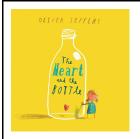
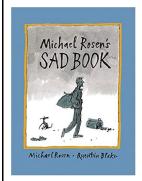
Jubilee recommended book list for supporting children's wellbeing

Stories about bereavement:



Recommended by our year 3 team, this award-winning picture book by Oliver Jeffers explores themes of love and loss in a life-affirming and uplifting tale.

Once there was a girl whose life was filled with wonder at the world around her...
Then one day something happened that made the girl take her heart and put it in a safe place.
However, after that it seemed that the world was emptier than before. But would she know how to get her heart back?



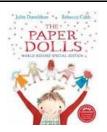
With honesty, a touch of humor, and sensitive illustrations by Quentin Blake, Michael Rosen's *Sad Book* explores the experience of sadness in a way that resonates with us all.

Sad things happen to everyone, and sometimes people feel sad for no reason at all. What makes Michael Rosen sad is thinking about his son, Eddie, who died suddenly at the age of eighteen. In this book the author writes about his sadness, how it affects him, and some of the things he does to cope with it—like telling himself that everyone has sad stuff (not just him) and trying every day to do something he can be proud of.

The book comes highly recommended by Mr Prestwich, who says it is particularly useful for starting discussions with older children.



In this relatable and reassuring classic, a mother tells her two children that they're all connected by an invisible string. "That's impossible!" the children insist, but still they want to know more: "What kind of string?" The answer is the simple truth that binds us all: *An Invisible String made of love. Even though you can't see it with your eyes, you can feel it deep in your heart, and know that you are always connected to the ones you love.* Does everybody have an Invisible String? How far does it reach? Does it ever go away? This heartwarming picture book for all ages explores questions about the intangible yet unbreakable connections between us, and opens up deeper conversations about love.



This much-loved picture book covers themes of loss, memory motherhood and the power of our imagination. Another Mr Prestwich recommendation!

If you have found any other stories that you have found particularly useful - please do recommend them to us by speaking to your child's class teacher.