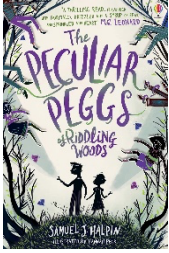
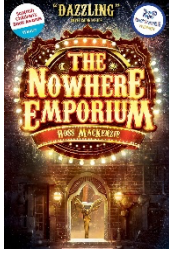
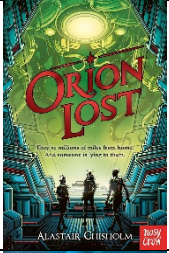
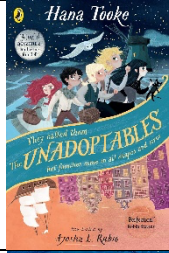
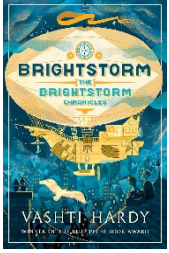
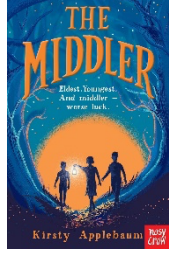
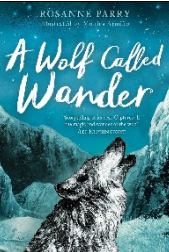
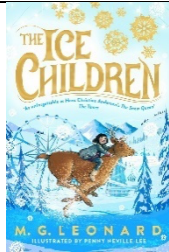
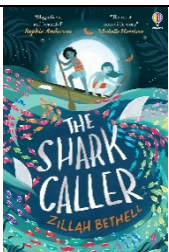
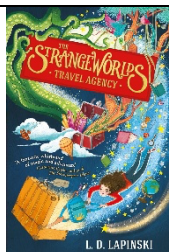
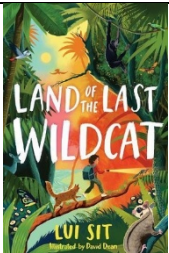
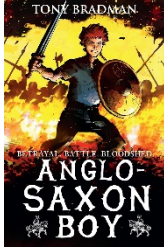
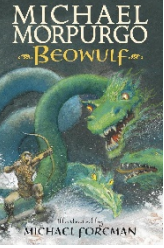
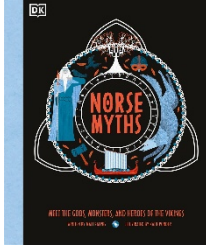
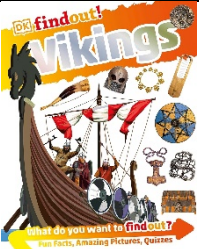
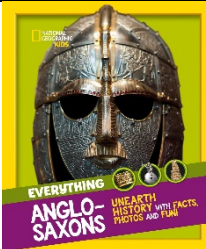


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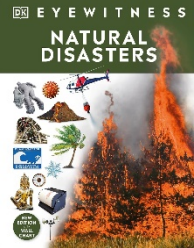
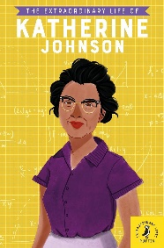
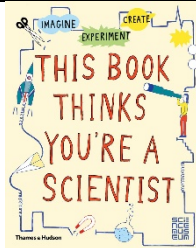
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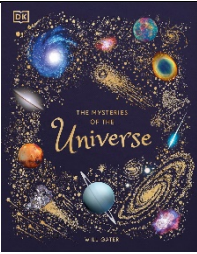
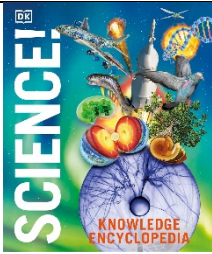
	The Peculiar Peggs of Riddling Woods — Samuel J. Halpin (2019) A creepy, mysterious adventure with folklore elements.		The Nowhere Emporium — Ross MacKenzie (2014) A magical shop that appears and disappears — atmospheric and gripping.
	Skandar and the Unicorn Thief — A. F. Steadman (2022) Bold, fast-paced fantasy with battle unicorns.		The Girl Who Speaks Bear — Sophie Anderson (2019) A beautiful, folklore-inspired story set in icy forests and mountains.
	Orion Lost — Alastair Chisholm (2020) Sci-fi adventure about a crew of children navigating space alone.		The Unadoptables — Hana Tooke (2020) A gothic-tinged adventure set in Amsterdam, full of bravery and mystery.
	Brightstorm — Vashti Hardy (2018) Skyships, expeditions and a thrilling journey to uncharted lands.		The Middler — Kirsty Applebaum (2019) A dystopian tale exploring truth and bravery — thought-provoking but accessible.
	A Wolf Called Wander — Rosanne Parry (2019) A gripping, animal-led adventure based on a true wolf migration.		The Ice Children — M. G. Leonard (2023) A magical, wintry adventure set in modern Europe filled with atmosphere and wonder.
	The Shark Caller — Zillah Bethell (2021) A gripping adventure, set in the breathtaking waters of Papua New Guinea.		The Strangeworlds Travel Agency — L. D. Lapinski (2020) A thrilling magical adventure where every suitcase leads to a different world.
	Land of the Last Wildcat — Lui Sit (2025) An exciting magical mystery and adventure unfolds with twists and turns all the way.		The Clockwork Crow — Catherine Fisher (2018) A mysterious and magical Victorian adventure full of secrets, suspense and a strange clockwork crow who isn't what he seems.

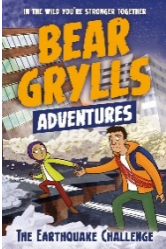
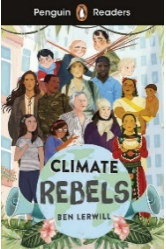
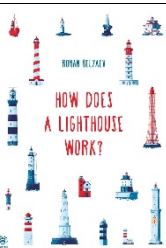
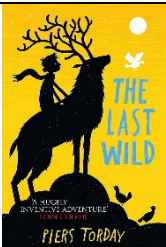
History: Anglo-Saxons, Vikings and Early Britain

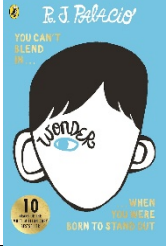
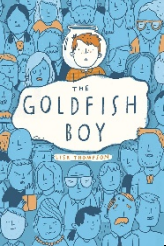
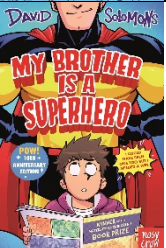
	Viking Boy — Tony Bradman (2012) A fast, action-packed revenge and survival story set in Viking Scandinavia.		Anglo-Saxon Boy — Tony Bradman (2016) A high-interest adventure set before the Battle of Hastings — excellent historical detail.
	Beowulf — retold by Michael Morpurgo (2006) A classic tale of monsters and bravery, retold for confident KS2 readers.		Norse Myths — Matt Ralphs & Katie Ponder (2021) A bold and beautifully illustrated book, filled with dramatic gods, fearsome giants and epic adventures.
	DK findout! Vikings — DK (2017) Perfect for exploring warriors, longships, myths and everyday life in Viking times.		Everything Anglo-Saxons — National Geographic Kids (2021) A guide to Anglo Saxon life, filled with striking photos, fascinating facts and fun insights into warriors, kings and everyday living.

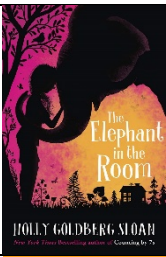
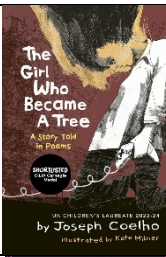
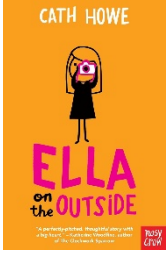
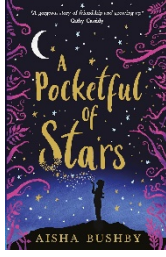
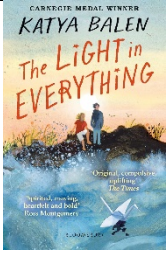
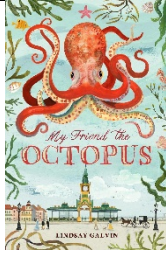
Science & the Natural World

	A Galaxy of Her Own — Libby Jackson (2017) Inspirational stories of women in space exploration — brilliant science role models.		Space Detectives — Mark Powers (2021) A fun sci-fi mystery set on a space station — engaging link to Earth & Space.
	DK Eyewitness: Natural Disasters — DK (2022) A dramatic and detailed guide to volcanoes, earthquakes, tsunamis and extreme weather.		The Extraordinary Life of Katherine Johnson — Devika Jina (2020) Biography of the NASA mathematician whose calculations sent astronauts into orbit.
	The Hen Who Sailed Around the World: A True Story — Guirec Soudée (2020) The inspiring true story of a sailor and his brave hen, Monique, who travel across oceans together.		This Book Thinks You're a Scientist — Harriet Russell (2015) A science book full of experiments, investigations and playful challenges that encourage children to think and explore like real scientists.

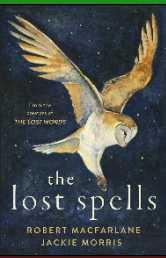
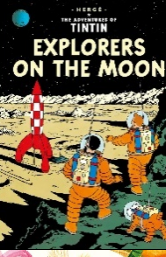
	The Mysteries of the Universe — Will Gater & DK (2020) A stunning visual guide to planets, stars and galaxies, filled with breathtaking images and fascinating facts.		Science! Knowledge Encyclopedia — DK (2017) A big, bold, richly illustrated encyclopedia covering everything from forces and materials to the human body and the cosmos.
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Environment, Climate & Eco-Awareness			
	Fantastically Great Women Who Saved the Planet — Kate Pankhurst (2020) Short biographies of environmental changemakers.		What a Waste: Rubbish, Recycling and Protecting Our Planet — Jess French (2019) A colourful, practical guide to environmental issues.
	How Does a Lighthouse Work? (2024) - Roman Belyaev Depart on an enchanting voyage in this book to discover fascinating facts about lighthouses.		How to Save the World with a Chicken and an Egg — Emma Shevah (2021) Ivy and Nathaniel solve a mystery and save the world's animals one at a time ...
	The White Fox — Jackie Morris (2016) A gentle story about belonging and the natural world, with exquisite illustrations.		Boy Underwater — Adam Baron (2018) A funny and thoughtful story that touches on water, memory and how our choices affect the world around us.

Feelings, Friendship & Real-Life Stories			
	Wonder — R. J. Palacio (2012) A powerful story about kindness and difference.		The Goldfish Boy — Lisa Thompson (2017) A mystery with a thoughtful look at anxiety and friendship.
	A Kind of Spark — Elle McNicoll (2020) A brilliant story about a neurodivergent girl who campaigns to recognise the history of witch trials.		My Brother Is a Superhero — David Solomons (2015) A funny, action-filled story with strong sibling relationships.

	The Elephant in the Room — Holly Goldberg Sloan (2021) A heartfelt story about friendship, hope and the feeling of home.		The Girl Who Became a Tree — Joseph Coelho (2020) Verse novel exploring loss, coded in myth and metaphor.
	Ella on the Outside — Cath Howe (2018) A relatable school story about secrets, fitting in and friendships.		A Pocketful of Stars — Aisha Bushby (2019) A magical-realism friendship story with emotional depth and British-Kuwaiti representation.
	The Light in Everything — Katya Balen (2022) A tender, powerful story about two children learning to share a home and confront their fears.		My Friend the Octopus — Lindsay Galvin (2021) A beautifully written story set in Victorian Brighton about friendship, secrets and finding your place in the world.

Poetry, Graphic Novels and Exciting Reads:

	I Am the Seed That Grew the Tree — Fiona Waters (2018) A beautiful collection of nature poems to enjoy all year round.		When Life Gives You Mangoes — Kereen Getten (2020) A Caribbean-set mystery with lyrical writing.
	Hilda and the Troll — Luke Pearson (2010) A graphic novel steeped in Nordic landscapes and folklore.		The Adventures of Tintin: Explorers on the Moon — Hergé (1953) A classic graphic novel linking directly to space travel.
	The Breadwinner — Deborah Ellis (2000) A powerful look at bravery, identity and real-world resilience.		The Magic of Flight — Various Authors (2020) Short nonfiction pieces exploring birds, flight, forces and movement.
	Wild Child: A Journey Through Nature — Dara McNulty (2021) Vibrant, accessible nature poetry from a young eco-activist.		Asha & the Spirit Bird — Jasbinder Bilan (2019) A magical realist adventure about courage and friendship, set in the dramatic landscapes of the Himalayas.