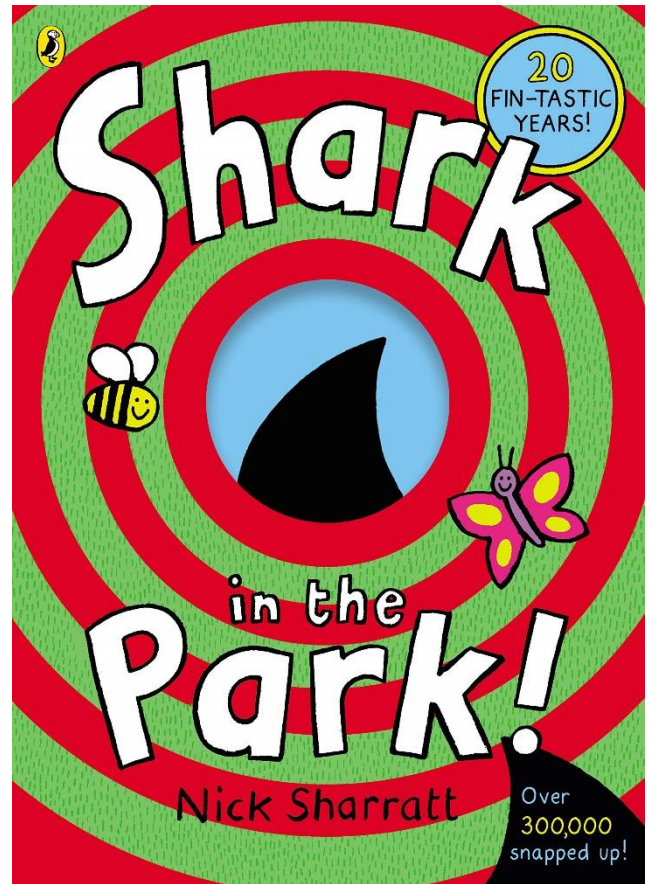
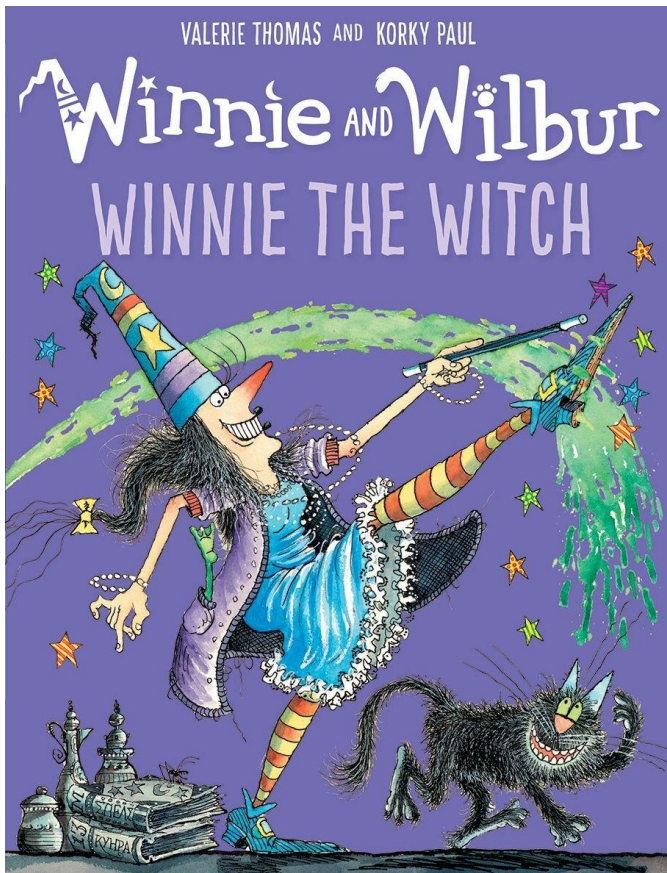
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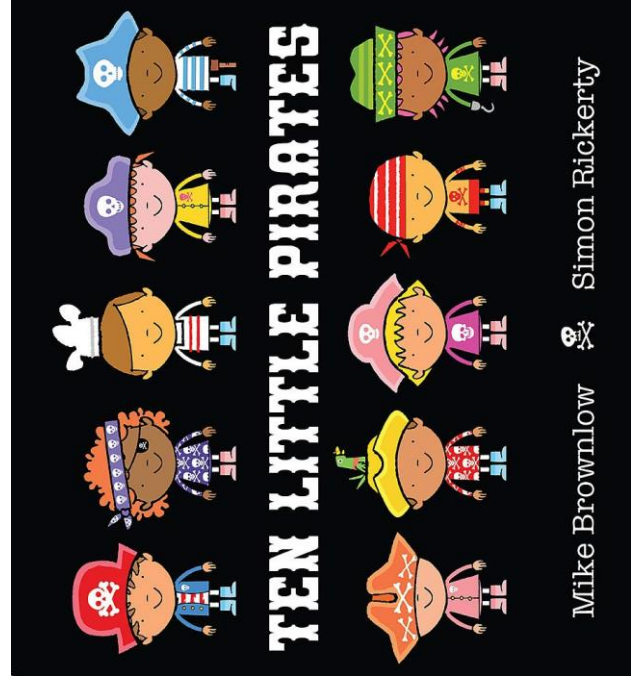
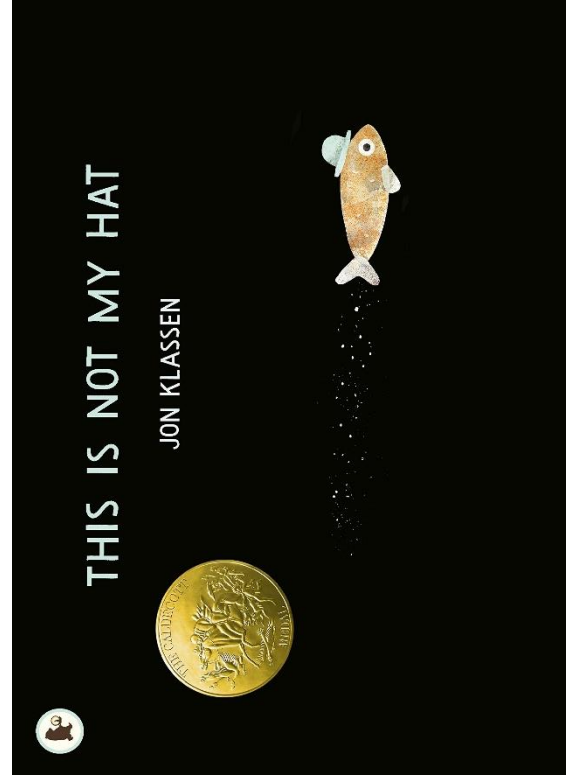
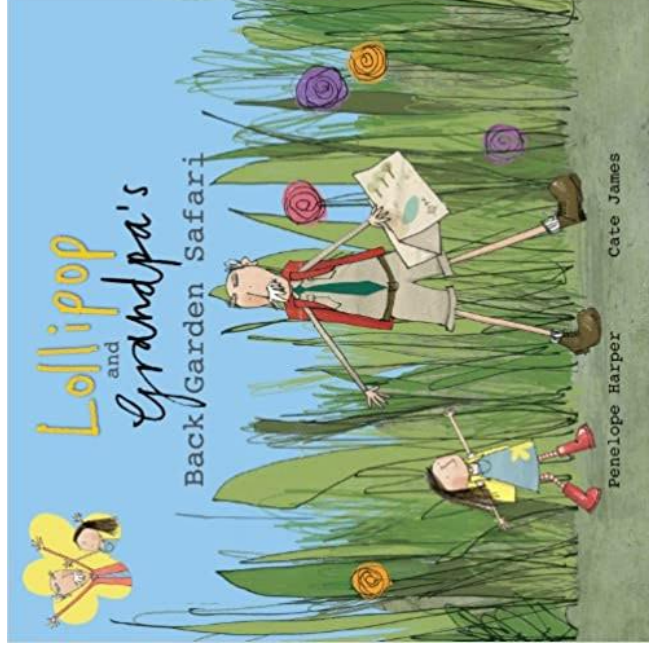
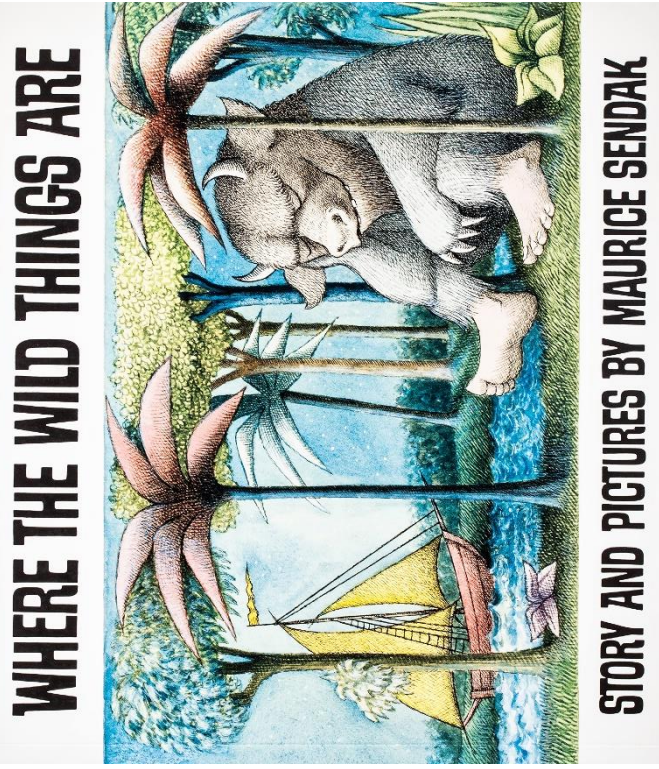
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Lower Primary Book Covers







I love books

Upper Primary

Teacher Guide

Print off the book covers on pages 14-16 and hide them around your classroom or school. Print off the letters and place one beside each book cover. Print the worksheet on page 12-13 so there's one per group. Pupils will need to work together to match the riddles to the book covers and fill in the answer sheet, including the letter they find next to each book cover.

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Book: *Inkheart* by Cornelia Funke

Letter: e

Riddle 2: Children asleep, on a giant adventure I'm bound... where frobscottle, snozcumbers and whizpoppers are found!

Book: *The BFG* by Roald Dahl

Letter: g

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Book: *First Aid for Fairies and Other Fabled Beasts* by Lari Don

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Book: *Kiki's Delivery Service* by Eiko Kadono

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Book: *Danger is Everywhere* by David O'Doherty

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Book: *The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson

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Book: *Julia and the Shark* by Kiran Millwood Hargrave and Tom de Freston

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Book: *My Brother is a Superhero*, David Solomons

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Book: *Disgusting Science* by Glenn Murphy

Letter: r

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Book: *Horrid Henry's Jumbo Joke Book*, Francesca Simon

Letter: a

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Book: *Rosie Revere Engineer* by Andrea Beaty and David Roberts

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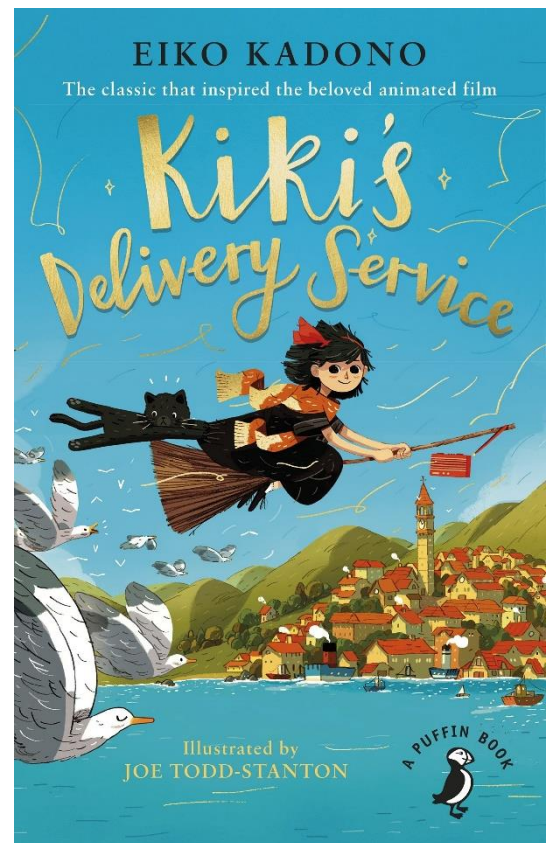
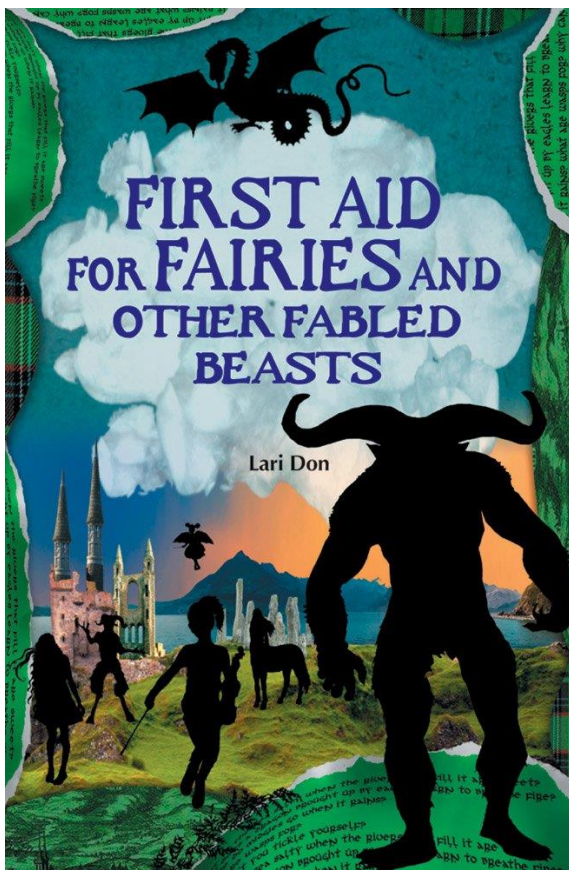
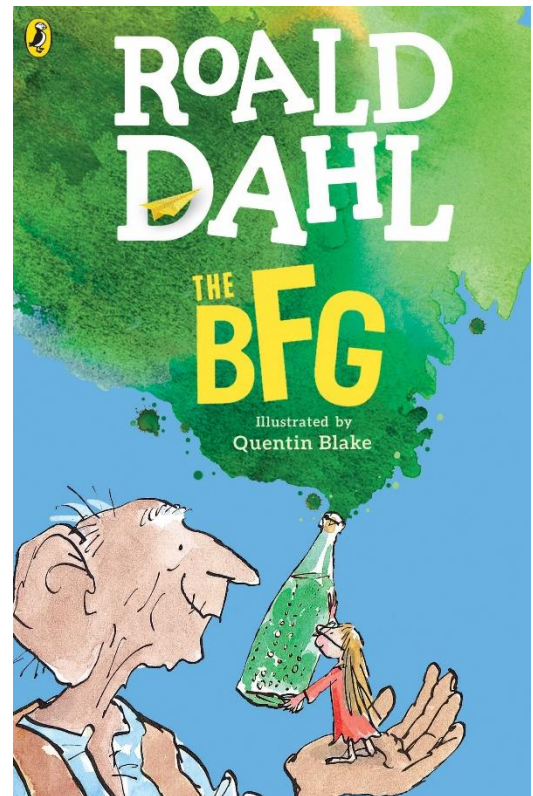
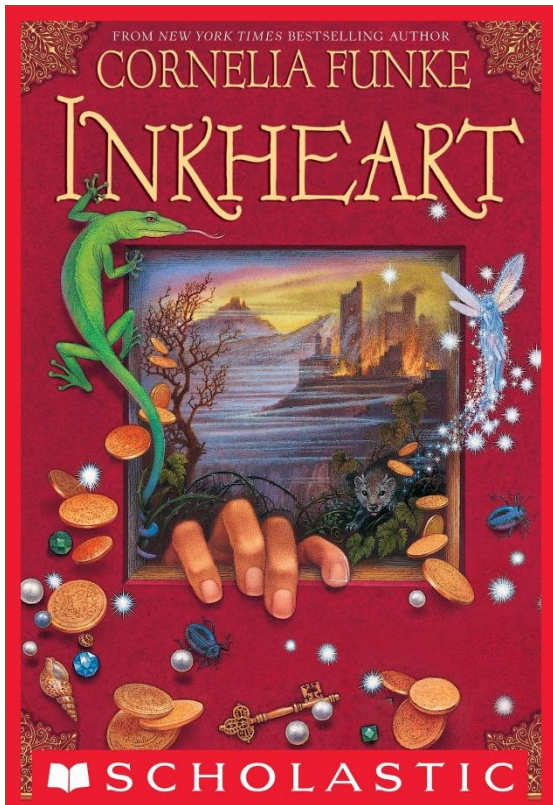
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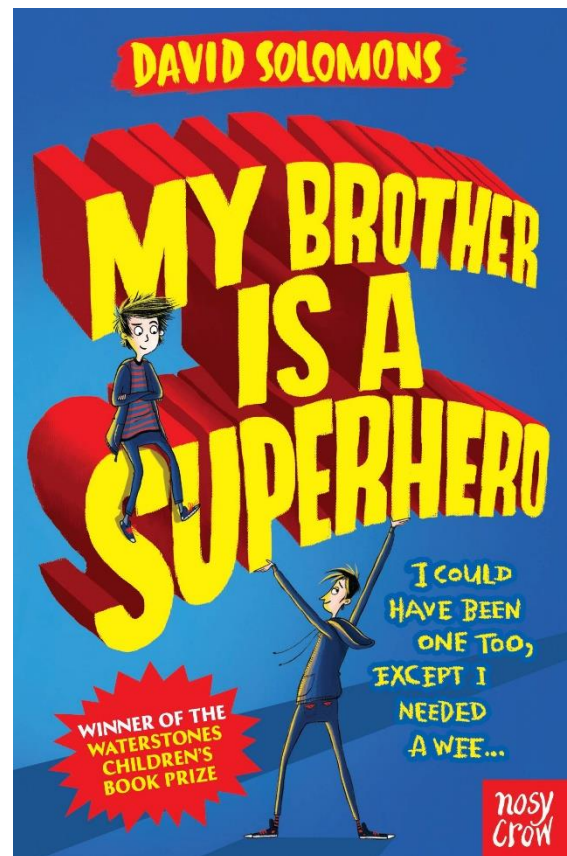
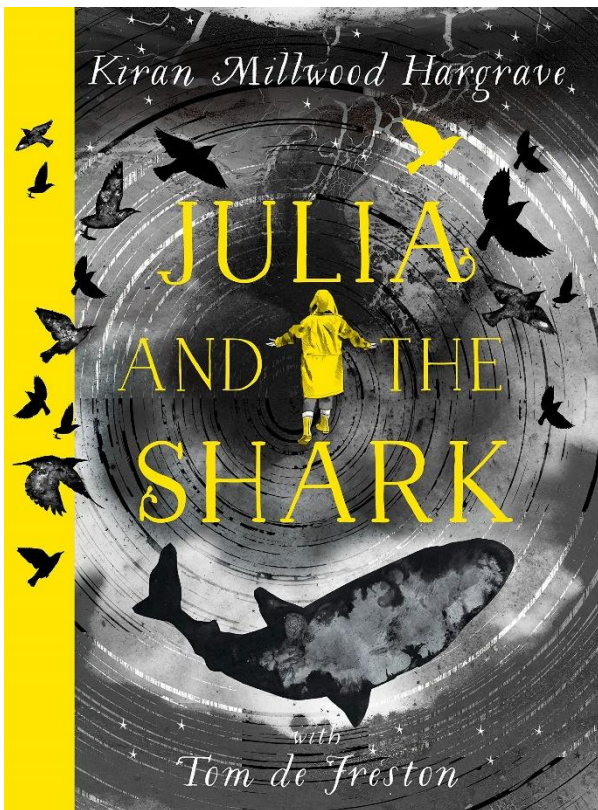
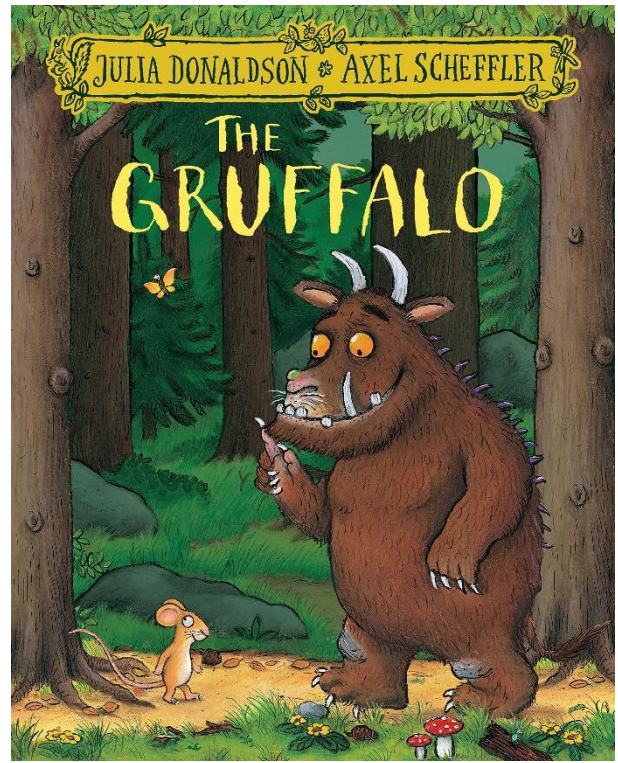
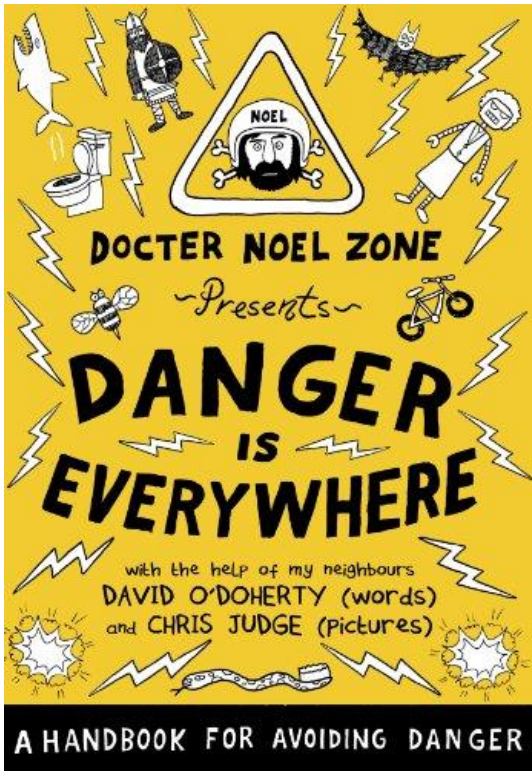
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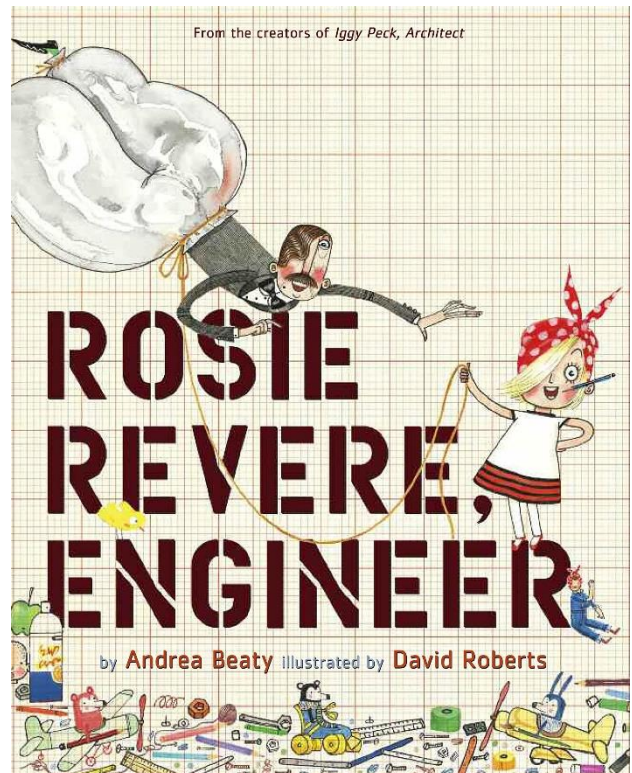
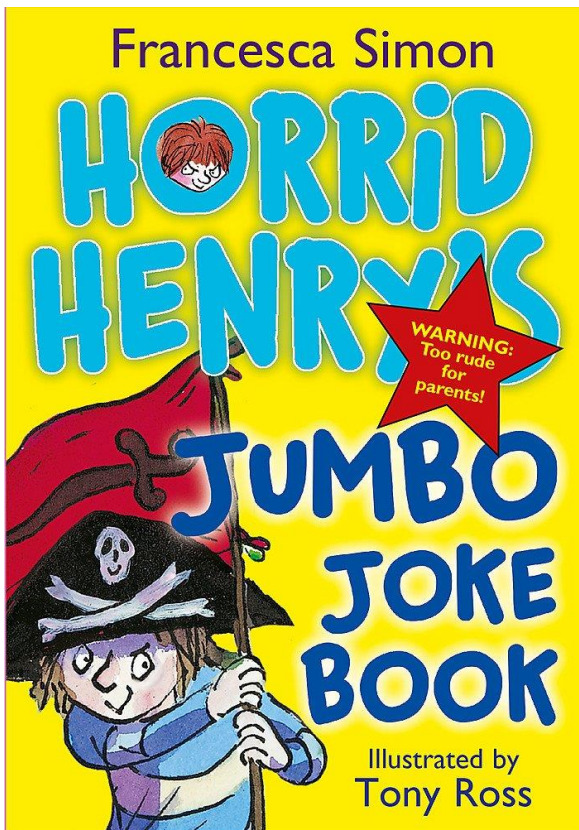
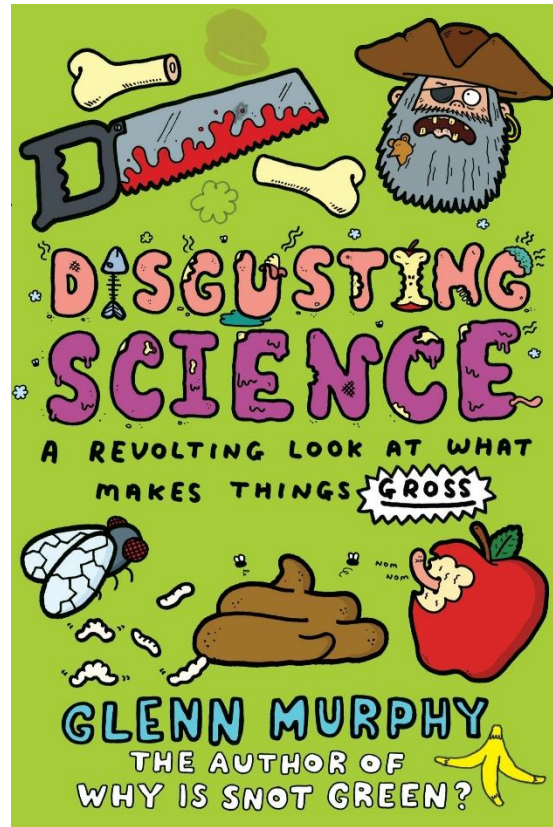
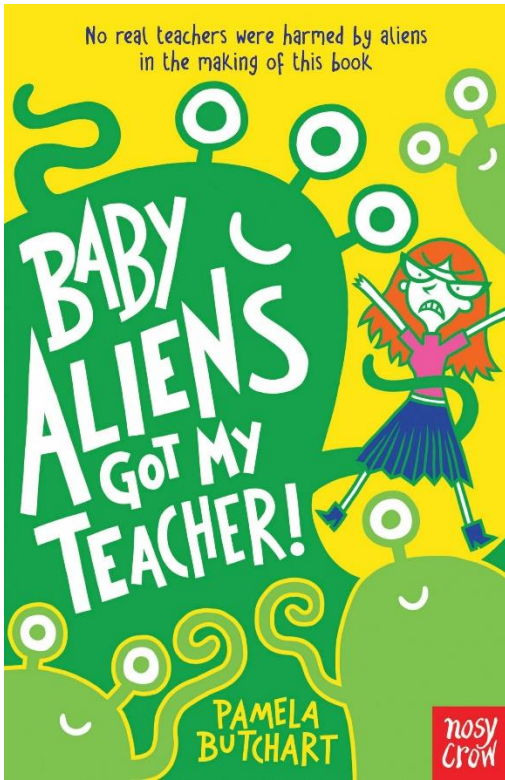
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Upper Primary Book Covers







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Further Activities

If your pupils enjoyed this treasure hunt, here's some other ideas to try!

- Create your own treasure hunt based on the books your class have enjoyed, then invite families to take part so they can learn more about what you've been reading.
- Get the pupils to plan a treasure hunt for another class based on their favourite books. This could be a great way to build excitement for a [paired reading project](#).
- Download our app [Bookzilla](#) and search for the books on there. How many can they find? Are there any they want to save to read later?
- Use our [Introduction to Bookzilla Lesson Plan](#) to learn about genres. Can you guess the genres of the books in the treasure hunt?
- Visit your school or local library, or local bookshop, to see which of the books they have in stock.
- Let the pupils vote on which of the books they'd most like to read as a class. Once you have a copy, use our [10 Things to Do with Any Book](#) resource to explore it together.