

Reading for Pleasure – Class Novels Year 1

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Book Title	 	 	 	 	 	 
Blurb	<p>One day, Colour Monster wakes up feeling very confused, his emotions are all over the place; he feels angry, happy, calm, sad and scared all at once. To help him, a little girl shows him what each feeling means through colour. What is the Colour Monster feeling? And can you help him feel a little less mixed up? Feeling safe and comfortable in his tree, Kevin the koala resists the invitation to come down and have fun. Despite encouragement from a wombat, the roos and the dingoes, the uncertainty of what might happen below is too much for Kevin to overcome. So he refuses and makes excuses.</p>	<p>To other animals and humans, poor Stick Man is seen as ideal for all kinds of uses. He ends up in a dog's throw and catch game, as part of Pooh-sticks, a swan's nest, a snowman, as a sandcastle decoration, and a host of ignominious possibilities, before facing the terror of the sitting-room fire. Isabel and her family don't have much money, but she loves their home and is grateful for all the things they do have. So when they're forced to move across the city to a new neighbourhood, Isabel doesn't feel that she belongs. It's as though she is becoming invisible-nobody seems to see that she's there.</p>	<p>Beegu is from another world and somehow gets lost on Earth. Lonely and confused, she wanders off to a nearby city to find some friends. But the only friendly people she comes across are the children, while the big Earth creatures just don't seem to understand. A kid finds a lost 'thing' on the beach where he's scavenging for his bottle-top collection. The thing is a large, freakish creature, but no-one really notices it – it's simply not a part of their familiar day-to-day reality. So the kid takes it upon himself to try to find where the lost thing belongs...</p>	<p>Little Rabbit goes through the forest bullying all the creatures he encounters: mice, worms, tigers, even goblins – none are safe from Little Rabbit and his motorbike. However, the Good Fairy warns him that unless he changes she will turn him into a goonie. And, ultimately, that's what just what she does. When Ruby makes a friend – who has a worry too – and talks about what's bothering her, everything explodes with colour and the world goes back to normal. Ruby soon realises that everyone gets worries, and they are nothing to be ashamed of.</p>	<p>Gerald the tall giraffe would love to join in with the other animals at the Jungle Dance, but everyone knows that giraffes can't dance...or can they? Dogger is Dave's special toy. He is soft, brown and worn in places, with one ear pointing up and the other flopping down. One day, after collecting his big sister Ella from school, watching the flags go up for the summer fair and enjoying ice-creams on the way home, Dave realises that Dogger is missing.</p>	<p>Grace loves to act out stories. Sometimes she plays the leading part, sometimes she is a 'cast of thousands'. When her school decides to perform Peter Pan, 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 if she puts her mind to it... Elmer the elephant is bright-coloured patchwork all over. No wonder the other elephants laugh at him! If he were ordinary elephant colour, the others might stop laughing. That would make Elmer feel better, wouldn't it?</p>
Themes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emotions • Everyday Life • Fear • Perseverance • Courage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family • Fear • Empathy • Compassion • Feelings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adventure • Friendship • Loneliness • Difference • Belonging 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friendship • Bullying • Fear • Friendship • Problem solving 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difference • Confidence • Self-esteem • Friendship • Loss 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambition • Race • Gender • Difference • Friendships