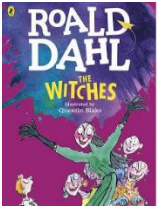
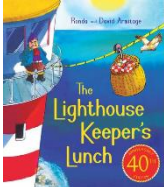
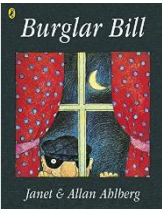
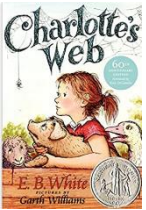
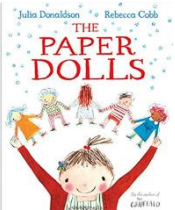


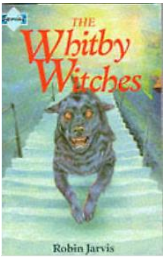
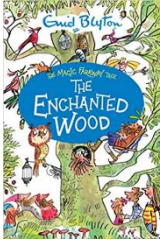
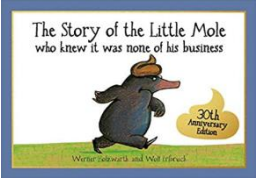
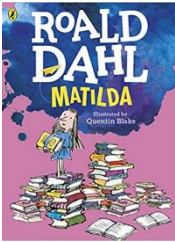


Desert Island books

Mrs Ruddy

'These are my favourite books and the reasons why I love them so much!'

Book	Blurb	The reasons I love this book!
<p>The Witches by Roald Dahl</p> 	<p>BEWARE. Real witches dress in ordinary clothes and look like ordinary women. But they are not ordinary. They are always plotting and scheming with murderous, bloodthirsty thoughts – and they hate children. The Grand High Witch hates children most of all and plans to make every single one of you disappear. Only one boy and his grandmother can stop her, but if their plan fails, the Grand High Witch will frizzle them like fritters and then what...?</p>	<p>This has got to be my all-time favourite read. I absolutely love everything about it, from the characters to the storyline. There are some fabulous descriptions of the witches and you really feel as though you become part of the story. As a little girl, I would often wonder if there was some truth in this book and I really did used to look out for square shoes and funny coloured eyes when passing strangers in the street. I love reading this book aloud in school too, even though my Grand High Witch voice does give me a sore throat after a while!</p>
<p>The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch by Ronda and David Armitage</p> 	<p>Every day, Mr Grinling, the lighthouse keeper cleans and polishes his light to make sure it shines brightly at night. At lunchtime he tucks into a delicious and well-deserved lunch, prepared by his wife. But Mr Grinling isn't the only one who enjoys the tasty food. Will Mrs Grinling think of a way to stop the greedy seagulls from stealing the lighthouse keeper's lunch?</p>	<p>This is the first story I was read by my Reception teacher, Mrs Harrison, when I was at school a long time ago! Being only 5 years old, I became obsessed with this story and would choose to read it at any opportunity. I think Mrs Grinling really does come up with the most ingenious plans to scare away those pesky seagulls - find out if her hard thinking pays off in the end.</p>
<p>Burglar Bill by Janet and Allan Ahlberg</p> 	<p>Who's that creeping down the street? Who's that climbing up the wall? Who's that coming through the window? Who's that?... It's Burglar Bill.</p>	<p>This is a Ruddy favourite in our house, even Daniel and Reuben know all of the words and can read it off-by-heart. This is one of my favourite books to read out loud because the authors have brought the characters to life by writing their speaking parts as they would have said them. Burglar Bill lands himself with an unexpected stolen item and a rather noisy and smelly one at that!</p>
<p>Charlotte's Web by E. B White</p> 	<p>One spring morning a little girl called Fern rescues a runt and names him Wilbur. But then Wilbur is sent to live on a farm where he meets Charlotte, a beautiful large grey spider. They become best friends and, when Wilbur is faced with the usual fate of nice fat little pigs, Charlotte must find a clever way to save him.</p>	<p>Charlotte's Web is a story that I always enjoyed reading as a child and it's one I still like to share with children in school. There are some very funny farmyard characters to meet along the way, my favourites being, Templeton the selfish rat and the stuttering goose. Although this is a very lovely story, be prepared for a sad twist and have a tissue at the ready.</p>
<p>The Paper Dolls by Julia Donaldson</p> 	<p>The breathtakingly story of one little girl and her five paper dolls.</p> <p>They were Ticky and Tacky and Jackie the Backie and Jim with two noses and Jo with the bow.</p>	<p>The Paper Dolls is one of the most beautiful books I have read. The story itself is very sentimental as it follows the little girl from her childhood to when she becomes a mummy herself. Every page is beautifully illustrated with brightly coloured pictures to help tell the story and the little rhyme of The Paper Dolls sticks with you. A well-deserved read!</p>

<p>The Whitby Witches by Robin Jarvis</p> 	<p>When orphans Ben and Jennet arrive in the seaside town of Whitby to stay with Alice Boston, they have no idea what to expect. A lively 92-year-old, Miss Boston is unlike any other foster mother they've known. Ben is gifted with "the sight," which gives him the power to see things invisible to other mortals. He soon encounters the mysterious fisher folk who live under the cliffs and discovers that Alice and her friends are not quite what they seem. But a darkness is stalking the streets of Whitby, bringing with it fear and death. Could it be a ghost from the Abbey? Or a beast from hell? Unless the truth is uncovered, the town and all its inhabitants is doomed.</p>	<p>If you like books that are full of fantasy, mystery and are overall a bit spooky then this will definitely be the book for you. I first read this book when I was about 10, and living not too far from Whitby, it had me gripped from the very beginning. I especially enjoy this book because it is centred around some of Whitby's famous landmarks, making it exciting to think that the various events could have actually taken place. A book full of twists and turns, and if you enjoy this one, Jarvis wrote another two to follow.</p>
<p>The Enchanted Wood by Enid Blyton</p> 	<p>When Joe, Beth and Frannie move to a new home, an Enchanted Wood is on their doorstep. And when they discover the Faraway Tree, that is the beginning of many magical adventures! Join them and their friends Moonface, Saucepan Man and Silky the fairy as they discover which new land is at the top of the Faraway Tree. Will it be the Land of Spells, the Land of Treats, or the Land of Do-As-You-Please? Come on an amazing adventure - there'll be adventures waiting whatever happens.</p>	<p>The Enchanted Wood is exactly what it says in the title. This book is full of magic, excitement and intrigue and really does give a feel of enchantment. I have read this book many times and both of my children really enjoyed following Joe, Beth and Frannie on their adventures at the top of the Faraway Tree. A surprise lurks around every corner, which adventure will you like the best?</p>
<p>The Story of the Little Mole who knew it was none of his business by Werner Holzwarth</p> 	<p>A terrible catastrophe befalls the little mole one bright, sunny morning. It looks like a sausage, and the worst thing is it lands right on his head. Our plucky little hero sets out to find who has left their business on his head. His highly entertaining and informative search reveals an important but often neglected side of life.</p>	<p>Everyone finds the subject of poo a little bit funny and this story is certainly that. It is a bit of a 'whodunit' as you follow Mole on his nature trail to find out which animal is responsible for pooing on his head and it gives you the chance to too investigate animal poo! A funny little book that never fails to cheer me up 😊</p>
<p>Matilda by Roald Dahl</p> 	<p>Matilda Wormwood's father thinks she's a little scab. Matilda's mother spends all afternoon playing bingo. And Matilda's headmistress Miss Trunchbull? Well, she's the worst of all. She is a big bully, who thinks all her pupils are rotten and locks them in the dreaded Chokey. As for Matilda, she's an extraordinary little girl with a magical mind - and now she's had enough. So all these grown-ups had better watch out, because Matilda is going to teach them a lesson they'll never forget.</p>	<p>This was my Grandad's favourite book to read to me and my brother when we had sleepovers at his house and when reading it now, it always makes me think of him. There are some incredibly funny parts to this story, so much so that you want to keep on reading. I often wonder what things I would do if my mind was as powerful as Matilda's.</p>

'If I was to be stranded on a desert island, these books would keep me entertained all day long and I would never tire of reading them. They all have a special meaning or memory for me and I hope you one day get chance to experience them too. Happy reading!'

Love,
Mrs Ruddy