

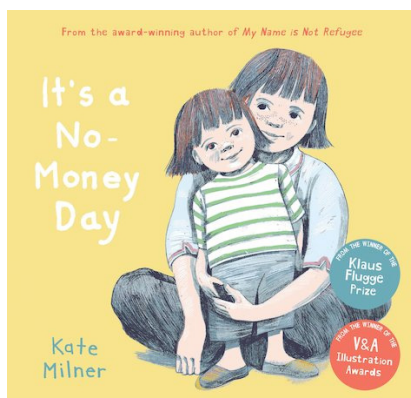
# ST BASILS STORYTIME

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These books provide great tools to support your teaching on homelessness in the classroom. Use these stories to help pupils explore what "home" means to them.

## IT'S A NO MONEY DAY

KATE MILNER



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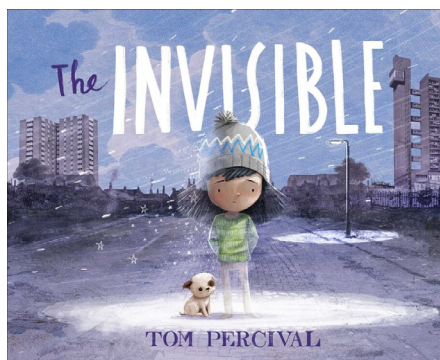
*Suitable for Pre-school readers (ages 3-5 years)*

Mum works really hard, but today there is no money left and no food in the cupboards. Forced to visit the local foodbank, Mum feels ashamed that they have to rely on the kindness of others, but her young daughter can still see all the good in her day.

A moving insight into the sad rise and necessity of foodbanks. A great book to help develop empathy, understanding and kindness in younger readers.

## THE INVISIBLE

TOM PERCIVAL



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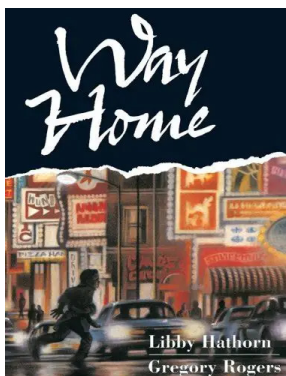
*Suitable for KS1 (ages 4-8 years)*

The Invisible is the story of a young girl called Isabel and her family who are struggling to meet their bills and rent payments and have to leave their family home and move across the city.

This story addresses the impacts of the housing crisis and its effects on families to KS1 children. It is the story of those who are overlooked in our society - who are made to feel invisible and sparks feelings of empathy and solidarity whilst highlighting the importance of community and the fact that we all belong.

## WAY HOME

LIBBY HATHORN & GREGORY ROGERS



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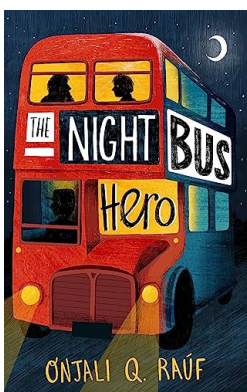
*Suitable for KS2 (ages 9-11 years)*

It's night and the dark is filled with strange sounds as Shane makes his way home. On a fence he finds a stray cat that at first growls and spits at him.

But Shane talks and strokes the kitten to calmness, and decides to take the 'Spitfire, Kitten Number One,' home with him. No gang of boys, or avenue of dense traffic, or fierce dog can stop Shane carrying his new found friend to the place he calls home.

## THE NIGHT BUS HERO

ONJALI Q. RAUF



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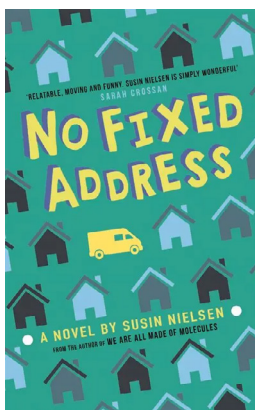
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Meet Hector: a bully whose dastardly antics spiral out of control when, after school one day, he decides to bully a homeless man in the local park.

The Night Bus Hero is fantastically written with warmth and humour tackling the themes of bullying, kindness, homelessness and community. It provides great opportunities to talk about community and social justice in the classroom and the potential that everyone has to change for the good.

## NO FIXED ADDRESS

SUSAN NIELSEN



## DESCRIPTION

*Suitable for KS3 (ages 11-14 years)*

Felix and his mom Astrid have a secret: they are living in a van. Astrid promises it's only for a while until she finds a new job, and begs Felix not to breathe a word about it.

A moving story combining humour, heartbreak and hope about people who slip through the cracks in society and the pressure that young people feel to fit in. As homelessness becomes more common with families in our society, 'No fixed address' challenges preconceptions around homelessness and shares a message of hope through the power of friendship, kindness and community.