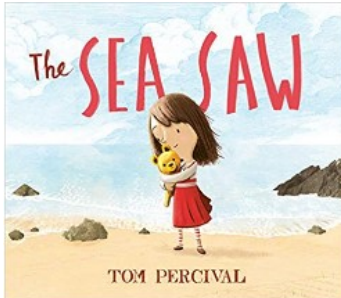


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RAB book recommendations for Easter

Picture books

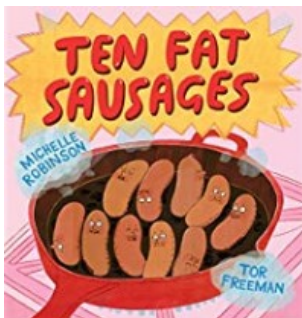
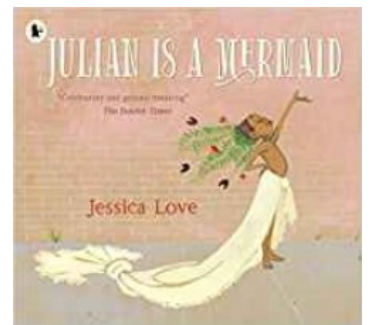


It seems as though I recommend a Tom Percival book in each newsletter, but that's because he is brilliant! The illustrations are beautiful and the story is too! I know that this picture book will be loved by all ages, especially some of our older children who will be able to recognise the similarities with Edward Tulane (I know that it's a school favourite!).

A little girl loses her Teddy when she's at the beach, but the sea does everything possible to return the bear to its rightful owner. Will it make it back to her?

Every now and then, a book breaks the mould and becomes an instant classic. Jessica Love has created one of those! Julian is on the train with his nana one day when he sees some ladies dressed up in flamboyant clothing and is instantly transfixed. When he gets home he wants to recreate the outfits that he saw on the train. But how will nana react?

There is little text, but the pictures speak volumes. Another picture book for all ages that discusses differences and acceptance.

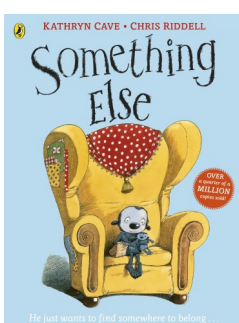
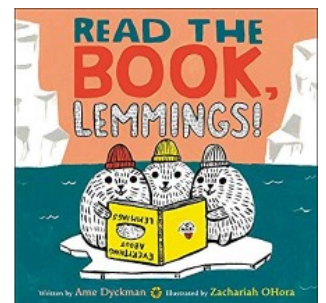


A funny retelling of the old rhyme 'ten fat sausages, sizzling in a pan' by Michelle Robinson and Tor Freeman. Except the sausages don't particularly want to be sizzled! Join them as they try to escape and find a better life outside of the pan! We borrowed this from the library and had many rereads, giggling along the way. It will quickly work its way to the top of your favourites pile (and stay there).

The illustrations are superb and you will want to spend the time devouring each page.

Read The Book Lemmings is a hilarious book by Ame Dyckman and Zachariah O'Hara about the importance of reading! Foxy's book says that lemmings don't jump off cliffs. But the lemmings don't actually find this out because they haven't read the book! Captain Polar Bear and Foxy become increasingly frustrated that the lemmings don't seem to learn from their mistakes until Foxy realises that it's because they can't actually read...

Will they ever learn?



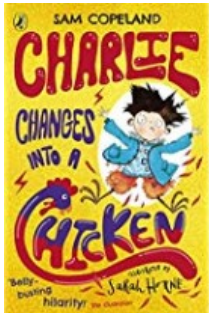
Mrs Cooper recommends 'Something else' by Kathryn Cave & Chris Riddell

This is a fabulous book that I shared with quite a few classes during our last diversity week. The main character is a small creature called 'Something Else' who is desperate to make friends with the other animals. But no one will be his friend because he is different. Then 'Something' turns up and wants to be friends but Something Else is just not sure. A truly lovely book with a positive message about accepting difference and diversity.

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Chapter books for younger readers



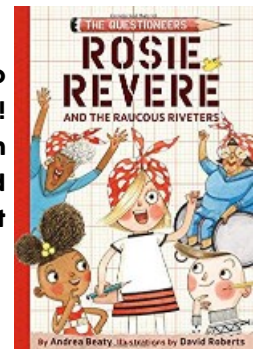
I picked this book up to have a flick through, a while later I realised that I needed to buy the book or be thrown out of the shop for loitering. This hilarious novel is about Charlie, who can turn into any animal that he wants, but only when he is worried and currently he has a lot to worry about!

It's not fun turning into a chicken at school so he needs some help from his friends to control his superpowers.

I know you'll be chuckling along to this just as I did!

I'm hoping that you've read the picture books that preceded this book. If not, you need to run to the shop and buy Rosie Revere, Ava Twist and Izzy Peck now, they are unmissable! This is the first in the series of longer reads using the same characters. Rosie is tasked with helping out the riveters by inventing a new painting machine. This book is great and perfect for a younger readers who want to venture into chapter books due to its short chapters.

Rosie is all about resilience and learning from her mistakes, the perfect role model!



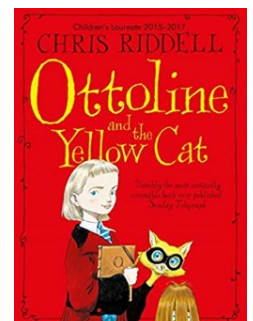
This is one of the most exciting adventure stories that I've read in a while. This is accessible for younger readers but will be enjoyed by all ages. It would be a massive shame not to share this with your children and by that I mean adults will enjoy hearing the story too! This is an Eighties nostalgic treat that has elements of the Goonies in it.

The unlikely duo Nessa and Demelza are the perfect heroes in this story as they go on an epic adventure to find out the truth about an old legend (surely it can't be true!)

This is packed with colourful characters and will leave you wanting a pet Goose!

Chris Riddell is a genius, that is no secret. His illustrations are phenomenal and his stories are out of this world. I must admit that I was unaware of his 'Ottoline' series (four books) until this year when I found the set in a charity shop. My daughter loved them and we finished the set in a few weeks. A perfect mix of text and intricate pictures as Ottoline embarks on many adventures solving mysteries and puzzles with her best friend Mr Monroe (a bog man).

A delightful series for all readers to enjoy independently.



Miss Robinson recommends 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons'

Who wouldn't like their own dragon? Tomas discovers a strange tree at the bottom of his garden. He takes one of the fruits from the tree back into the house - and gets the shock and delight of his life when a tiny dragon hatches!

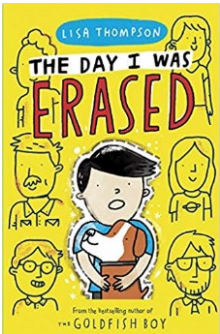
As you can imagine, it is not easy looking after a dragon but of course it is lots of fun! Join Tomas and Flicker in this inventive and imaginative tale.



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Lisa Thompson is one of my favourite authors and I love the way that her novels tackle serious issues with a light-hearted touch.

Maxwell is the 'naughty boy' he's been branded with that label and he's finding it hard to shake it off. We slowly begin to see a softer side of him though, through his love for his dog 'Monster' and how he cares for his old neighbour. Unfortunately after a few disastrous events Maxwell wishes that he had never been born, he wasn't ready for the consequences of his wish. Can he right his wrongs? Can he find a way to be real again?

A Pinch of Magic by Michelle Harrison is a magical mystery that will hook you in. There are plenty of unexpected twists and turns that will leave you desperate to read on!

The story focuses in on three sisters who all yearn for a bit of adventure in their lives but none of them could have expected the adventure that laid ahead of them. There is a family curse that means none of the Wildershins can leave their island. Can the sisters figure out how to break the curse before it is too late? There is more than just a pinch of magic in this novel, there are buckets of it!



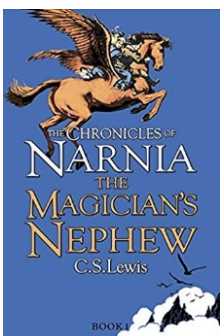
Alex Sparrow by Jennifer Killick has been my surprise read of the year. I picked it up not knowing what to expect, but ended up loving every page of it!

Alex Sparrow is a bit of a dreamer. He wishes that he had a superpower, any superpower! But an ear that farts every time somebody lies isn't exactly what he hoped for! He teams up with Jess who can speak to animals. The two of them must work out what is going on at their school, is someone really brainwashing the children into good behaviour?

I laughed my way through this, it is absolutely hilarious! (There is a sequel now too!)

Ghost by Jason Reynolds is an American best seller that was released two years ago, luckily for us it has finally made its way over to our shores. You'll be so glad that it has!

Ghost has not had an easy life and it doesn't look like he is making it easier for himself either. All he needs is a champion. He ends up watching an athletic team training at the local park and joins in a race to prove that they're not all that. He ends up being invited onto the team. Will 'Coach' be the champion that Ghost has needed? Or will he mess up his only chance?



Mrs Kimber recommends **The Magician's Nephew** by C S Lewis.

This is the prequel to the *Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. My favourite of the Narnia Chronicles. It sets up the second book beautifully, explaining how the 'wardrobe' has been made and many other elements of the next story. However, it has a powerful, magical story all of its own. Digory and Polly find coloured rings which transport them into various dangerous worlds where they awaken statues, battle an evil witch queen, find apples that make you immortal and watch Aslan create his magical world. It's so exciting and beautifully written. A classic that every child should read.