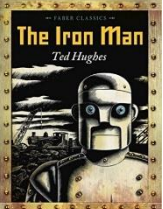
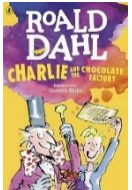

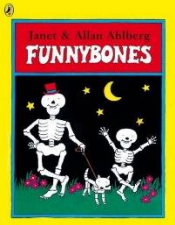
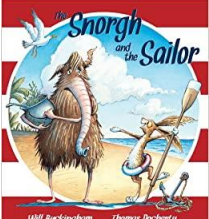
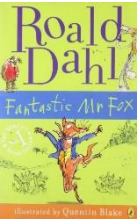




'These are my favourite books and the reasons why I love them so much!'

Book	Blurb	The reasons I love this book!
<p>The Iron Giant by Ted Hughes</p> 	<p>The Iron Man is a fearsome figure, wreaking terrible destruction wherever he goes. ... Then, when a monster from outer space threatens to lay waste to the planet and its people, it is the Iron Man who finds a way to save them.</p>	<p>Where does the mysterious Iron man come from? Nobody knows! I love this story for so many reasons. It is my favourite book to teach children. The misunderstood Iron Man becomes the saviour of the world! I love reading this story aloud, and surely the Iron Man in my office is a giveaway as to how much I love this book!</p>
<p>Stickman by Julia Donaldson</p> 	<p>Stick Man lives with his lady love and three stick children in the family tree. One day he's out for a jog and gets snatched by a dog, taken by a girl, found by a swan, and the adventures continue. What Stick Man really wants is to make it back home, but will he?</p>	<p>Quite simply, one of the most magical books I have ever read. This is also one of my favourite books to read to my own children Megan and Adam. I love how the story develops pace as Stickman frantically tries to get back home to the family tree. A wonderful feel good book and one that brings puts a smile on my face every time I read it to children.</p>
<p>Charlie And the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl</p> 	<p>A young boy wins a tour through the most magnificent chocolate factory in the world, led by the world's most unusual candy maker. When Willy Wonka decides to let five children into his chocolate factory, he decides to release five golden tickets in five separate chocolate bars, causing complete mayhem.</p>	<p>In my opinion one of the greatest children's stories ever written. This book has it all. It also happens to be one of the best books for using different voices for all the characters when reading aloud! I love the Oompaloompas, but can't spell it! When Charlie finds the golden ticket it brings a tear to my eye every time!</p>
<p>Lord of the Rings trilogy by JRR Tolkien</p> 	<p>A meek Hobbit from the Shire and eight companions set out on a journey to destroy the powerful One Ring and save Middle-earth from the Dark Lord Sauron. An ancient Ring thought lost for centuries has been found, and through a strange twist of fate has been given to a small Hobbit named Frodo.</p>	<p>One ring to rule them all! I first read Lord of the Rings when I was 9 years old one wet summer holidays. I remember it being a real challenge to complete the book and I was so proud of myself. It taught me so much about never giving up personally. Frodo's epic journey to cast the one ring into the fires of Mount Doom resonates so much of why it is so important to never give up in life.</p>
<p>The Harry Potter series</p> 	<p>As his eleventh birthday arrives, the time comes for Harry Potter to discover the truth about his magical beginnings – and embark on the enthralling, unmissable adventure that will lead him to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, his true friends Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger, powerful secrets and a destiny he cannot avoid.</p>	<p>There was a time when each Harry Potter book seemed to be realised at the start of the summer holidays. I would eagerly buy the book and finish it the same weekend I bought it! Once even queuing in Tesco until 3am after the end of term staff night out! In truth we all wish we went to Hogwarts, and to be honest I'm still awaiting my letter! The greatest children and adults story ever written. Magical!</p>
<p>The Mr Men books by Roger Hargreaves</p> 	<p>Each book in the original Mr. Men series introduces a different title character and his single dominant personality trait to convey a simple moral lesson. The Mr. Men characters frequently reappeared in other characters' books. The books' simple stories, with brightly coloured, boldly drawn illustrations, make them very popular, with sales of over 100 million worldwide across 28 countries</p>	<p>These books bring me back so many happy memories both as a child, a father and a Head teacher reading Mr Dizzy in a whole school assembly. I love the simplicity yet powerful messages in each and every story. We all can relate with characters. I love making up different voices for each character, and quite simply the books appeal to my mischievous side!</p>

<p>Funnybones by Janet and Allan Ahlberg</p> 	<p>A big skeleton, a little skeleton and a dog skeleton live in the dark cellar of a dark house on a dark hill. The skeletons venture out one night to find someone to scare, but everyone is in bed so they amuse themselves by scaring each other and playing with the skeleton animals in the zoo.</p>	<p>This used to be my daughters favourite book when she was a little girl. Every time the big skeleton scratched his head, my daughter would scratch my head and when the little skeleton scratched his head I would scratch my daughter head. Happy memories and a wonderful book. I love the opening. In a dark dark.....</p>
<p>The Snorgh and the Sailor by Will Buckingham and Thomas Docherty</p> 	<p>The Snorgh loves his routines! But then a bedraggled sailor arrives telling exciting stories of exotic lands - and the Snorgh finds himself going on an adventure after all. A poignant and witty story about an unlikely friendship; a surprising journey - and the discovery that we can all do the most amazing things, if we only dare to.</p>	<p>When teaching, sometimes you have one of those moments. A moment that doesn't happen often, but a moment where something magical happens. The first time I heard this book, one of those moments happened. My class of boys who hated reading were hooked! I'd tried everything, but the Snorgh and the sailor did it for them!</p>
<p>Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl</p> 	<p>Fantastic Mr Fox is the legendary tale of the most cunning fox in the world by Roald Dahl. Every time Mr Fox steals a chicken from the farm, Farmers Boggis, Bunce and Bean grow wild with rage! They're the nastiest crooks in the valley, and they've concocted a cunning plan to dig him out of his hole once and for all.</p>	<p>The first time I listened to this book, I was 6 years old and my mum read it to me as a bedtime story. I loved it so much that, 'just one more chapter mam', turned into the whole book being read in one go! Every night I wanted Fantastic Mr Fox to be my bedtime story, but my mum wasn't going to be fooled twice!</p>

'These are my desert island books. They all have a special meaning to me and give me so many cherished and happy memories. I hope you love them just as much as I do. Enjoy!'

Mr Kelly