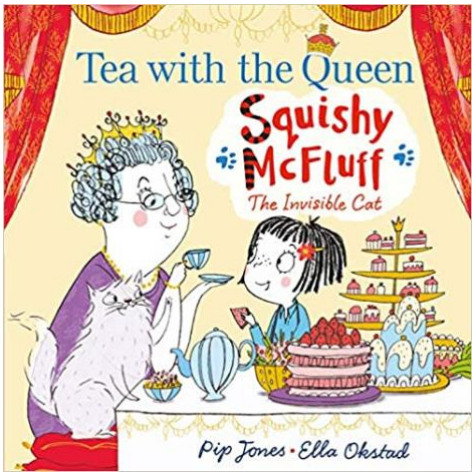
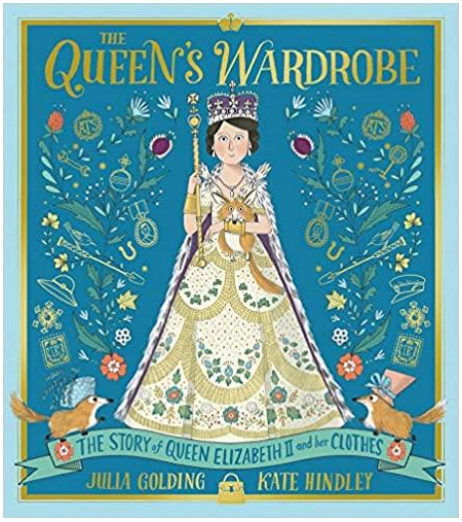
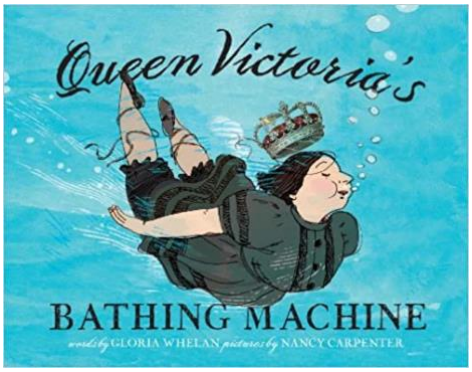
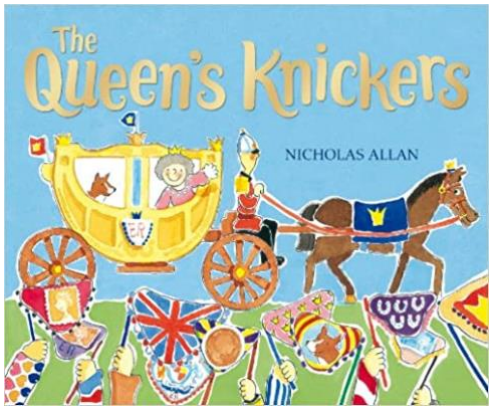
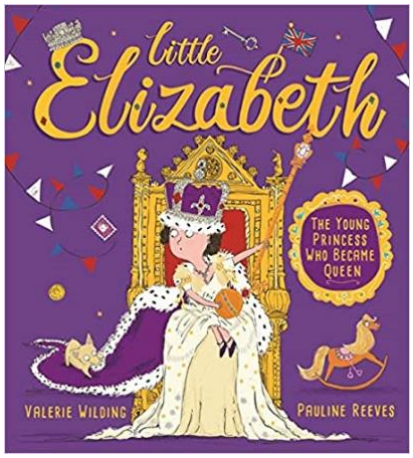
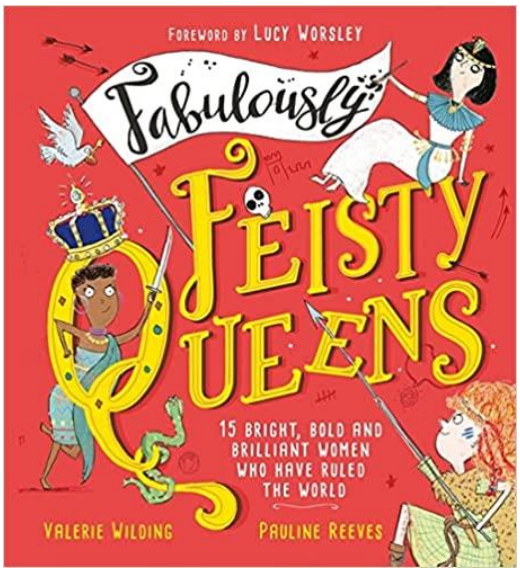
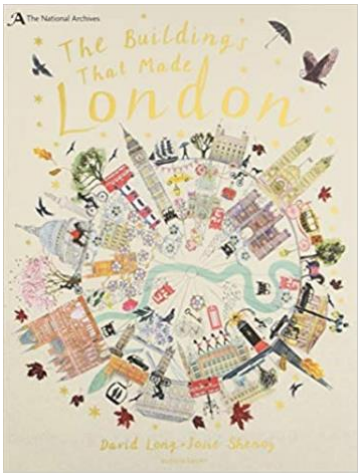
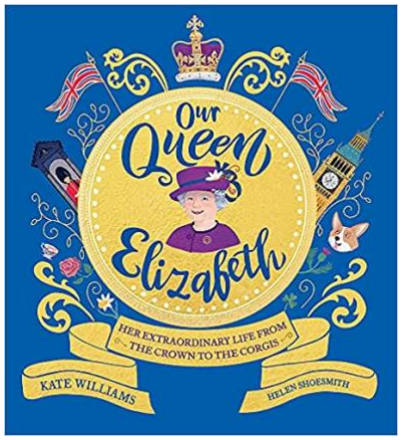
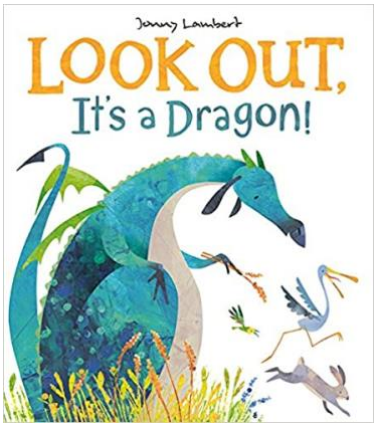
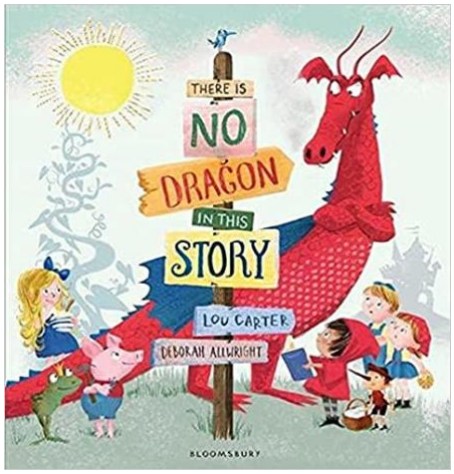
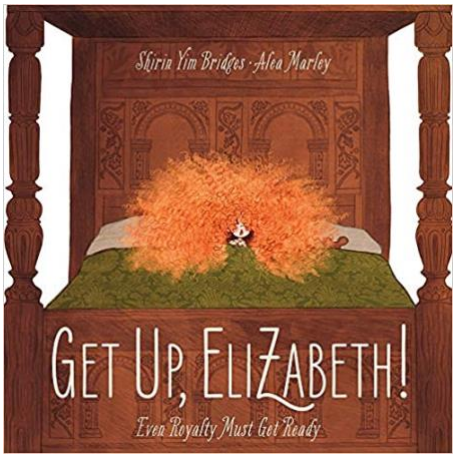
Recommended Reads about Kings and Queens

The role of the monarch and what they do is a huge influence on the society at that time. As children explore 'A Very British Summer', here are some suitable texts to help explore the Kings and Queens topic:

	A day out with Squishy could never be boring! When Squishy and Ava go on a trip to London, they can't resist the chance to explore the palace, but when they accidentally find the Queen, will she be able to see how wonderful Squishy is?
	Did you know the Queen's crown weighs as much as a bag of potatoes? Or that she has her own tartan nobody else is allowed to wear? This book brings to life the story of a young princess who grew into one of the world's best-loved and most famous royals, touching on wartime truck-fixing, ration-book wedding dress making, splendid gowns, trusty wellies, the Crown Jewels and jumping out of a helicopter with James Bond.
	Poor Queen Victoria! She loves to swim, but can't quite figure out how to get to the water without her devoted subjects glimpsing her swimming suit. (Because, of course, such a sight would compromise her regal dignity.) Fortunately for the water-loving monarch, it's Prince Albert to the rescue with an invention fit for a queen! This quirky tale about the longest reigning monarch in British history is as fun as it is authentic, and the book includes a picture

	of the actual bathing machine Prince Albert created.
	It's a busy year for the Queen - she has lots of important events to attend. Meanwhile, a little girl is wondering what knickers Her Majesty will choose to wear on a school visit! Will they be her 'at home' knickers - adorned with corgis - or her 'garden party' knickers, or perhaps her woolly Balmoral ones...?
	A sudden gust of wind sets of a marvellous London adventure for the Queen, the Queen's men and one very special hat. So let's follow one determined, dare-devil queen through London Zoo, over Tower Bridge and up Big Ben ... just where will that hat land? Featuring favourite London landmarks, including Tower Bridge, Big Ben and London Zoo.
	Once, a very long time ago, there was a little Princess called Elizabeth (or Lilibet as her family liked to call her) who loved to play and have fun with her horses, dogs and little sister, Margaret. But when she was ten years old, her life changed forever. From growing up during the Second World War and training as an army mechanic, to celebrating VE day with the people of Britain and marrying Prince Phillip, The Duke of Edinburgh - the man she truly loved - this is the amazing true story of a little girl who became Queen Elizabeth II.

	Do you know about the fierce and fearsome pirate who dared to challenge the Queen of England? Or the Indian daughter of a slave who became a warrior queen? And what about the Hungarian princess who became a king when she was just 11...? From ancient empresses and warrior queens, to fearsome pirates and modern-day monarchs, Fabulously Feisty Queens explores the lives and legacies of history's most powerful women. Made of stronger stuff than beauty and grace, discover just how bright, brave, brilliant and clever the world's female rulers have been throughout the centuries.
	Watch Buckingham Palace transform from a large country house into an opulent palace, spot Henry VIII playing tennis on the lawn of Hampton Court Palace, and get lost in the Palm House at Kew, London's very own tropical rainforest.
	Discover everything there is to know about the life and the legacy of Queen Elizabeth II in this beautifully illustrated book. Readers will learn all about Elizabeth II's youth growing up during WWII, how she came to the throne and what it really means to be the Queen. Along the way, they'll see her sparkling crown jewels and magnificent palaces. They will meet her beloved corgis, horses and of course, her very famous family. Plus they'll discover lots of amazing facts - such as why she has two birthdays, always wears bright clothing, and is a world record breaker!

	Saffi isn't like other dragons. She doesn't enjoy crushing castles and capturing princesses. But when she finds the perfect new home, how can she persuade her new neighbours that she is a helpful sort of dragon? Written and illustrated by the award-winning Jonny Lambert (Little Why, The Only Lonely Panda and Tiger Tiger), this is a humorous and heart-warming tale about bravery, overcoming prejudices and finding new friends.
	Poor old dragon. Nobody wants him in their story. Not Goldilocks, not Hansel and Gretel - no one. But Dragon will not give up! He shall continue on his course of finding someone who wants him in their story. ANYONE. His boundless enthusiasm surely won't get him into any trouble. Surely...
	Even the Queen of England has to get up and groomed to greet the day Get up, Elizabeth! It's time for the future queen to get out of bed, scrub her face with almond paste, brush her teeth with soot, comb the tangles out of her unruly red hair, get dressed, and sit still while her ruff is sewn on and her sleeves are pinned. It's rough rising and shining every day—for queens and kids alike.