



### **The Year of the Rat, Claire Furniss**

Tale of a teen girl trying to deal with her Mum's death after giving birth to a baby sister (the Rat). Her Mum keeps visiting to give her advice and check how things are going, which doesn't really help...

### **The Bone Dragon, Alexia Casale**

Magic realist story in which a dragon carved from her fractured rib comes to life and helps a young girl cope with her abusive past and adjust to her far brighter future.



## **WEEKLY READING RECOMMENDATIONS**

Theme for the week: for catharsis (these might make you cry)



### **The Last Leaves Falling, Sarah Benwell**

The teen main character in this novel has ALS and is deteriorating. He can no longer attend school and makes online friends. Set in Japan, the novel explores concepts of honour and friendship, as well as suicide and dealing with pain.



### **A Dog Called Homeless, Sarah Lean**

Story of a young girl who has stopped talking. She saw her dead mother and no-one believed her, so there's no point talking, is there? A grey wolfhound called Homeless appears and seems to be a link to her mother.