

## The SENCO and Special Schools Newsletter from Norfolk School Library Service

### Welcome!

Welcome to the first SEN newsletter of this school year, especially if you are a new SENCO.

Norfolk SLS has plenty of lovely resources to help you and your children, whether you need Large Print, Dual Language, Hi-lo, Guided Readers, themed Reading for Pleasure collections or even Giant Print and Braille.

We love the Giant Print and Braille editions of picture books produced by the community interest project Access2Books. These are large versions of well known picture books, with Braille and clear 75pt text on white backgrounds. We are currently adding to our stock of these.

Take a look at the website for more information [www.access2books.org](http://www.access2books.org)

To become a customer your school need buy only ONE token, and this entitles you to free collections of titles for children with visual impairments as well. All you need to do is send an email from the Head's email address to the Services to Schools team on [s2s@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:s2s@norfolk.gov.uk) and copy in the School Library Service. For more assistance with this, contact the SLS team.

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## Artefact and story boxes

Our artefact boxes are available to support some of your curriculum themes. Artefact boxes contain a mix of relevant artefacts and books which are age appropriate and specially chosen to reflect the theme. There are usually about 24 items inside and topics include: Egyptians, Africa, China or Chocolate. Just think how much more engaging a subject can be when items can be handled, or fabrics can be touched.

Our fabulous Story Boxes are brilliant for KS1 and older children with SEN and include Magic and Mystery, Sea and Seashore, Around the World, Animal Fun and Spooky Fun. These boxes are huge and may have up to 40 beautiful items.

Both types of box are just one SLS Token to borrow for one term; excellent value for money.

If you are interested in seeing a full list of artefact and story boxes, get in touch with the SLS team.



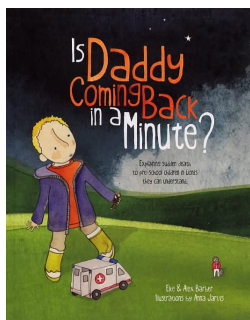
## Booktrust

The Booktrust website is a great place for teachers, full of free resources for all key stage levels and abilities. It has a fab searchable "Bookfinder" tool which is brilliant for locating stories about special needs and disability. It is divided into useful age groups too, to refine your searches even further.

Why not give it a try? <http://www.booktrust.org.uk/books/bookfinder/>

## Book reviews and recommendations

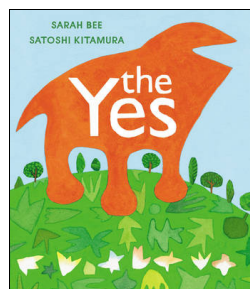
All of these lovely books are available to borrow from the School Library Service, or buy from Peters Booksellers with a 22% discount - just get in touch with the SLS team.



**Is Daddy coming back in a Minute?** by Elke and Alex Barber

(Elke Barber, £10.99 hardback, 9780957474505)

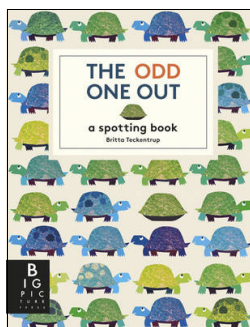
This story, aimed at Early Years-KS1 children is one we hope you will never need. It is about the sudden death of dad. But it is told in language and pictures a pre-school child can understand, even if the concepts are big for even adults.



**The Yes** by Sarah Bee and Satoshi Kitamura

(Anderson Press, £11.99 hardback, 9781849397100)

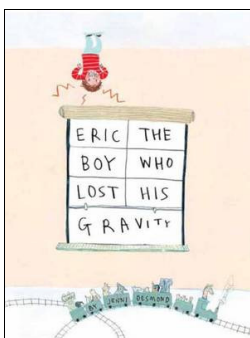
Being told "no!" is something many children with special needs experience far too often. This story for KS1 or 2, with its bold YES and gloomy NOs rewards sharing.



**The Odd One Out** by Britta Teckentrup

(Big Picture Press, £10.99 hardback, 9781848773516)

This lovely picture book, with a real retro feel about it, should appeal to children who love to get lost in visual detail. It's a very simple 'spotting' book in rhyme with collective nouns thrown in. The style makes it better for slightly older children (KS2). Staff here want it made into wallpaper and fabric!



**Eric, the Boy who lost his Gravity** by Jenni Desmond

(Blue Apple Books, £12.99 hardback, 978160905348)

Another picture book, this time dealing with a rainy Sunday afternoon when anger reaches lift off and Eric explodes out of the house. After realising he doesn't like being on his own and being lovingly rescued by his parents, his sister explodes too, but by now Eric knows just what she needs to calm her down.

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