

Collection of Enquiry Books for KS2 2009

Title and Author	Themes
Varmints - Helen Ward Marc Craste	Noise, thinking, time, space, values, hope
The Tunnel - Anthony Browne	Sibling relationships, fear, imagination, loss and love
Traction Man Is Here - Mini Grey	Imagination, toys, reality, gifts, being embarrassed
Tusk Tusk - David McKee	Difference, fighting, killing, race, behaviour
Window - Jeannie Baker	Growing up, development, small changes becoming urbanisation
Tadpole's Promise Jeanne Willis Tony Ross	Love or infatuation, promises, changes and things you can't change, loss and mourning
The Incredible Book Eating Boy - Oliver Jeffers	Books, facts, getting things right and wrong, learning, being smart
The Robot and the Bluebird David Lucas	Friendship, caring, being broken
Two Frogs Chris Wormell	A what if.... story, being prepared, imagination, being foolish, worrying
Rose Blanche Roberto Innocenti Ian McEwan	A child's view of the Second World War, hunger, oppression, fear, death
The Magic Paintbrush Julia Donaldson Joel Stewart	A rhyming tale of good and evil, magic, trickery and a child outwitting adults
The Red Tree Shaun Tan	Thought provoking pictures about a dark day which brightens
Voices in the Park Anthony Browne	4 narratives about the same visit to the park, perspectives, prejudice, roles, friendship
Into the Forest Anthony Browne	A child's fears and imagination nearly overwhelm him, bravery, reality and fairy tale influences
Frog in Love Max Velthuijs	Love, difference, embarrassment, secrets, showing off, danger, striving to be best, caring
Frog and the Stranger Max Velthuijs	Strangers, perspectives, prejudices, stereotypes, behaviour, friends, fun, moving on
Why? Nikoli Popov	Pictures only - story of escalating conflict, war, futility, loss and hope
Something Else	Being different, not fitting in, trying and failing, being unkind, accepting and celebrating difference
Wonderful Life Helen Ward	Creatures with strange names, communicating, being a long way away,

	discovering, being lonely
How to Live Forever Colin Thompson	Immortality, aging, searching and discovering, childhood, choices
The Arrival Shaun Tan	A story in pictures – immigration, leaving loved ones, new life, scary places, starting again
I wish I didn't have to Sleep Keith Haring	A collection of thought provoking images from graffiti art – with children's comments
Ta(l)king Pictures Sara Liptai Steve Williams	A Photo collection especially designed as stimuli for philosophical enquiry
The Mountains of Tibet Mordicai Gerstein	Choices, death, life after death, religion/beliefs, parents, being a boy or a girl
Values for Thinking Robert Fisher	Stories, poems and pictures to provoke discussion of 30 common values

Books for KS1 Title and author	Themes / possibilities
You Choose Nick Sharratt and Pippa Goodhart	If you could go anywhere, do anything what would you choose? Practise giving reasons
Would you rather? John Burningham	Choices between alternatives – again gives a chance to practise giving reasons
Ask Me Anje Damm	A selection of questions to use as starters for very young children
Ketchup on you Cornflakes Nick Sharratt	Choices – a chance to be creative with possibilities – custard on your toes, in bath on pie?
Where the Wild Things are Maurice Sendak	Minds, imagination, dreaming, punishment, being naughty, being wild, power, forgiveness
What makes me happy? C & L Anholt	Exploring some common emotions – with suggestions
How big is the World? Britta Teckentrup	Investigating the world, perspectives, size and relative size, what we see/know
In the Attic Hiawyn Oram	Imagination, thinking, dreaming, loneliness, aloneness, parents, care, friends, games
Oi, Get off our Train John Burningham	Power, friends, care: animals and environment, danger, extinction, human damage to world
Not Now Bernard David McKee	Parents, children, being ignored, monsters, perspectives, naughtiness, imagination, ?truth

Owl Babies Martin Waddell Patrick Benson	Fear, wanting Mum, waiting, not being patient, siblings, soon, fuss, knowing
The Shopping Basket John Burningham	Errands, responsibility, threats, ingenuity, insults, lack of understanding from parents
Frog and Toad Together Arnold Lobel	5 stories: Dragons and Giants – fear, bravery, cowardliness, foolhardiness, running away, safe
The Important Book Margaret Wise Brown	Importance in every day items – leading to questions about importance
Dogger Shirley Hughes	Family life, excitement, events, special toys, loss, sibling care, sadness
Solo Paul Geraghty	Antarctic life, penguin safety, prey and predators, fear, environmental pollution
Into the Forest Anthony Browne	Difference from usual, links between stories and reality, imagination, loss, fear, safety and being found
John Brown, Rose and the Midnight Cat Jenny Wagner	Aging, caring, friends, animal friends, denial, resentment, (non) acceptance, need, will, sickness, love
The Tin Forest Helen Ward	Age, rubbish, care for environment, will for change, metaphor, wishing, hoping, forgotten places, change