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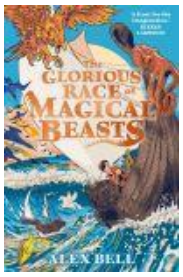
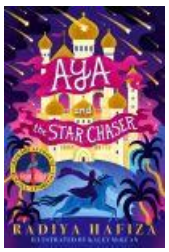
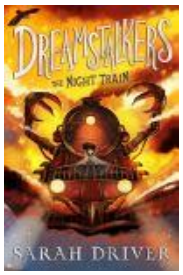
ABLE READERS KS2 2024

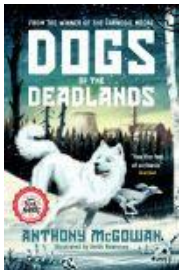
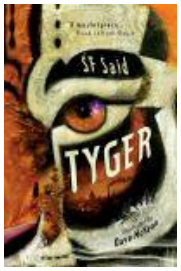
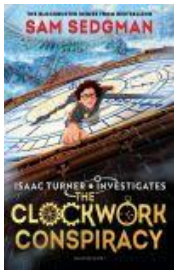
LOWER KEY STAGE 2

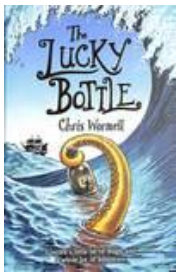
	Scrap	**Bass, Guy**	Welcome to Planet Somewhere 513, ruled by robots. The robots banished all humans, or at least that's what they thought until 2 children appear searching for K1-NG, a mighty robot beloved by their mother. But a lot has changed since their mother told them stories of the past, and K1-NG is nowhere to be found. Undeterred, the children approach Scrap for help, a robot who has seen better days and so begins a page-turning adventure. Can the children discover where K1-NG is and will he help them?	Children's Fiction
	**The Glorious Race of Magical Beasts**	**Bell, Alex**	Eli, an apprentice librarian who is happiest spending time with his pet moon-tortoise, has always kept his magical abilities secret. But now he must use them to survive as he enters the Glorious Race of Magical Beasts, the perilous competition which killed his parents, in an attempt to raise money to save his ill Nana. A story of family and friendship, filled with magic, danger, adventure and fun!	Children's Fiction
	The Wonder Brothers	**Cottrell Boyce, Frank**	Can you believe it, the Blackpool Tower has disappeared in a magic trick?! Nathan and Middy are determined to find out how this was done and end up lost in Las Vegas trying to track down the magician. Follow Nathan and Middy, along with the police in Las Vegas, as they try to solve the puzzle and discover lots of unexpected things on the way. Funny and packed with guidance on how to do magical tricks, this will keep the suspense going right to the end!	Children's Fiction
	Pirates of Darksea	**Doyle, Catherine**	Hidden in the Atlantic Ocean lies the magical realm of Darksea. But the islands are in trouble as a monster is devouring them. Max is propelled into this world and hopes he might find magic to help save his brother who lies ill in hospital. Striking a deal with the captain of the Stolen Sunrise, Max must first overcome tidal waves, monsters, giant turtles and a ferocious band of pirates. An exciting page turner brimming with adventure and an entertaining parrot!	Children's Fiction

	Race to Frostfall Mountain	**French, Jess**	Are you ready for a quest? Set on the island of Ramoa, 3 children end up in the wild Beastlands filled with deadly animals. All are searching for something: a cure for a deadly disease, a stolen pangron and a new purpose having been rejected by his warrior family. This is the start of a new exciting series as the children learn about the Beastlands and also themselves. Great adventure story, with an illustrated guide to the beasts at the back.	Children's Fiction
	**Aya and the Star Chaser**	**Hafiza, Radiya**	Aya has always been fascinated by stars, but when she sneaks out to watch a meteor shower and gets struck by a shooting star, she develops powers beyond her control. This changes everything for Aya, and then the evil Abnus takes over the region, searching for great power. Will Aya be able to master her magic, defeat Abnus and keep her family and friends safe?	Children's Fiction
	Leila and the Blue Fox	**Hargrave, Kiran Millwood**	Based on a true story of an Arctic fox who walked from Norway to Canada. Leila is visiting her scientist mum in the Arctic as she tracks the fox on its journey. This story is beautifully illustrated. Their migration journeys are compared due to war and climate change as they seek safety. A powerful read.	Children's Fiction
	Stitch	**Kenny, Pádraig**	Stitch wakes up, just as he has done for the past 584 days patiently waiting for his creator to rouse. But Stitch's life in the castle is threatened with the arrival of the professor's nephew. Sensing danger, Stitch leaves to explore the surrounding villages and soon realises he is seen as different. A daring rescue and a blind man help change peoples' opinions. A fantastic reworking of Frankenstein, seeing the world through Stitch's eyes. A character brimming with kindness and empathy.	Children's Fiction
	The Swifts	**Lincoln, Beth**	A tongue-in-cheek gothic mystery with a murder in the library! Shenanigan's family is unlike any other; children's names picked from the dictionary, hidden rooms, lost treasure and a deadly family gathering. This is an entertaining read full of laughs and surprises. Will Shenanigan save the day and unveil the murderer? Can she break the mould of living up to her name and realise she can be anything she wants? Great fun.	Children's Fiction

UPPER KEY STAGE 2

	**The Night Train**	**Driver, Sarah**	Bea and her mother are shunned by their community, so Bea spends most of her time on her own with her pet owl. When the dreams disappear and nightmares stalk the land, a mysterious train arrives to whisk Bea to the city and the source of the nightmares. A flawed heroine, she must use all her resilience and self-belief to battle against evil powers and save the kingdom. Bea must learn who to trust and hopefully discover friendship along the way.	Children's Fiction
	The Tiger Who Sleeps Under My Chair	**Foley, Hannah**	Dorset, 2023: Jude makes friends with Rosie after she suffers a period of mental ill-health. London, 1880s: Emma, a 12 year-old is confined to her room and can only see the world through her attic window and letters from her brother. Slowly we learn how their stories are linked. There's a lot more to this beautiful, mysterious book than you first realise – family, friends, mental health, equality - but no spoilers!	Year 6 Younger Teen
	The Raven's Song	**Fraillon, Zana**	A dual narrative dystopian novel. Shelby and Davy live in a closed community, but discovering a hole in the fence they stumble upon a derelict city. Phoenix's family become infected with a disease which sends them into lockdown. His narrative are memories and dreams until he meets Shelby and Davy and they face a brave new world together.	Year 6 Younger Teen
	The Fights That Make Us	**Hagger-Holt, Sarah**	Jesse is happy in their own skin but struggling to find their place at school. When they find a box of items belonging to a long-lost relative, they find much more than just a diary and some clothes. This window into the past, and Britain's LGBTQ+ history, reveals a lot to them about life today as well, and the importance of family and friends in making sense of ourselves and the world around us.	Year 6 Younger Teen
	Starminster	**Hopkins, Megan**	Her Mama says that for her own protection Astrid must live in the rhubarb shed. But Astrid longs to see the stars. After an attempt at a tunnel fails, Astrid is released by a mysterious stranger who introduces her to a new magical world where she can spread her wings and realise her destiny.	Children's Fiction

	The Stories Grandma Forgot (and how I found them)	**Jassat, Nadine Aisha**	Since Nyla was four years old, she's been raised by her mother and grandma. As her grandmother's memory slips through time due to Alzheimer's, memories of her deceased father begin to push their way to the present, forcing Nyla to search for answers to questions she's never asked before. Told in verse with brilliant illustrations, Nyla searches through the memories locked in her grandma's brain to help her answer the question: Who am I?	Year 6 Younger Teen
	**Dogs of the Deadlands**	**McGowan, Anthony**	Set in 1986 Ukraine, featuring the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. This is the tale of a pet puppy and its fight for survival, battling nature, humans and wild animals. At the same time the reader also follows Natasha, the puppy's owner, and the impact this event has on her life and that of her family.	Year 6 Younger Teen
	Aliya to the Infinite City	**Rifaat, Laila**	Aliya's grandfather is her only family. At least until Great-Aunt Gigi appears from nowhere, has him arrested and Aliya discovers he has been keeping secrets from her. Arriving in the Infinite City in a parallel Egypt by flying carpet, Aliya must learn all that has been hidden from her; the truth about her family, how time travel works and why the time travellers are so worried about the return of magic. And who is the mysterious Dorian Dark her grandfather warned her about as he was whisked away?	Children's Fiction
	**Tyger**	**Said, S. F**	Using evocative language, this is a multi-layered story about an alternative world in which the British Empire still exists and foreigners are segregated. A mythical being works with two children to rid the world of the dark spirits and show how we all have the power to create change for the better.	Children's Fiction
	**The Clockwork Conspiracy**	**Sedgman, Sam**	An exciting mystery set in and around Westminster when the government is trying to change time from 24 hour to 10 hour days. Isaac's father, the Chief Horologist who looks after Big Ben, disappears while working on the famous clock. He is drawn into an adventure, hunting through London's landmarks to try and find him. Will he be able to save his father, democracy and time itself?	Children's Fiction

	**The Lucky Bottle**	**Wormell, Chris**	Did you ever wonder how the first ship ended up in a bottle? Well read on! Beautifully illustrated by the author, this classic tale of a shipwrecked cabin boy is a spellbinding tale with references to several classics. A What Next? for fans of Kensuke's Kingdom.	Children's Fiction

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