Barton, Suzanne  
**Robin’s winter song**  
Bloomsbury  
Pbk  
£6.99  
97814088859155  
Interest age: 4+  
Reading age: 6  

A little robin wonders what winter is like as other animals are flying away or hiding food, and robin becomes worried. However, after sleeping some while in bear’s cave, robin discovers wonderful snowy weather, and enjoys winter with the other animals and birds. Lovely gentle tale with accurate seasonal information, and pleasant illustrations.

Byrne, Richard  
**This book is out of control!**  
OUP  
Hbk  
£11.99  
9780192746290  
Interest age: 4+  
Reading age: 6  

Ben and Bella return and this time Ben has a remote control fire engine, but the remote, instead of controlling the engine causes chaos in the book. Great fun read.

Dale, Elizabeth  
**Nothing can frighten a bear**  
Nosy crow  
Hbk  
£11.99  
9780857636461  
Interest age: 5+  
Reading age: 6  

The bears are asleep, but Baby Bear is woken up by a roar. Daddy decides they will investigate but nothing can frighten a bear. Eventually Daddy does get scared when he sees Mummy and two of their children covered in mud and thinks they are monsters. They all go back to bed, then they hear the roar again, but it is only Baby Bear snoring. Told in rhyme this would read aloud very well as the children could guess which words are coming next.

Donaldson, Julia  
**Zog and the flying doctors**  
Alison Green Books  
Hbk  
£12.99  
9781407164953  
Interest age: 4+  
Reading age: 6+  

Flying Doctors, Princess Pearl and Sir Gadabout, fly around the country tending the sick on their trusty air ambulance, Zog the dragon. But, Princess Pearl's father the king disapproves of her occupation, that is, until he becomes sick and the flying doctors are able to find the cure. Super sequel to “Zog”.

Emmett, Jonathan  
**Prince Ribbit**  
Macmillan  
Pbk  
£6.99  
9781447284321  
Interest age: 4+  
Reading age: 6  

When a frog overhears princesses reading The Princess and the Frog fairy tale, he decides to trick them into thinking he is a prince in disguise, however clever Princess Martha isn't so sure. Just because it's in a book, it doesn't mean it's true. Amusing and engaging alternative fairy tale with bright colourful illustrations.
Ferry, Beth  **Pirate’s perfect pet**
Walker  Hbk  £11.99  9781406371109
Interest age:  5+  Reading age:  6
Big, brave Captain Crave has most items on the Perfect Pirate checklist except a pet. The captain and his crew race and chase creatures of every size and shape, to find the perfect pet, causing a commotion wherever they go. Humorous story with some repetition. Good for reading aloud.

Gray, Kes  **Oi dog!**
Hodder  Pbk  £6.99  9781444919592
Interest age:  5  Reading age:  6
Frog is changing the rules - dogs no longer sit on frogs. Dogs now sit on logs, so everyone else is going to have to sit somewhere different too. Will cats want to sit on gnats? Will spiders like sitting on gliders? And, most importantly, where is Frog going to sit? The hilarious sequel to ‘Oi, Frog!’ which will read aloud beautifully.

Hadfield, Chris  **The darkest dark**
Macmillan  Hbk  £11.99  9781509824083
Interest age:  4+  Reading age:  6
As a young boy, Chris loves space and aliens but is scared of the dark. But, when his parents take him to a neighbour’s house to watch the Apollo 11 moon landing, he realises that Space is the darkest thing there is and that it is exciting and wonderful. After that he isn’t afraid of the dark, and he pursues his dream of exploring Space himself. Written by astronaut Chris Hadfield, based on his own childhood. Includes some factual information and photos at the back.

Horacek, Petr  **The greedy goat**
Walker  Hbk  £11.99  9781406367164
Interest age:  3+  Reading age:  5+
Goat is greedy. She has had enough of eating grass. She wants to try something different, the dog’s food, the pig’s potatoes and even the farmer's pants. But then things go wrong. Amusing tale with typical bold Horacek illustrations.

Howe, James  **Big Bob, Little Bob**
Walker  Pbk  £11.99  9781406371116
Interest age:  4+  Reading age:  6
Little Bob has nothing in common with Big Bob. Big Bob likes trucks, throwing balls and being loud, whereas Little Bob likes dolls, reading and being quiet. However, when Blossom moves in and criticises Little Bob, the boys become friends, and then include Blossom in their play. Very simple and effective tale emphasising that it is okay to be different, and challenging gender stereotyping. Engaging illustrations add to the text.

Kang, Anna  **Can I tell you a secret?**
Hodder  Hbk  £11.99  9781444926415
Interest age:  4+  Reading age:  6
Monty the frog has a secret. He can't swim and he's terrified of water. What is he going to do? Luckily, when he's persuaded to tell his parents, they are very understanding. Conversational style of writing, the reader being directly addressed as a friend of the frog character in the story. Would therefore read aloud well. Useful for PHSE.

Murphy, Jill  **Meltdown!**
Walker  Hbk  £11.99  9781406327915
Interest age:  4+  Reading age:  6
Mum takes Ruby supermarket shopping and tells her she can help. However, when she is allowed to hold the cake, she tries to eat it. Mum takes the cake, tells Ruby off, and Ruby has a tantrum all the way home. Lovely illustrations accompany the story which is very true to life. Ruby’s expression is a picture.
A small boy lives in a village and is told not to go near the wolves. A small wolf cub lives in a forest and is told not to go near the villagers. They each think the others are on the attack, until they meet and make friends. But, when they are split up by the adults, they learn that we shouldn’t always be scared of things that are different. Bright, fun illustrations by Russell Ayto help to bring home this message.

Billy Goat and his best friend Cyril find the farmer’s mobile phone and take selfies and play games. But, when they find the number for a troll, they send mean messages, such as saying trolls stink, as this is what they have been told by adult goats. However, the young goats soon discover that not all trolls are the same, and that the goats have become bullies. Cautionary rhyming story loosely based on the “Three Billy Goats gruff”.

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