The Big Friendly Read Book list for children
Aunt Nasty by Margaret Mahy
Orion [Hachette]
Aunt Nasty is coming to stay. Claire and Toby don’t know what to expect. You see, Aunt Nasty isn’t like other aunts. Aunt Nasty is a witch!

Bigger and Better by Kaye Umansky
Barrington Stoke
Vi the Giantess loves little things - her thimble collection is almost out of control. So when a little chap called Jack pops up in her kitchen, her giant heart melts right away. But Jack is a regular Jack-the-lad; he’s after Vi’s husband’s treasures. What will Vi do to stop him?

Boyface and the Tartan Badger by James Cambell
Hodder [Hachette]
Boyface gets the worst pet in the world for his birthday, a tartan badger. They live for up to 40 years, you can never give them away and they smell of hospitals. But when the badger is stolen, Boyface and his friend Clootie want him back.

Compton Valance - Revenge of the Fancy-Pants Time Pirate by Matt Brown
Usborne
Madman Gussage St Vincent is back and he aims to become OVERLORD OF THE UNIVERSE. Compton and Bryan try to stop him, in a battle involving the pongiest pants in history, the Great Fish-Slapping Game and a LOT of custard pies!

Danger is Everywhere by David O’Doherty
Puffin [Random House]
Is there a shark in the loo? Could your granny be a robot? The world’s greatest (and only) Dangerologist guides you through recognising and dealing with some of the possible hazards life can throw at you.
Mole loves labelling things, but when he comes across a strange thing, he doesn’t know what to call it. It’s lumpy and bumpy, and has snippy-snappy teeth. Could it be dangerous?

Gorilla Loves Vanilla
by Chae Strathie
Scholastic
What’s your favourite ice-cream? When the animals visit Little Sam Sundae’s ice cream shop on Jellybean Street they have some unusual requests. There’s blue cheese sundae for Mouse and a worm cornet for Hen, but what does Gorilla want?

Danny Dreadnought Saves the World
by Jonathan Emmett
Egmont Books
The Bugulons, the scariest creatures in the entire universe, are invading Earth. They reckon it will be easy. But down on Earth is Danny Dreadnought, and he isn’t scared of anything!

Grandpa’s Great Escape
by David Walliams
HarperCollins
Jack’s Grandpa wears his slippers to the supermarket, serves up tinned tongue for dinner and often doesn’t remember Jack’s name. But he can still take to the skies in a speeding Spitfire and save the day.

Flyboy (Wings series)
by Tom Palmer
Barrington Stoke
Jatinder’s a great footballer, but something’s holding him back. It takes the ghostly experiences of a WWI fighter pilot and the real danger this puts Jatinder in for him to become the best of himself.

Dangerous!
by Tim Warnes
Little Tiger Press
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Ted Rules the World
by Frank Cottrell Boyce
Barrington Stoke
Ever since Ted got a special local shop loyalty card, all his great ideas are being thought of by the new Prime Minister too. And if Ted has become a leader, shouldn’t he start thinking up proper laws to save the world...?

Roald Dahl’s Marvellous Joke Book
Puffin [Random House]
Jokes, limericks, riddles, Knock knock and Doctor doctor - here are all kinds of jokes especially themed around Roald Dahl’s best-loved characters to keep you laughing for hours.

Quick Let’s Get Out of Here
by Michael Rosen
Puffin [Random House]
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What's for Dinner Mr Gum? by Andy Stanton

Mr Gum has found himself a brand new treat - rancid kebabs dripping with dirty grey sauce. He’s gotta have more, MORE! But not everyone’s happy about it and soon the town of Lamonic Bibber is gearing up for war. Can Polly and her friends save the town?

Thesaurus Rex by Michael Dahl

Raintree [Capstone Publishers]

A colossal monster unfolds itself from the pages of a book, like an origami creation gone terribly wrong. Soon, it towers above the house, constantly changing form and sprouting new weapons! Who could possibly defeat this monster made of words?

The Person Controller by David Baddiel

HarperCollins

Twins Fred and Ellie are amazing at video games, but not much else, like football or dealing with the school bullies. Then they meet the Mystery Man who gives them a game controller like nothing they’ve ever seen before.

The Wild Washerwomen by John Yeoman

Anderson Press [Random House]

Once upon a time there were seven unhappy washerwomen with a bossy boss and too much washing. Follow the wild and zany rampage of the washerwomen and find out what sort of happy ending suits them best. A classic tale for everyone.

Wigglesbottom Primary: The Magic Hamster by Pamela Butchart

Nosy Crow

Three more stories of primary school mayhem as 2F set out to solve the real mysteries of life. What is the school mashed potato REALLY made of? When Lauren swallows a fly, will she ACTUALLY turn into one? And who, or what, is ROBOT BOY?
The Big Friendly Read
To celebrate 100 years of Roald Dahl and the amazing illustrations of Sir Quentin Blake, this book list features some great reads that explore the themes of mischief, invention, adventure, wordplay, child champions and friendship - all popular in Roald Dahl’s famous books.

Share a picture book with a friend or let your imagination run free in a children’s story, short or long.

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