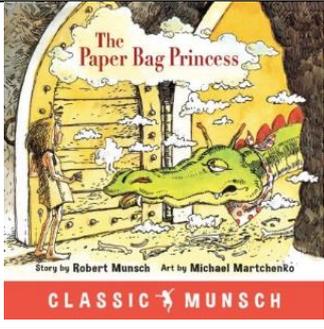
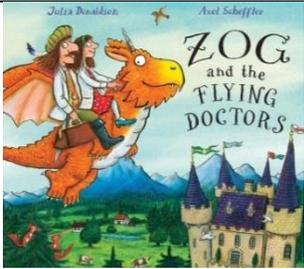
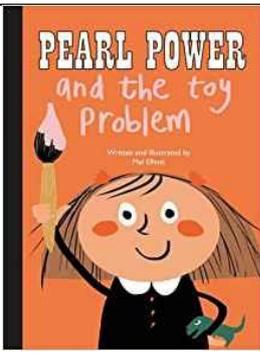
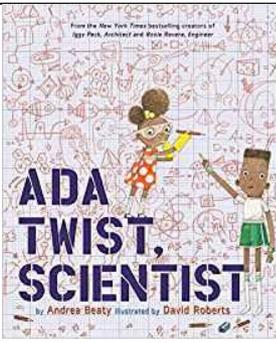
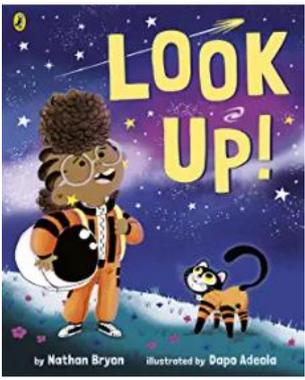
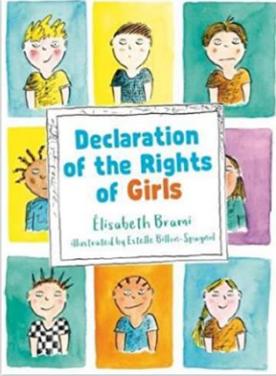
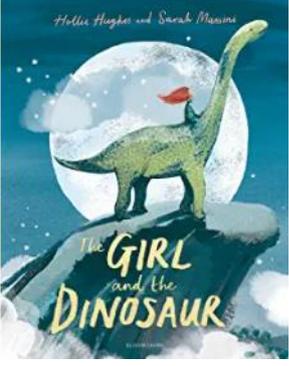


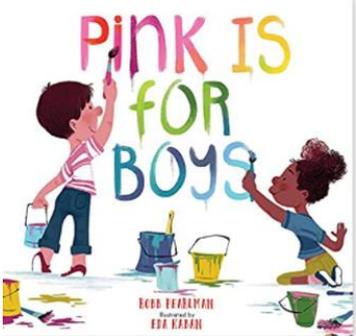
Book suggestions for 5-7 year olds

Directly challenging stereotypes

It is important that children engage with books that portray men and women, boys and girls in a variety of ways without the limitations of gender stereotyping.

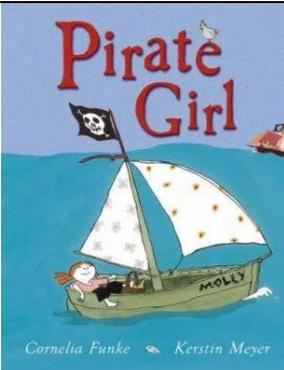
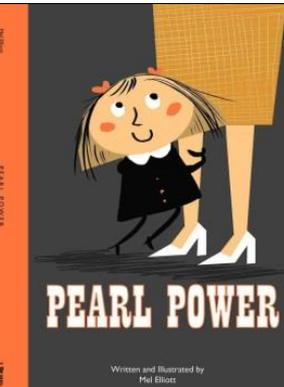
	<p><i>Paper Bag Princess</i> by Robert Munsch, illustrated by Michael Martchenko – age guide 4+</p>	<p>Elizabeth is a princess who uses her wits to rescue Prince Ronald from the dragon. Ronald is not impressed when Elizabeth turns up wearing a paper bag – not looking like a ‘proper princess’</p>
	<p><i>Zog and the Flying Doctors</i> by Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Axel Scheffler – age guide 3+</p>	<p>Pearl is a princess and a doctor, but her uncle the King thinks that Pearl should act more like a ‘proper princess’.</p> <p>We have a Year 2 Literacy lesson linked to this text.</p>
	<p><i>Pearl Power and the Toy Problem</i> by Mel Elliott – age guide 4+</p>	<p>In this rhyming picture book, Pearl shows us that there is no such thing as "girl toys" and "boy toys", and she writes letters to the advertising industry and the ‘TV boss’ to tell them so too.</p>
	<p><i>Ada Twist, Scientist</i> by Andrea Beaty, illustrated by David Roberts – age guide 4+</p>	<p>A rhyming story that celebrates the power of curiosity, scientific enquiry and smashes stereotypes</p>

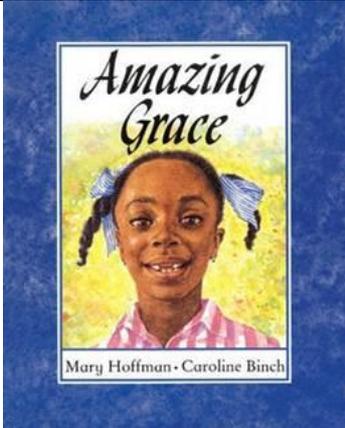
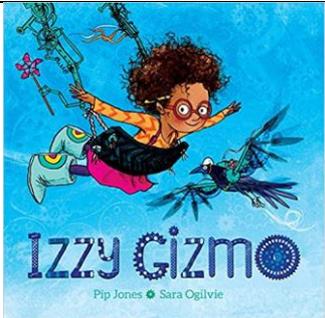
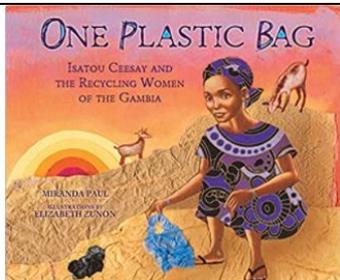
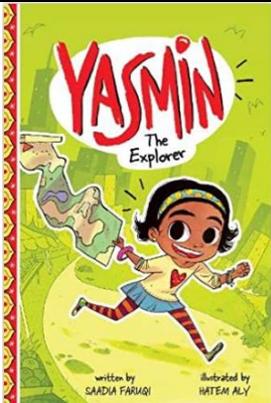
	<p><i>What Are You Playing At?</i> by Marie-Sabine Roger and Anne Sol</p>	<p>Boys don't play with dollies - that would be silly! Girls can't play football that would be ridiculous! The pictures tell a different story and show that in real life men and women do a whole range of things.</p>
	<p><i>Look Up!</i> By Nathan Bryon, illustrated by Dapo Adeola- age guide 3-7</p>	<p>Rocket is passionate about space and tries to do everything she can to get her older brother to, 'look up!'</p>
	<p><i>Declaration of the Rights of Girls and Boys</i> by Elisabeth Brami and Estelle Billon- Spagnol - age guide 5+</p>	<p>A flipbook that can be read from either end that explores the rights of girls and boys and that they can be whatever they want to be. This is a good book to revisit throughout the year to explore different themes.</p>
	<p><i>The Girl and the Dinosaur</i> by Hollie Hughes and Sarah Massini- age 3+</p>	<p>Marianne loves dinosaurs and digging for bones on the beach, the fisherfolk thinks she needs to make some friends. One night, something magical happens...</p>

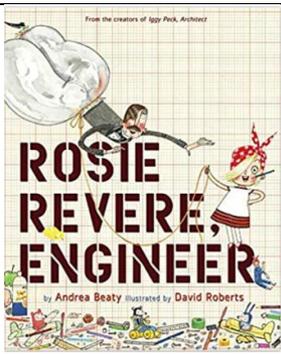
	<p><i>Pink is for Boys</i> by Robb Pearlman, illustrated by Eda Kaban age guide 4-8</p>	<p>A powerful picture books that shows that different colours are for everyone.</p>
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Strong female leads

Many books in the past had boys and men enjoying all the adventures, with any girls and women in the sidekick role. Within children’s literature males still often have more dialogue than females. It is important to explore books where women and girls enjoy centre stage and show leadership skills and resilience.

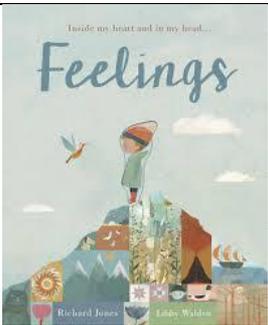
	<p><i>Pirate Girl</i> by Cornelia Funke, illustrated by Kerstin Meyer – age guide 4+</p>	<p>Molly, pirate daughter of Barbarous Bertha, is captured by Captain Firebeard when she sails off on her own to visit her granny...</p>
	<p><i>Pearl Power</i> by Mel Elliott – age guide 4+</p>	<p>Pearl has had to move house because her mum has been promoted to 'The Boss'. At Pearl's new big school she encounters Sebastian, a little boy who is keen to suggest that Pearl goes about everything 'like a girl'.</p>

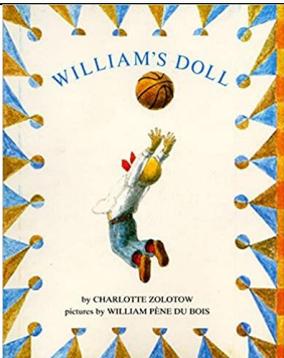
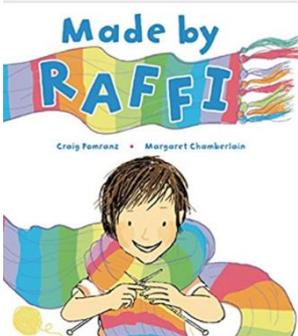
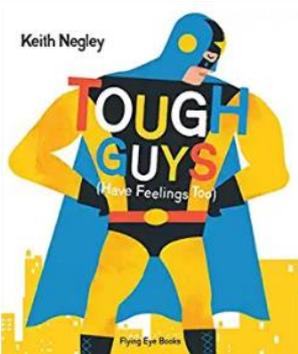
	<p><i>Amazing Grace</i> by Mary Hoffman, illustrated by Caroline Birch – age guide 4+</p>	<p>Grace loves to act out stories. When her school decides to perform <i>Peter Pan</i>, Grace is longing to play Peter, but her classmates say that Peter was a boy, and besides, he wasn't black... But Grace's Ma and Nana tell her she can be anything she wants to be...</p>
	<p><i>Izzy Gizmo</i> by Pip Jones, illustrated by Sara Ogilvie – age guide 4+</p>	<p>Izabelle Gizmo just loves to invent, but her inventions never seem to work the way she wants them to. When she finds a crow with a broken wing she just has to help. But will she be able to put her frustrations to one side and help her new friend to fly again?</p>
	<p><i>One Plastic Bag</i> by Miranda Paul, illustrated by Elizabeth Zunon</p>	<p>Based on a true story, this tells the story of how one woman makes a difference to her community and the world.</p>
	<p><i>Yasmin books</i> by Saadia Faruqi, illustrated Hatem Aly</p>	<p>For children who may like to start reading chapter books, or good as a class reader, Yasmin is a fearsome main character who goes on lots of adventures.</p>

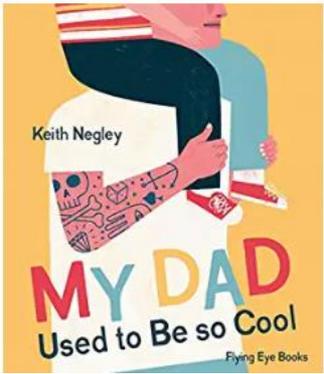
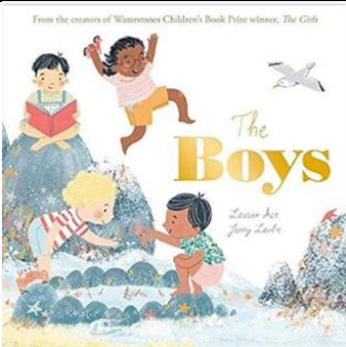
	<p><i>Rosie Revere Engineer</i> by Andrea Beaty, illustrated by David Roberts – age guide 4+</p>	<p>In this book, Rosie realises that you only fail if you give up!</p> <p>We have a Year 2 DT lesson linked to this text.</p>
	<p><i>Greta Thunberg</i> by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara and Anke Weckmann- age guide 4-7</p>	<p>We have a KS1 Geography- climate change lesson linked to Greta Thunberg.</p>

Emotions and caring boys

It's important to show boys in caring roles so that boys and girls can see that caring is not just 'for girls'. Role-play and imaginative play help all children to develop their language and communication skills, which also helps them to express their emotions, something boys can sometimes miss out on.

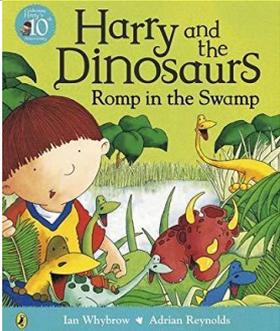
	<p><i>Feelings</i> by Libby Walden, illustrated by Richard Jones – age guide 4+</p>	<p>Explore a world of emotions with this peep-through rhyming picture book</p>
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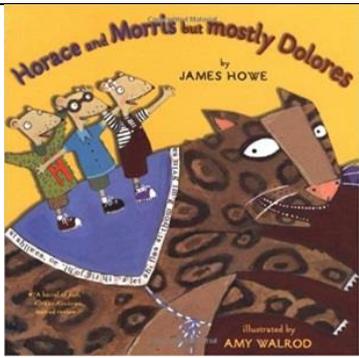
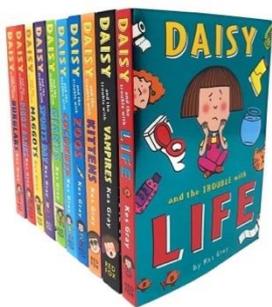
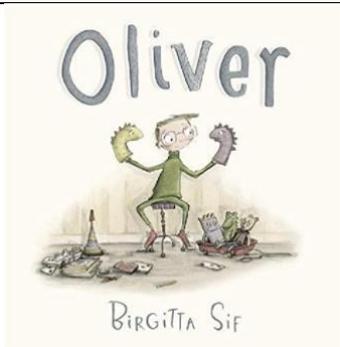
	<p><i>William's Doll</i> by Charlotte Zolotow, illustrated by William Pene Du Bois – age guide 4+</p>	<p>William wants a doll - to hug, to feed, to tuck in, and kiss goodnight. His father buys him trains and a basketball - but not the doll that William really wants. Then one day, someone comes along who understands why William should have his doll.</p>
	<p><i>Made by Raffi</i> by Craig Pomranz, illustrated by Margaret Chamberlain- age guide 6-9</p>	<p>Raffi doesn't feel like he fits in with the other boys; he has longer hair and doesn't enjoy the same things as them. One day a teacher shares a skill with Raffi that puts a smile on his face!</p>
	<p><i>Even Superheroes Have Bad Days</i> by Shelly Becker illustrated by Eda Kaban- age guide 3-9</p>	<p>Even if you are the toughest, fastest or strongest characters on the planet, things can still go wrong and it's OK to not be OK!</p>
	<p><i>Tough Guys (have feelings too)</i> by Keith Negley - age guide 3+</p>	<p>Superheroes, wrestlers, ninjas, it seems like nothing gets them down, but they have feelings too, just like you and I.</p>

	<p><i>My Dad Used to Be so Cool</i> by Keith Negley- age guide 3+</p>	<p>A beautifully illustrated book showing a Dad as a caregiver. In this book the son revisits all the ‘cool’ stuff his Dad used to do before he was a Dad.</p>
	<p><i>The Boys</i> by Lauren Ace, illustrated by Jenny Lovlie- age guide 3-6</p>	<p>A book that explores the changing friendships between four boys.</p>

Girls and boys playing and adventuring together

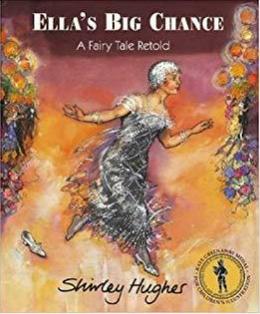
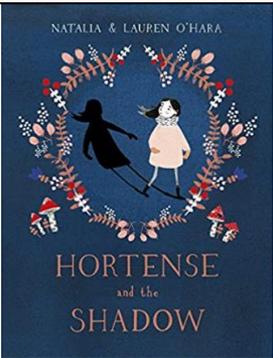
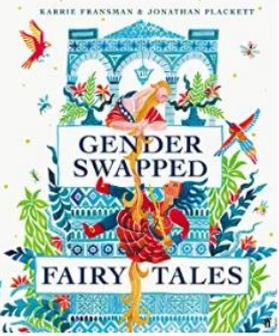
It is important that stories celebrate similarities between girls and boys and show that they can enjoy each other’s company, nurture friendships and go on exciting adventures together.

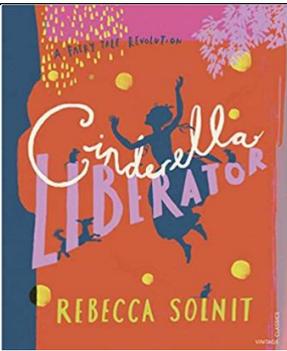
	<p><i>Romp in the Swamp</i> by Ian Whybrow and illustrated by Adrian Reynolds – age guide 3+ (also available in Harry and the Dinosaurs and the Bucketful of Stories)</p>	<p>Harry has to go and play with ‘some girl called Charlie’. They have a brilliant time!</p>
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	<p><i>Horace and Morris But Mostly Dolores</i> by James Howe, illustrated by Amy Walrod – age guide 3+</p>	<p>Horace, Morris and Dolores have been best friends forever. They do everything together. But one day Horace and Morris join the Mega-Mice (no girls allowed), and Dolores joins the Cheese Puffs (no boys allowed). Is this the end?</p>
	<p><i>Daisy and the Trouble with... series</i> by Kes Gray – age guide 5+</p>	<p>Pre-schoolers may know her as ‘Super Daisy’. In this series of chapter books Daisy has all sorts of hilarious adventures...</p> <p>The Daisy books can also be in ‘strong female leads’.</p>
	<p><i>Oliver</i> by Birgitta Sif- age guide 4+</p>	<p>Oliver doesn’t play, ‘like boys should’, he feels like he lives in a different world of just his toys and puppets for company. That is, until he meets Olivia...</p>

Alternative versions of traditional tales

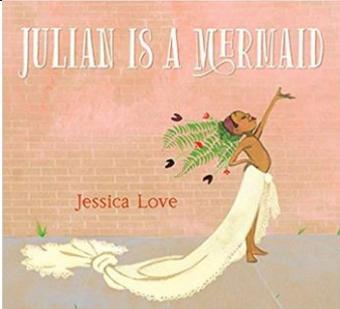
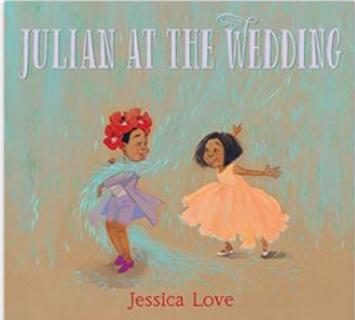
Traditional tales are usually children’s first experiences of longer stories. There are lots of books that, often hilariously, put a twist in the tale!

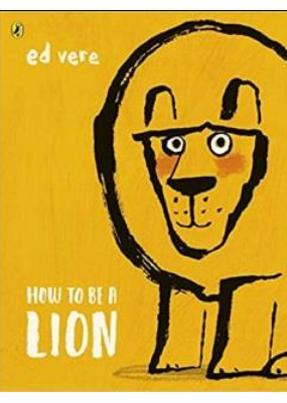
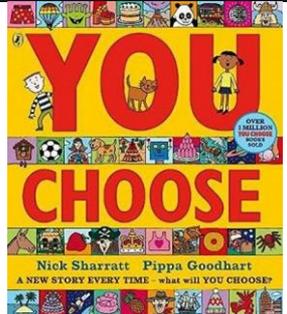
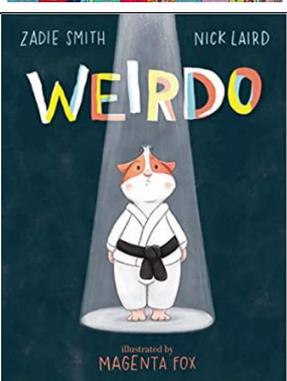
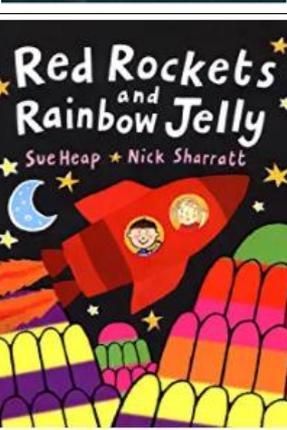
	<p><i>Ella's Big Chance</i> by Shirley Hughes – age guide 6+</p>	<p>A re-telling of Cinderella set in the 1920s, with a twist to inspire girls to be true to themselves</p>
	<p><i>Hortense and the Shadow</i> by Natalia O'Hara, illustrated by Lauren O'Hara- age guide 5-7 years</p>	<p>A fable-inspired story with Hortense as a brave lead character.</p>
	<p><i>The Last Wolf</i> by Mini Grey- age 4+</p>	<p>The woods aren't what THEY used to be, are there even any wolves left? This is a re-imagining of Little Red Riding Hood with Little Red leading the way.</p>
	<p><i>Gender Swapped Fairytales</i> by Karrie Fransome and Jonathan Plackett- age 10+ but could be shared with KS1</p>	<p>A clever take on traditional tales where roles are swapped with men yearning to have children and women doing lots of rescuing.</p>

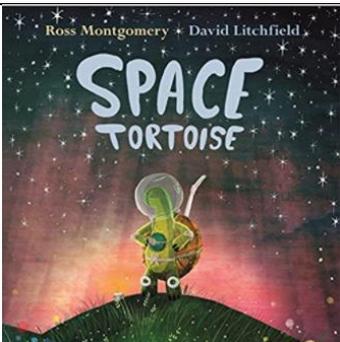
	<p><i>Cinderella Liberator</i> by Rebecca Soinit- age 6+</p>	<p>Cinderella undergoes a transformation that is a lot more than a ballgown and going to the ball.</p>
<p>Also see <i>The Paperbag Princess</i></p>		

Be yourself

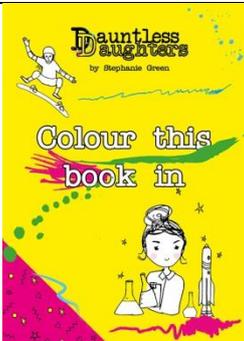
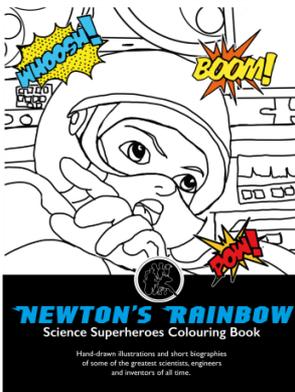
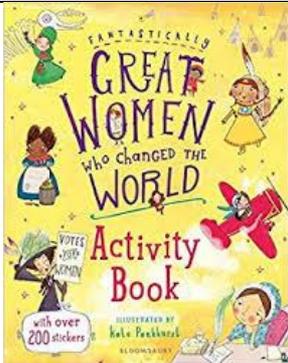
It can sometimes feel hard if you are someone who feels ‘not like the others’. These books celebrate that what make you different, makes you, you.

	<p><i>Julian is a Mermaid</i> by Jessica Love – age guide 3+</p> <p><i>Julian is a Mermaid</i> can also be in ‘Emotions and caring boys’</p>	<p>Julian loves mermaids. One day he sees three women dressed as mermaids and is inspired to transform himself into a mermaid. Nana helps him.</p>
	<p><i>Julian at the Wedding</i> by Jessica Love – age guide 3+</p> <p><i>Julian at the Wedding</i> can also be in ‘Girls and boys playing and adventuring together’</p>	<p>Julian has a brilliant time at a wedding with his cousin Marisol.</p>

	<p><i>How to be a Lion</i> by Ed Vere – age guide 3+</p> <p><i>How to be a Lion</i> can also be in ‘Emotions and caring boys’</p>	<p>Leonard is a sensitive lion who likes writing and poetry but some people think he’s not a very good lion.</p>
	<p><i>You Choose</i> series by Pippa Goodhart, illustrated by Nick Sharratt – any age, especially younger children</p>	<p>Let your child’s imagination run wild.</p>
	<p><i>Weirdo</i> by Zadie Smith, Nick Laird and Magenta Fox- age guide 3-7</p>	<p>Maud is a judo-loving guinea pig who learns to love her individuality.</p>
	<p><i>Red Rockets and Rainbow Jelly</i> by Sue Heap, illustrated by Nick Sharratt- age guide 3-5</p>	<p>Sue and Nick like different things but are still good friends.</p> <p>We have a Year 1 Literacy lesson linked to this text.</p>

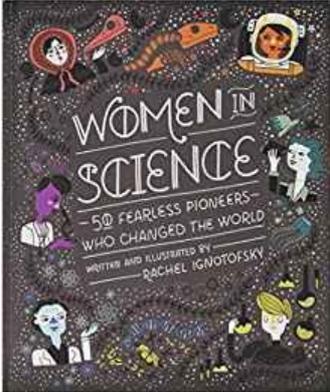
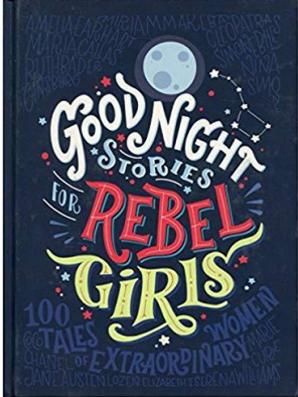
	<p><i>Space Tortoise</i> by Ross Montgomery and David Litchfield- age guide 3-7</p>	<p>We have a Year 1 DT lesson linked to this text.</p>
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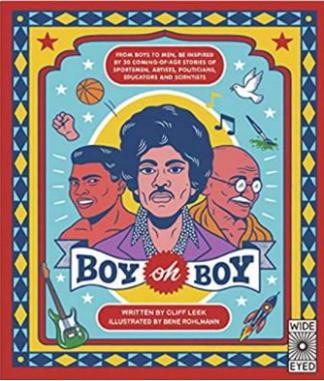
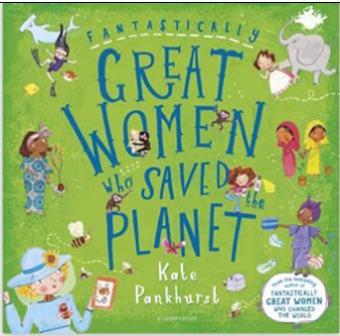
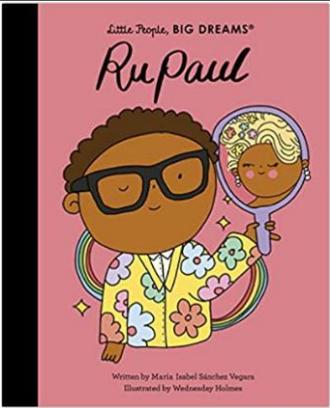
Stereotype-free colouring books and activity books

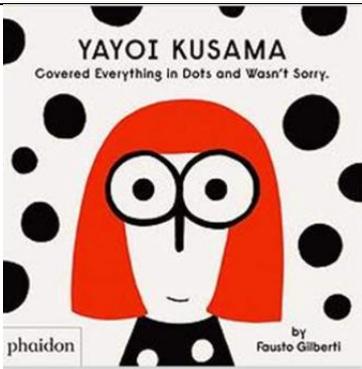
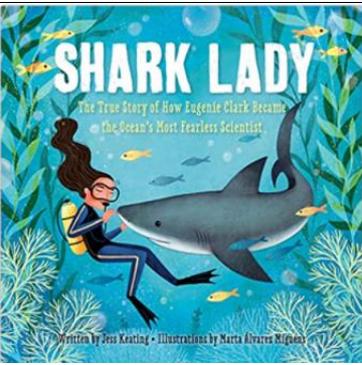
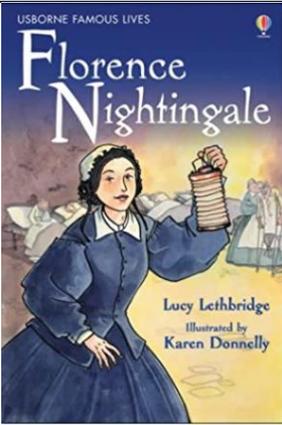
	<p><i>Colour this Book in – Dauntless Daughters</i></p>	<p>Images are powerful. Colour in empowering designs of diverse, joy filled and female characters.</p>
	<p><i>Newton's Rainbow – Science Superheroes</i> colouring book from The Remarkablz</p>	<p>Colouring in pages and short biographies of great inventors, engineers and scientists, and the chance to create your own superheroes</p>
	<p><i>Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World Activity Book</i> by Kate Pankhurst – age guide 5+</p>	<p>Hands-on activities focused around great women who changed the world: write your own stories with Jane Austen, design your own pyjamas like Coco Chanel, walk in the footprints of Mary Anning...</p>

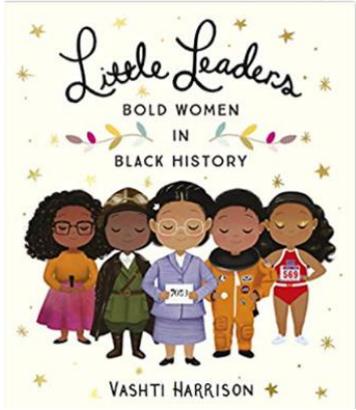
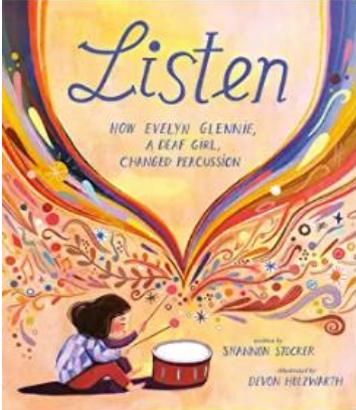
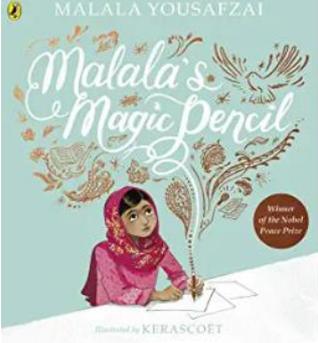
Non-fiction

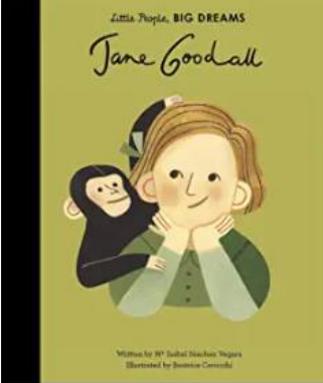
Often non-fiction books are dominated by men and their achievements, especially when it comes to biographies of scientists, inventors, sportspeople and historical figures. Books that show the achievements of women, or men in non-traditional roles are great to seek out. Sometimes the titles make good discussion points.

	<p><i>Women in Science: 50 Fearless Pioneers Who Changed the World</i> by Rachel Ignotofsky – age guide 5+</p> <p>Talk about why we need books that focus on only women scientists</p>	<p>Illustrated book of 50 women scientists, some well-known, some often overlooked, showing all children the importance of women’s contribution to science</p>
	<p><i>Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls</i>, by Elena Favilli and Francesca Cavallo - age guide 6+</p> <p>Talk about the title – the stories are about influential women, isn’t that something boys and girls can read about?</p>	<p>Illustrated by 60 female artists from every corner of the globe, find out about 100 remarkable women and their extraordinary lives, from Ada Lovelace to Malala, Amelia Earhart to Michelle Obama.</p>

	<p><i>Boy oh Boy</i> by Cliff Leek, illustrated by Bene Rohlmann- age guide 6+</p>	<p>For older children in the age range, a set of interesting biographies of men that weren't afraid to be different.</p>
	<p><i>Fantastically Great Women that Saved the Planet</i> by Kate Pankhurst- age guide 5-7</p> <p>There are other 'fantastically great' books available too.</p>	<p>Covering a range of environmental issues, learn more around female trailblazers.</p>
	<p><i>Little People, Big Dreams</i> series by various authors- age guide 4-7</p>	<p>These books cover a variety a individuals who have not let gender stereotypes limit their achievements. Children can even make their own Little People, Big Dreams books.</p>

	<p><i>Yayoi Kusama</i> by Fausto Gilberti- age guide 4-7</p>	<p>A great book for young readers told from Yayoi's perspective.</p> <p>We have a Year 1 art lesson on Yayoi Kusama and a profile on her in our resource pack.</p>
	<p><i>Shark Lady</i> by Jess Keating, illustrated by Marta Alvarez Miguens</p>	<p>The true story of Eugenie Clark, she battled views around sharks being harmful and ugly and that women cannot be scientists.</p>
	<p><i>Florence Nightingale</i> by Lucy Lethbridge, illustrated by Karen Donnelly age guide 6+</p>	<p>We have a Year 1 History lesson on Florence Nightingale.</p>

	<p><i>Little Leaders- Bold Women in Black History</i> by Vashti Harrison age 5-7</p> <p><i>There are also titles that celebrate inspiring men.</i></p>	<p>We have a Year 2 History lesson on Mary Seacole who is featured in this book.</p>
	<p><i>Listen- How Evelyn Glennie, a deaf girl, changed percussion-</i> age guide 4-8 (release date Spring 2022)</p>	<p>We have a Year 1 Music lesson on Evelyn Glennie.</p>
	<p><i>Malala's Magic Pencil</i> by Malala Yousafzai, illustrated by Kerascoet</p>	<p>We have a Year 2 R.E. lesson based around Malala.</p>

	<p><i>Jane Goodall</i> by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara and Anke Weckmann- age guide 4-7</p>	<p>We have a Year 1 Science lesson based around Jane Goodall.</p>
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