Bridging books for lower secondary

Some suggestions

Environmental issues
Dinosaurs and all that Rubbish, Puffin
Five Little Fiends, Bloomsbury

Love, Friendship and Tolerance
Something Else, Puffin
Long Neck and Thunder Foot, Puffin
Fox, Cat’s Whiskers
Mr Biff the Boxer, Puffin
Two Monsters, Red Fox
Moose, Puffin
Black Dog, Puffin

Racism
Mon ami Jim, Pastel
Tusk, Tusk, Red Fox

Gender
Princess Smartypants, Puffin
Tarzana, Puffin
Prince Cinders, Puffin
Piggy Book, Walker Books
The Paper Bag Princess, Little Hippo
The Tough Princess, Walker Books

Family
I will not ever, NEVER eat a tomato, Orchard Books
Clarice Bean, That’s Me, Orchard Books
My Uncle in a Huncle says Clarice Bean, Orchard Books
Eat your Peas, Red Fox

Perseverance
Tortoise’s Dream, Puffin

Fairy tales, fables and modern retellings
Foxy Fables, Puffin
The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse, Walker
Jim and the Beanstalk, Puffin
Revolting Rhymes, Puffin
Lazy Jack, Puffin
The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs! Puffin
The Stinky Cheese Man, Viking
Little Red Riding Hood, Puffin
The Boy Who Cried Wolf, Red Fox
Mrs Goat and Her Seven Little Kids, Andersen Press
Jamil’s Clever Cat, Frances Lincoln
Into the Forest, Walker Books

Famous people/creatures
Joan of Arc, Red Fox
Hiawatha, Puffin
Moby Dick, Orchard Books

Cartoon
Fred, Puffin
Identity
Two Can Toucan, Andersen Press
Daley B, Walker Books
I want to be a Cowgirl, Andersen Press
That Pesky Rat, Orchard Books
The Bunyip of Berkeley’s Creek, Puffin

Information books
The Emperor's Egg, Walker Books

Different view points
Voices in the Park, Picture Corgi Books
Fourteen Rats and a Rat Catcher, Puffin
A Walk in the Park, Hamish Hamilton
Dear Diary, Walker Books

Jealousy
Mufaro’s Beautiful Daughters, Puffin

Courage
Muhamad’s Desert Night, Puffin

Greed
War and Peas, Andersen Press

War
A child’s garden – a story of hope, Walker Books

Poetry
Poems by Benjamin Zephaniah – We are Britain!
Frances Lincoln
Spike Milligan, Silly Verse for Kids, Puffin
Colin McNaughton, There’s an awful lot of Weirdos
In our Neighbourhood, Walker Books
Allan Ahlberg, Heard it in the Playground, Viking

Jokes and Tongue Twisters
The Christmas Stocking Joke Book, Puffin
The Crack-a-Joke Book – chosen by children in aid of Oxfam,
Puffin
The Puffin Book of Tongue Twisters

Novels
Lola Rose, Jacqueline Wilson, Corgi Books
Girls under Pressure, Jacqueline Wilson, Corgi Books
Esperanza Rising, Pam Munoz Ryan, The Chicken House
The Illustrated Mum, Jacqueline Wilson, Corgi Books
Holes, Louis Sachar, Bloomsbury
Artemis Fowl, Eoin Colfer, Puffin
Northern Lights, Philip Pullman, Scholastic
Coram Boy, Jamila Gavin, Egmont Books
The Other Side of Truth, Beverly Naidoo, Puffin
Witch Child, Celia Rees, Bloomsbury
Seasons of Splendour, Madhur Jaffrey, Puffin
Bad Dreams, Anne Fine, Corgi Yearling Books
The Wreck of the Zanzibar, Michael Mophorog

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