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<td>The Queen has an adventure in outer space when she sets off on a rocket she has made with her grandchildren. Very simple text, attractive illustrations and would read aloud well.</td>
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<td>Charlie’s sister Lola wants a dog and they imagine what type of dog they would have if their parents agreed. When they are offered a rabbit, Lola just adjusts her thinking but is still adamant that they now have a dog. Very amusing pet story.</td>
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<td>A king is looking for the perfect cook and selects a nervous chef who is so scared of everything that the king ends up lending a hand and rather enjoys himself. Very amusing tale, told in rhyme with predictive repetition. Superb illustrations by David Roberts that really enhance the narrative humour.</td>
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Cyril and Pat

Cyril and Pat are friends and have lots of fun together. But everyone is adamant that they are too different to be friends. They soon find that true friendship does not mean that they must be the same, or be swayed by the opinions of others. Told in rhyme.

Oi Duck-Billed Platypus!

Frog is having trouble finding things for some animals to sit on as nothing rhymes with their names. He decides to use their first names instead with hilarious consequences. Very silly, but great fun to read out loud.

Mrs Blackhat

Mrs Blackhat the witch loves the colour black. However, her cat is ginger and none of her spells to turn him black are effective, until she tries a new spell bought on the internet which doesn't turn out quite as she hopes. Fun story which would read aloud well because of its repetition and rhyming spells.

Hodge Podge Lodge

The Pigwig family live happily in a very messy, cluttered house until a windy day blows all their rubbish into the countryside. This is very unpleasant for the other animals so they return it to the Pigwigs. Miss Pigwig then has a really good idea to recycle everything and have a craft fair. Fun story with lovely illustrations and an excellent message about taking care of the environment.

The Rabbit, The Dark And The Biscuit Tin

When it starts to get dark, Rabbit doesn't want to go to bed. He decides to trap The Dark in a biscuit tin, so it stays light. However, he soon learns his error and how important bedtime is. Lovely illustrations that enhance the gentle story.
SARAH, Linda  
**Tom's Magnificent Machines**  
Simon and Schuster  
Pbk  6.99  9781471122460  
Interest  5+  Reading age:  6+  
Tom loves inventing crazy vehicles with his dad, but when his dad loses his job and is overcome with sadness, Tom comes up with a plan involving their creations that gives his dad a new lease of life. Gentle look at coping with change.

SIEERS, Sophie  
**Dear Donald Trump**  
Templar  
Hbk  11.99  9781787415119  
Interest  7+  Reading age:  7+  
Sam has to share a room with his older brother and things are not going well. When Sam sees Donald Trump on TV talking about 'the wall' between the USA and Mexico it gives him a brilliant idea to resolve the conflict, but his family are not easy to convince. Superb and very witty book about conflict resolution. Quite subtle and would aid discussion in the KS2 classroom. Illustrations really enhance the text.

STEIN, David  
**Interrupting Chicken And The Elephant Of Surprise**  
Walker  
Hbk  11.99  9781406378061  
Interest  6+  Reading age:  7+  
When Chicken comes home from school, she tells Papa about how all good stories have an elephant of surprise. Papa points out that she means an element of surprise. They read various traditional tales together but Chicken always manages to find an elephant. Very funny with super colourful illustrations that bring the story to life.

WILLIS, Jeanne  
**Frockodile**  
Hodder  
Hbk  12.99  9781444908237  
Interest  5+  Reading age:  6+  
Cliff the crocodile finds a dress, some pearls and some high-heeled shoes and loves wearing them. However, he is worried his dad won’t love him anymore if he finds out. But when his friends put on a show so he can wear his finery, he gets quite a surprise from his dad. Amusing rhyming tale about being yourself which reads aloud very well.

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