

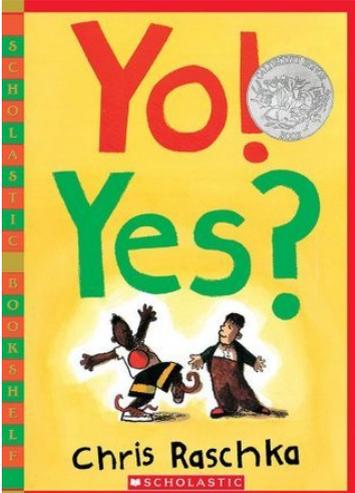
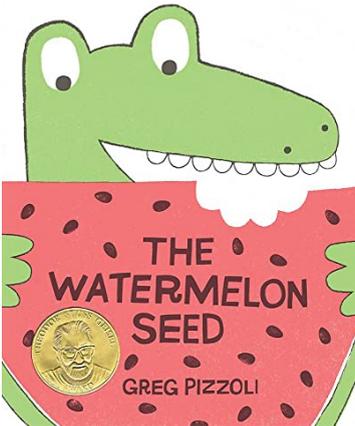
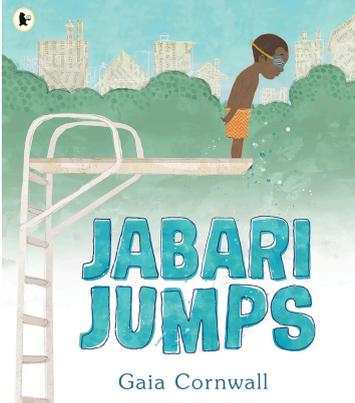


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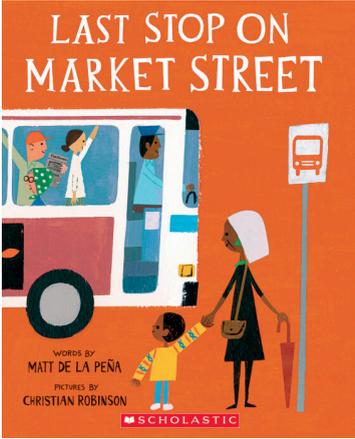
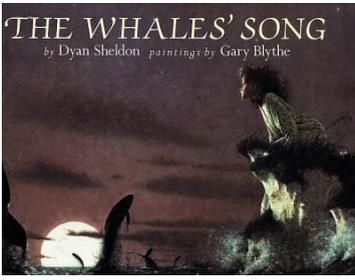
Narrative fiction is imaginative writing that tells a made-up story using characters, setting, plot, dialogue, and descriptive language to entertain, explore ideas, and develop readers' understanding of stories.

Picturebooks combine images and text to tell stories, with illustrations playing a central role in shaping narrative, meaning and interpretation. The following selection of high-quality narrative picturebooks provides engaging reading opportunities for primary school pupils, supporting comprehension, imagination and enjoyment of storytelling through the mediums of Irish and English.

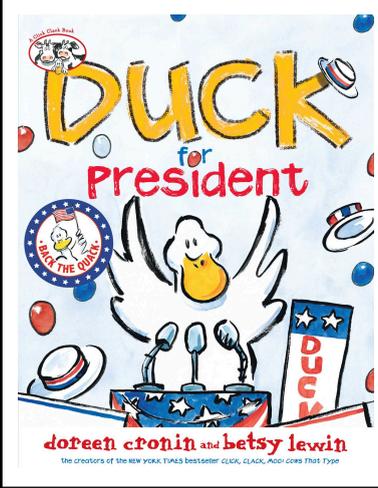
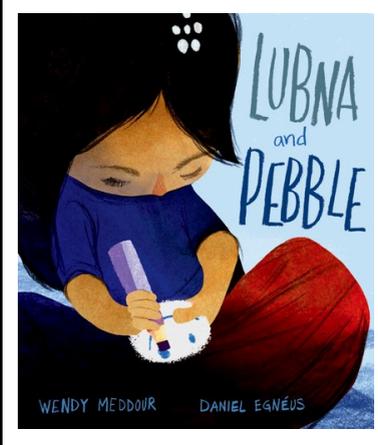
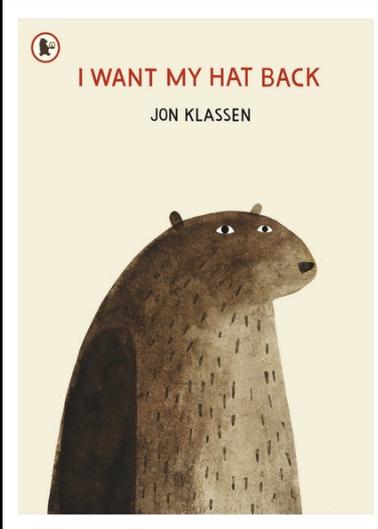
The stage groupings provided are indicative only. Teachers and parents are best placed to determine the appropriateness of individual texts for their own context. Many texts will be suitable for use across a range of ages and stages.

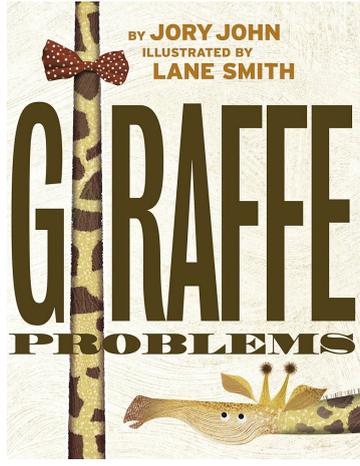
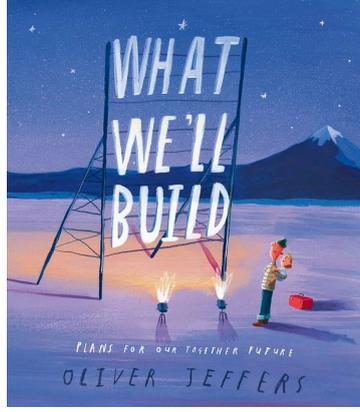
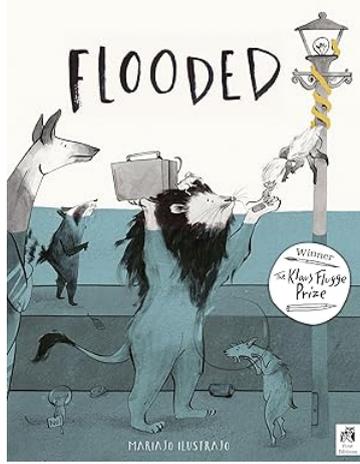
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	Greg Pizzoli	✓	✓		
	Gaia Cornwall	✓	✓		

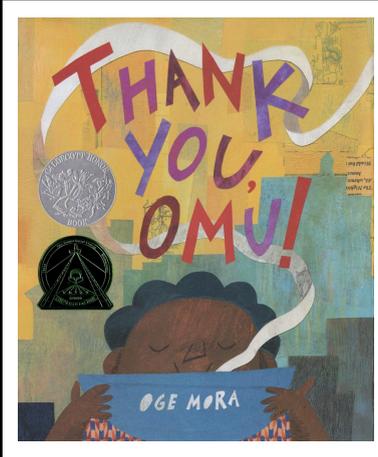
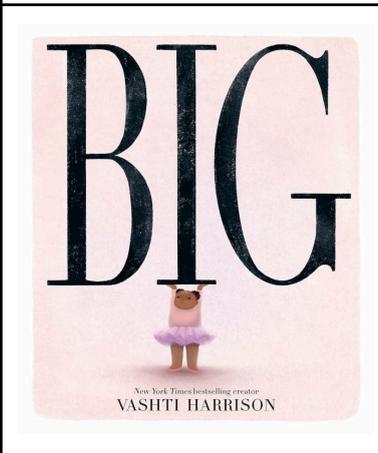
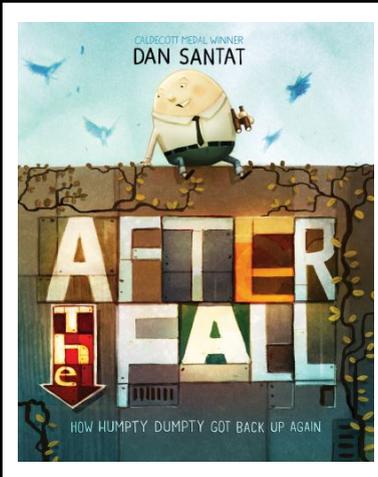
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	<p>Max Amato</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>		
	<p>Matt De La Peña & Christian Robinson</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>	
	<p>Maribeth Boelts & Noah Z. Jones</p>		<p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>
	<p>Dyan Sheldon & Gary Blythe</p>		<p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>

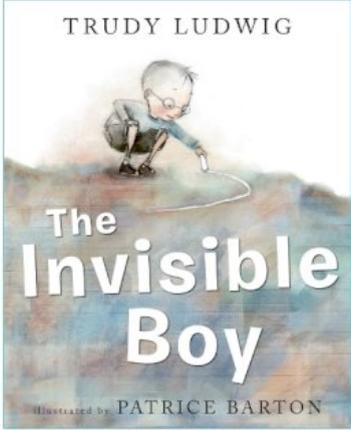
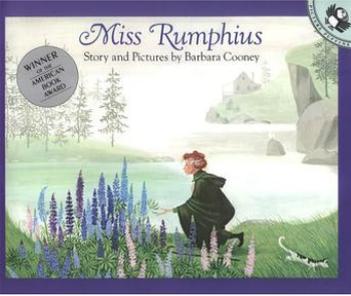
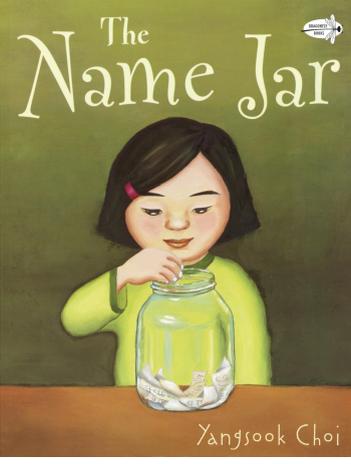
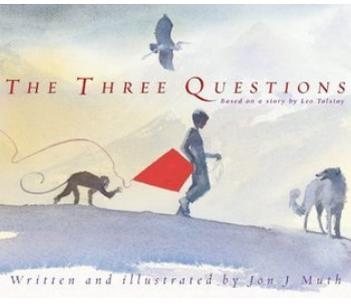
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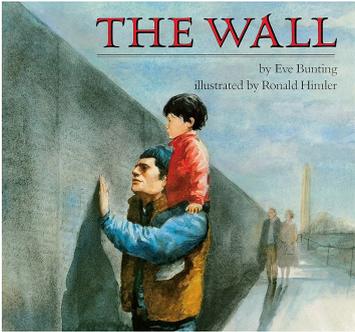
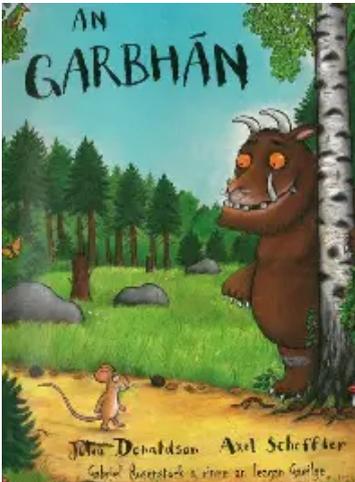
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	<p>Wendy Meddour & Daniel Egnéus</p>				
	<p>Jon Klassen</p>				

	<p>Jory John & Lane Smith</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>		
	<p>Oliver Jeffers</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>	
	<p>Mariajo Illustrajo</p>		<p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>

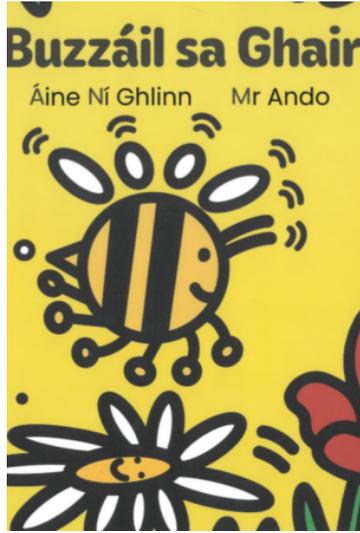
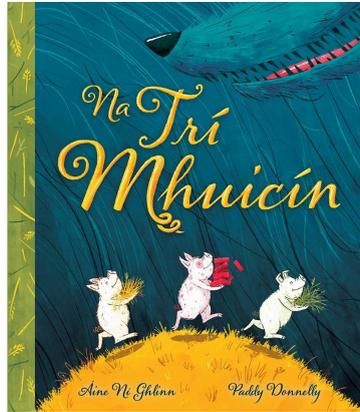
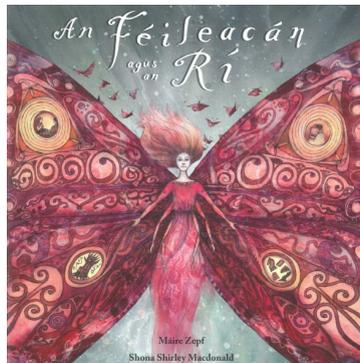
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	Vashti Harrison	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Dan Santat	✓	✓	✓	✓

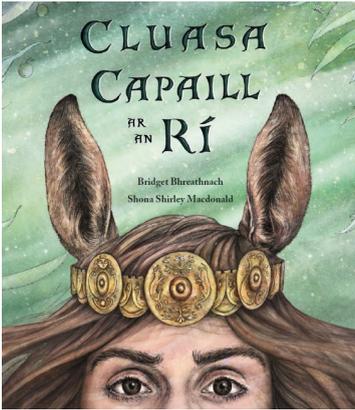
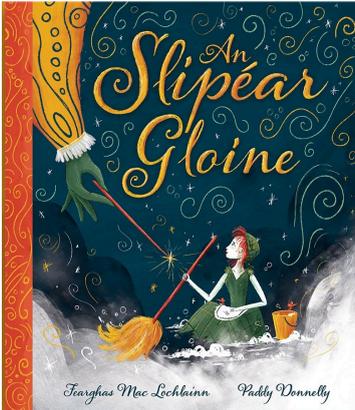
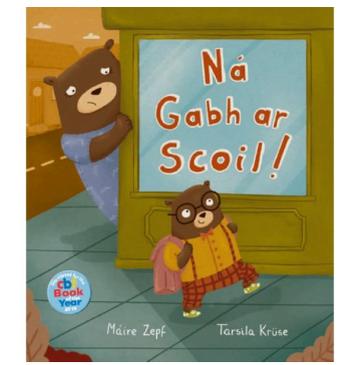
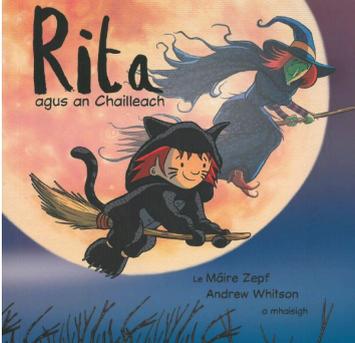
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	<p>Trudy Ludwig & Patrice Barton</p>				
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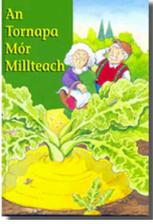
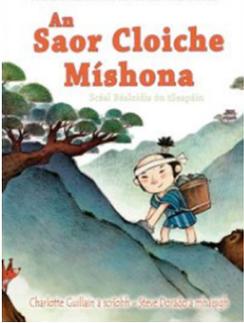
	<p>Eve Bunting</p>			<p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>
	<p>Sadhbh Devlin & Brian Fitzgerald</p> <p>(Scoileanna Meán-Ghaeilge)</p>	<p>✓</p>			
 <p>Scéalta Eoinín</p>	<p>Muireann Ní Chíobháin & Róisín Hahessy</p> <p>(Scoileanna Meán-Ghaeilge)</p>	<p>✓</p>			
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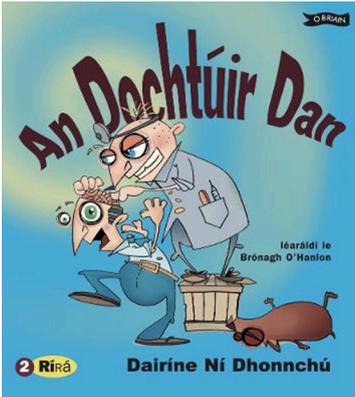
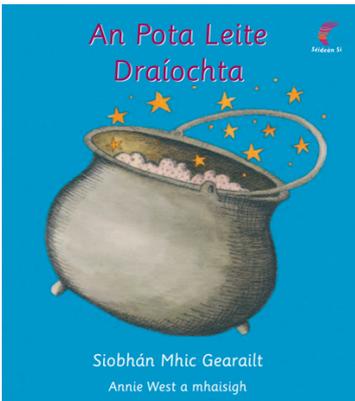
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 <p>Buzzáil sa Ghair Áine Ní Ghlinn Mr Ando</p>	<p>Áine Ní Ghlinn & Mr Ando (Scoileanna Meán-Ghaeilge)</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>		
 <p><i>Na Trí Mhuicín</i> Áine Ní Ghlinn Paddy Donnelly</p>	<p>Áine Ní Ghlinn & Paddy Donnelly (Scoileanna Meán-Ghaeilge)</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>	
 <p><i>An Féileacán agus an Rí</i> Máire Zepf Shona Shirley Macdonald</p>	<p>Máire Zepf & Shona Shirley Mcdonald (Scoileanna Meán-Ghaeilge)</p>		<p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>

	<p>Bridget Bhreathnach & Shona Shirley Macdonald (Scoileanna Meán-Ghaeilge)</p>		✓	✓	✓
	<p>Fearghas Mac Lochlainn & Paddy Donnelly (Scoileanna Meán-Ghaeilge do Chéim 1 & 2 agus Meán-Bhéarla do Chéim 3)</p>	✓	✓	✓	
	<p>Máire Zepf & Tarsila Kruse (Scoileanna Meán-Ghaeilge)</p>	✓	✓		
	<p>Maire Zepf & Andrew Whitson (Scoileanna Meán-Ghaeilge do Chéim 2 agus Meán-Bhéarla do Chéim 3)</p>		✓	✓	

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 <p>An Torna Mór Millteach</p>	<p>An Gúm (Scoileanna meán-Bhéarla)</p>				
 <p>Bríona ag Bríoneoidéach</p>	<p>An Gúm (Scoileanna meán-Bhéarla)</p>				
 <p>An Saor Cloiche Mishona</p>	<p>An Gúm (Scoileanna meán-Bhéarla)</p>				
 <p>Báisteach</p>	<p>Carroll (COGG) (Scoileanna meán-Bhéarla)</p>				
 <p>An Lacha Bheag Chránna</p>	<p>An Gúm (Scoileanna meán-Bhéarla)</p>				

	<p>Ó Briain (Scoileanna meán-Bhéarla)</p>				
	<p>An Gúm (Scoileanna meán-Bhéarla)</p>				

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