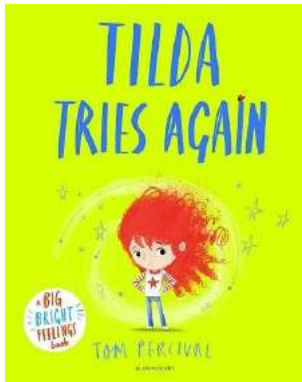


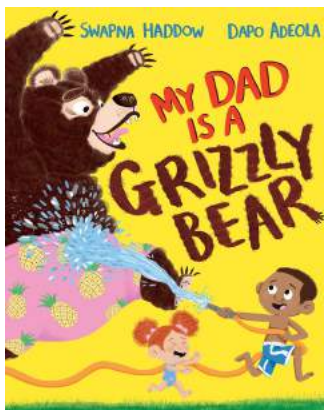
## SPARK BOOK AWARDS THE 12 BOOKS OF CHRISTMAS

Last year you all helped choose the winner of the Spark Book Awards, 'Avocado Asks' by watching Mrs Davies read the 4 shortlisted books online and voting for your favourite during Lockdown. Exciting News! The Spark Book Awards are starting again right now. These are the 12 shortlisted books. These are all great high quality books and brilliant ideas for Christmas presents.



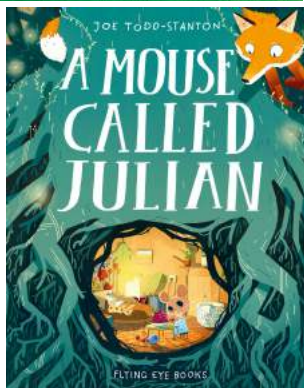
### Day 1

*Tilda's world is just as she likes it . . . until one day, it turns completely UPSIDE DOWN. All of a sudden, everything is topsy-turvy, and nothing feels right. Things that were once easy now seem incredibly challenging. Can Tilda discover a new way to approach her problems and believe in herself?*



### Day 2

*In this family, it's just possible that Dad is a grizzly bear . . . He has fuzzy fur, enormous paws and loves the outdoors. He sleeps a lot even in the cinema and when he's awake, he's always hungry, usually eating up all the honey. What else could Dad be? But sometimes, when it's scary at night, a lovely big bear hug is just what is needed!*



### Day 3

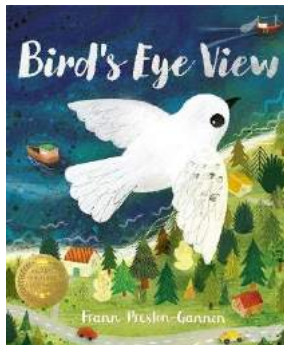
*Julian isn't a very sociable mouse. In fact, he goes to great lengths to avoid all the other mice as well as the various predators above ground. Unfortunately, a fox has been spying on Julian, and one day, he pokes his head through a window and right into Julian's house! **Warning** - please do not read this to Nursery children as we use it as a key text next term!*



### Day 4

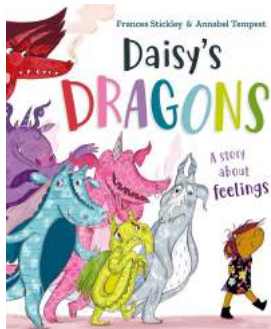
*A little girl confides in her grandmother about her fears: pirates, monsters, the big dog down the lane ... Each time, her grandmother suggests a funny situation to imagine, to help her overcome her fears and anxieties. The big dog isn't so scary anymore when you imagine him on*

rollerskates! And pirates aren't so frightening once they put away their swords and start playing with their dolls!



#### Day 5

One day Little Bird leaves the safety of her nest and goes to explore the world. Her mama warns her to watch out for people, but what are they, exactly? On her journey, Little Bird will see many people who are all very different. She sees cruelty and greed, but also love and kindness.



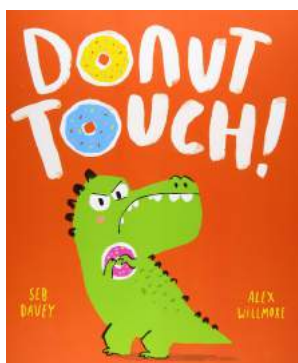
#### Day 6

Warning! Contains dragons. Nobody but Daisy can see her dragons. And usually, they all get along in their own wonderful chaotic way, but Daisy's dragons aren't like ordinary dragons; Daisy's dragons are her feelings. So when Daisy has a very tricky day, suddenly, all is not harmonious amongst the dragons.



#### Day 7

Meet Betsy Buglove in this magical picture book - a girl who LOVES bugs more than anything else in the world! In a big, bustling town lived a girl who loved bugs, from earthworms to ladybirds, woodlice and slugs. While spiders or ants might make some scream in fright to her, creepy crawlies were such a delight!



#### Day 8

Mikey the T. rex loves donuts, but he doesn't like sharing. When Mikey's delicious donuts start to disappear one by one, he thinks that the reader is taking them, but he is too busy worrying about his donut dilemma to see what's right behind him. Will Mikey ever learn to share? A laugh-out-loud, interactive story in which readers must try

to turn the pages without touching the donuts and upsetting the dinosaur.



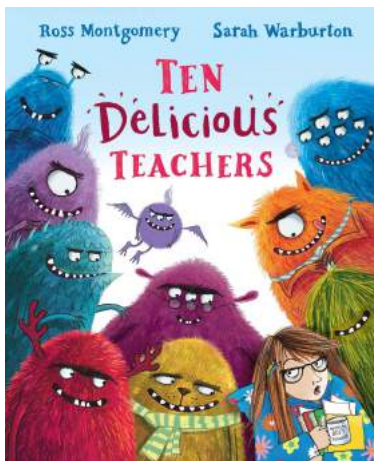
Day 9

*Everyone knows how a day goes.*

*The sun rises and shines above us with his glorious smile.*

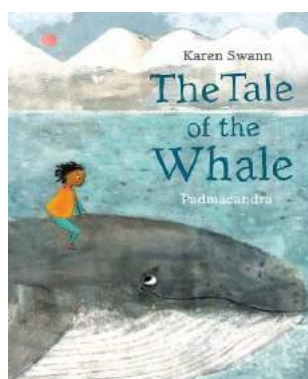
*At the end of the day, he disappears over the horizon.*

*But what people don't know is what the sun gets up to after he goes home . . .*



Day 10

*Ten very foolish teachers have missed the last bus home. But LOOK - a shortcut through the forest! They'll be back in time for tea! Off they skip, unaware that in the woods a hungry horde of mischievous and hilariously goofy monsters is waiting...*



Day 11

*Come on a magical journey of wonder and discovery from misty seaside shorelines to cold ice capped seas. This beautiful tale of friendship between a child and a whale invites us to consider our responsibilities towards the environment and makes a direct plea to end plastic pollution.*



Day 12

Billy's family is not what you'd call ordinary. His mums won't listen to NORMAL music. They love to sing sea shanties and dance jigs in the lounge. Their clothes are highly unusual, they have a rude parrot for a pet, and their taste in house design is, well . . . FISHY. Billy wishes his family could be more like everyone else's. Until a swashbuckling adventure changes everything!

These books will all be available in school and will be read to the children. You can find out more at [Spark! School Book Awards](#)

Here you will also find a link to the Spark Justgiving page to help get books to children who might not be otherwise able to access them.