

Outstanding picture-book stimuli for P4C enquiries

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<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>KS Suitability</u>	<u>ISBN</u>
Alborough, Jez	Some Dogs Do	Self-belief/aiming high	F-1	0-7445-8339-X
Allen, Pamela	Mr Archimedes' Bath	Displacement of water	F-2	0-14-050162-2
Baker, Jeannie	Home in the Sky	Home/security	1-2	0-7445-7585-0
Banyai, Istvan	Zoom	Looking closer, deeper, further	1-5	0-670-85804-8
Blake, Quentin	A Sailing Boat in the Sky	Tolerance/hope/direct action	2	0-09-943959-X
Bowman, Peter	I Wish I Were Big	Aspirations/contentment	F-1	0-09-969271-6
Browne, Anthony	Changes	Arrival of a new sibling	1-2	0-7445-5428-4
Browne, Anthony	Gorilla	Busy parents/unexpected friend	1-2	0-7445-9997-0
Browne, Anthony	The Shape Game	Art	1-4	0-552-54696-8
Browne, Anthony	Piggybook	Sexism	1-4	0-7445-3303-1
Browne, Anthony	The Tunnel	Support/risk	1-3	0-7445-5239-7
Browne, Anthony	Zoo	Man/animal relationship	1-3	0-09-921901-8
Browne, Anthony	Voices in the Park	Seeing the same event differently	1-3	0-552-54564-3
Burningham, John	Whadayamean	Children's power/environment	1-2	0-09-926668-7
Burningham, John	Would you rather ...	Choices	F-1	0-09-920041-4
Bush, John & Paul, Korky	The Fish Who Could Wish	Greed/wisdom	F-1	0-19-272240-9
Carle, Eric	The Bad-Tempered Ladybird	Picking a fight/aggression/sharing	F-1	0-14-050-075-8
Carle, Eric	The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Change/Growth/Food	F-1	0-399-22690-7
Causley, Charles & Firth, Barbara	'Quack!' Said the Billy-Goat	Language/subverting expectations	F-1	0-7445-0479-1
Cave, Kathryn & Riddell, Chris	Something Else	Identity/friendship	1-2	0-14-054907-2
Cole, Babette	Mummy Never Told Me	Awkward Qs	1-2	0-224-04736-1
Damjan, Mischa & Wilkon, Jozef	Atuk	Revenge/friendship/love/hate	1-2	1-55858-590-7
Deacon, Alexis	Slow Loris	Hidden depths/secret life	1	0-09-941426-0
Donaldson, Julia & Scheffler, Axel	The Gruffalo	Mind over matter	F-1	0-333-71093-2
Doyle, Malachy & Hess, Paul	The Great Castle of Marshmangle	Playing with language	1	1-84270-215-7
Fajerman, Deborah	How to Speak Moo!	Language	F-1	0-09-941793-6
Foreman, Michael	Land of Dreams	Finding one's dream	1-2	0-86264-022-9
Foreman, Michael	War & Peas	War and peace	1-2	1-84270-083-9
Foreman, Michael	A Child's Garden – A story of hope	Hope/reconciliation	1-3	978-1-4063-1207-2
Forward, Toby & Cohen, Izhar	The Wolf's Story	Contrasting perspectives	1-3	1-4063-0162-0
Fox, Mem & Vivas, Julie	Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge	Memory/secrets/old age	1	0-916291-04-9

Fox, Mem & Radunsky, Vladimir	Where the Giant Sleeps	Dreams/mythic creatures	F-1	978-015-205785-5
Gaiman, Neil & McKean, Dave	The Day I Swapped my Dad for Two Goldfish	Family life/sibling rivalry	2-4	0-7475-7840-0
Gaiman, Neil & McKean, Dave	The Wolves in the Walls	Scary predictions	2-4	0-7475-7472-3
Graham, Bob	Rose Meets Mr Wintergarten	Challenging perceptions	1-2	0-7445-9829-X
Gravett, Emily	Wolves	Ignorance is bliss (fun, tactile, Jolly Postman-ish)	F-1	978-1-4050-5362-4
Gray, Nigel & Foreman, Michael	I'll Take You to Mrs Cole!	Challenging perceptions	1-2	0-86264-407-0
Greder, Armin	The Island	The growth of fear, hate, prejudice	2-5	978-1-74175-266-3
Heide, Florence Parry, Gilliland, Judith Heide & Grandpre, Mary	The House of Wisdom	Wisdom/ideas/the power of words	2-3	0-7513-7217-X
Heine, Helme	The Most Wonderful Egg in the World	Beauty/perfection	F-1	0-689-71117-4
Hutchins, Pat	The Very Worst Monster	Being ignored in the family	F-1	0-370-30869-7
Hutchins, Pat	Tom and Sam	Envy/rivalry	F-1	0-370-01509-6
Hutchins, Pat	Clocks and More Clocks	Nature of time	F-1	0-370-01540-1
Innocenti, Roberto & McEwan, Ian	Rose Blanche	A child's experience of war	2-3	0-09-943950-6
Joose, Barbara & Lavallee, Barbara	Mama, Do You Love Me?	Independence/unconditional love	F-1	0-87701-759-X
Kroll, Jeri & James, Ann	A Coat of Cats	Treatment of the elderly/death	2	1-899248-63-3
Ljungkvist, Laura	Follow the Line	Scenes for counting, thinking, observing	F-1	0-670-06049-6
Lupton, Hugh & Sharkey, Niamh	Tales of Wisdom & Wonder	Wisdom/wonder (multicultural)	2-3	1-84148-191-2
Marsden, John & Tan, Shaun	The Rabbits	Historical 'voice'/immigration	2-5	0-7344-0221-X
McKee, David	Not Now, Bernard	Being noticed	F-5	0-09-924050-5
McKee, David	The Conquerors	Meeting aggression with peace	1-2	1-84270-330-7
McNaughton, Colin & Kitamura, Satoshi	Once Upon an Ordinary School Day	Imagination/thinking the impossible	2	1-84270-309-9
Michel, Deborah & Jones, Patrick	The Adventures of the Teddy Boys	Risk, adventure, solidarity	F-1	9-780957-033504
Oram, Hiawyn & Kitamura, Satoshi	In the Attic	Perception/possibilities/imagination	2	1-84270-358-7
Perry, Sarah	If ...	Imagination/possibilities	F-2	0-89236-321-5
Phillips, Christopher	The Philosophers' Club	Thinking 'big'	2-3	1-58246-039-6
Popov, Nikolai	Why?	Escalation of violence/futility of war	F-5	1-55858-996-1
Portis, Antoinette	Not a Stick	Imaginative uses of a stick	F-1	978-0-00-725482-8
Radunsky, Vladimir	Manneken Pis – A Simple Story of a Boy Who Peed on a War	War	2-3	0-7445-9683-1
Rand, Ann & Paul	I know a lot of things	The growth of knowledge	F-1	978-0-8118-6615-6
Rand, Ann & Paul	Sparkle and Spin	The nature of words	F-1	0-8118-5003-X
Rosenthal, Amy & Lichtenheld, Tom	The OK Book	The growth of talent/process v product	F-3+	978-0-06-115255-9
Scieszka, Jon & Smith, Lane	The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales	Anarchic, postmodernist retellings of familiar stories	2-5	0-14-054896-3
Scieszka, Jon & Smith, Lane	Squids Will Be Squids	Fables for our time	2-5	0-14-056523-X
Sendak, Maurice	Where the Wild Things Are	Wild/tame	F-1+	0-09-940839-2
Seuss, Dr	Horton Hatches the Egg	Faithfulness/ownership	1-2	0-00-195740-6

Seuss, Dr	Oh, the Places You'll Go!	Life's journey/possibilities	1-2	0-00-715852-1
Sheldon, Dyan & Blythe, Gary	The Garden	Links with the past/stewardship	2-3	0-09-176141-7
Shilson-Thomas, Annabel & Smith, Barry	Stories From World Religions	Meaning/origins (multicultural)	1+	0-14-055477-7
Silverstein, Shel	The Giving Tree	Giving/love	1-5	0-06-058675-3
Steiner, Joan	Super Lookalikes – the more you look, the more you see!	Art – creative use of everyday objects	F+	1-4063-0126-4
Stimson, Joan & Rutherford, Meg	Oscar Needs a Friend	Friendship	F-1	0-590-11326-7
Tan, Shaun	The Red Tree	Hope/coping with adversities	2-5	0-7344-0539-1
Tan, Shaun	The Lost Thing	Belonging/fitting in	3-5	0-7344-0388-7
Tan, Shaun	The Arrival	Immigration (long, wordless picturebook)	2-5	
Thompson, Colin	The Tower to the Sun	The environment/stewardship	2-5	0-09-960911-8
Thompson, Colin	Falling Angels	Dreams/possibilities/death	2-5	0-09-176817-9
Thompson, Colin	How to Live Forever	Wisdom/search for meaning	2-5	0-09-946181-1
Trivizas, Eugene & Oxenbury, Helen	The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig	Subverting conventions	1+	0-7497-2505-2
Ungerer, Tomi	Moon Man	Difference/'strangers'	1+	1-57098-207-4
Ungerer, Tomi	The Three Robbers	Atonement/rehabilitation	1+	1-57098-206-6
Van Allsburg, Chris	The Mysteries of Harris Burdick	Mystery/creative writing stimulus	2+	0-395-35393-9
Van Allsburg, Chris	The Wretched Stone	The effects of popular culture/TV	2-3	0-395-53307-4
Van Allsburg, Chris	The Stranger	Seasons/change/acceptance	2	0-395-42331-7
Velthuijs, Max	Frog is Frog	Envy/acceptance of one's own gifts	F-1	0-86264-812-2
Wagner, Jenny & Brooks, Ron	John Brown, Rose & the Midnight Cat	Jealousy/death/need/motives	1-5	0-14-050306-4
Walker, Robert	Politically Correct Parables	Ironic retellings of parables (text only)	3-5	0-00-710734-X
Ward, Nick	Into the Woods	Sense of place/time	1-2	0-09-176706-7
Ward, Helen & Anderson, Wayne	The Tin Forest	Hope/dreams	1-2	1-84011-108-9
Wiesner, David	Tuesday	Beneath the surface ...	1-2	0-395-55113-7
Wiesner, David	Sector 7	Clouds, possibilities, imagination	1-2	0-395-74656-6
Wiesner, David	Flotsam	Looking closer, deeper, further	1-2	0-618-19457-6
Wild, Margaret & Brooks, Ron	Fox	Betrayal/deceit/friendship/ambition	2-5	1-90301-213-9
Wormell, Chris	Two Frogs	Probability/chance	1-2+	0-09-943862-3
Wright, Harry Cory	Think About It ... Time	Time/change	F-1	978-0-7496-8851-6
Zeman, Ludmila	The Revenge of Ishtar	Death/Compassion/Forgiveness	2-3	0-88776-436-3
Zolotow, Charlotte & Vitale, Stefano	When the Wind Stops	Infinity/circle of life/'big' Qs	2+	0-06-025425-4