

1. Building a Better World

EYFS

Errol's Garden - Gillian Hibbs

Errol's love of gardening blossoms despite limited outdoor space inspiring and bringing together a community with beautiful results.

Last Tree in the City - Peter Carnavas

Edward finds solace in the one tree that sits in the heart of his concrete city. Heartbroken by it's destruction he sets about remedying this in the only way he knows how.

The Tree - Neal Layton

Buildings plans for a piece of land have to be reviewed when the cutting down of a tree results in making a group of animals homeless. The final resolution makes for a happier home than could have been envisaged.

KS1

Iggy Peck Architect - Andrea Beaty and David Roberts

Iggy is an aspiring architect, whose dreams are almost scuppered when his teacher tries to stamp them out but his skill and expertise save the day and transforms her perspective.

KS2

The Promise - Nicola Davies and Laura Carlin

A chance encounter with an elderly woman transforms a young girl compelling her to change the world around her for the better.

Footpath Flowers - Jon Arno Lawson and Sydney Smith

A wordless picture book that captures the value of taking the time to notice the things and individuals around us and the gift of being present and giving.

The Wilderness War - Julia Green

The story of Noah and his friends fighting to save 'the wilderness' they play in which has been sold and set for development. Includes tips and ideas for how to make the best of wild spaces.

2. Finding our Place in the World - Developing Emotional Resilience

EYFS

Ruby's Worry - Tom Percival

Ruby is a happy girl until one day a worry arrives. Over time she learns how to overcome her worry by sharing with those around her.

Jack's Worry - Sam Zuppardi

Jack is overwhelmed at the prospect of performing in the school concert. With encouragement and understanding he builds up the confidence to try his best. (*NOTE: Currently Out of Print)

KS1

Me And My Fear - Francesca Sanna

An exploration of how a small fear can grow and become allconsuming and how recognising that we are not alone in our fearful feelings can be the comfort we need to overcome them.

All The Ways To Be Smart - Davina Bell and Allison Colpoys

What makes you smart? Is it making things, having a good imagination, being kind? This book lets every small person know they have something special.

Little Leaders Bold Women In Black History - Vashti Harrison

Featuring 40 trailblazing black women in the world's history, this book educates and inspires as it relates true stories of women who broke boundaries and exceeded all expectations.

KS2

Black Dog - Levi Pinfold

A clever metaphorical exploration of fear that guides us through how we overcome it by holding onto hope, developing perspective and building resilience.

Red Tree - Shaun Tan

An illustrated edition of Maya Angelou's empowering poem about finding the courage face life head on.

Life Doesn't Frighten Me -• Maya Angelou and Jean-Michel Basquiat

A powerful portrayal of depression and how it can manifest itself.

Night Shift - Debi Gliori

An evocative and deeply moving exploration of how anxiety and depression can eat away at the core of our being and how understanding the challenges that each of us face can help alleviate some of the burden.

Small Things - Mel Tregonning

A stunning graphic novel. On the cusp of having everything slip from his grasp, a young boy has to find a way to rebuild his sense of self.

BOOK LIST

Stories for Kids who Dare to Be Different - Ben Brooks

Tales of boys and girls who stood up and stood out. This is the book for children who want to know about the lives of those heroes who have led the way, changing the world for the better as they go.

You Are Awesome - Matthew Syed

This positive and empowering guide, by mindset author Matthew Syed, will help boys and girls build resilience, fulfil their potential and become successful, happy, awesome adults.

Young Gifted Black - Jamia Wilson and Andrea Pippins

All children deserve to see themselves represented positively in the books they read. Strong, courageous, talented and diverse, these extraordinary men and women's achievements will inspire a new generation to chase their dream... whatever it may be.

3. The Relationships that Shape our World- Exploring Family Ties and Bereavement

EYFS

No Matter What - Debi Gliori

A reassuring and touching ode to love that illustrates the essence of the bonds that tie us within the spaces and times of this life and beyond.

KS1

If All the World Were - Joseph Coelho and Allison Colpoys

A moving tribute to love and loss that strikes the delicate balance between mourning the passing of a loved one and celebrating the gift of the life they lived and its legacy.

KS2

Corey's Rock - Sita Brahmachari and Jane Ray

- A beautiful and sensitive exploration of the challenges of a family coming to terms with the upheaval caused by the loss of a younger brother told through the perspective of a young girl.

Sad Book - Michael Rosen and Quentin Blake

- A raw and honest account of the deep and very real pain that comes from losing a loved one, illustrating the challenges that come from working through the vast spectrum of thoughts and feelings.

Ghost Boys - Jewell Parker Rhodes

- A poignant story about how children and families deal with loss and the complexities of race in today's world, told from the perspective of a young boy's ghost. (!) This book discusses the death of a 12-year-old black boy who is shot by a white police officer.

4. Changing the Narrative of our World - Challenging Racism

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Happy in Our Skin - Fran Manushkin and Lauren Tobia

A book brimming with illustrations that capture the beautiful joy, love and intimacy of relationships with such tenderness. A celebration of self, love, life and community.

Along Came A Different - Tom McLaughlin

Reds love being red. Yellows love being yellow. And Blues love being blue. The problem is that they just don't like each other. But one day, along comes a different colour who likes Reds, Yellows and Blues, and suddenly everything starts to change.

KS2

What is Race, Who are Racists? - Clare Heuchan and Nikesh Shukla

A fantastic non-fiction title that provides a detailed and considered stimulus for discussing experiences of racism that empowers readers to identify and challenge racism head on.

The Life of Stephen Lawrence - Verna Allette Wilkins

A book dedicated to remembering Stephen and celebrating his life and legacy.

The Island - Armin Greder

A powerfully confronting picture book that exposes the toxicity of xenophobia and the depths of its collectively damaging impact.

Coming to England - Floella Benjamin

Floella Benjamin reveals the hopes and fears, and the pain she experienced when leaving the Caribbean for an unfriendly new life in England. Her feelings are shared by any child who has had to adapt to a new life in a strange environment and culture.

Flying Lessons - Edited by Ellen Oh

A collection of short stories by some of the best children's authors celebrating the uniqueness and universality in all of us.

Boy at the Back of the Class - Onjali Rauf

A child's perspective on the refugee crisis, highlighting the importance of friendship and kindness in a world that doesn't always make sense.

5. Working Together to Make a Better World - Seeking Social Justice and the Power of Community

EYFS

There's a Bear in My Chair - Ross Collins

A playful exploration of the idea of ownership of, entitlement to and sharing of spaces.

Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type - Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin

A book that emphasises the importance of communication, collaboration, speaking to power and articulating your rights featuring proactive literate cows and a stubborn farmer.

We Are Together - Britta Teckentrup

A cleverly crafted and beautifully illustrated book that with every turning page emphasises the value and importance of community.

All are Welcome - Alexandra Penfold

A warm, welcoming picture book that celebrates diversity and gives encouragement and support to all children.

KS1

I am Henry Finch - Alexis Deacon and Viviane Schwarz

An existential exploration of what it means to be and how to channel our sense of self to challenge injustice.

Mr Bunny's Chocolate Factory - Elys Dolan

A clever portrayal of seeking fairness in the work place and demanding worker's rights with comedic undertones.

This Our House - Michael Rosen and Bob Graham

A valuable lesson in the importance of sharing space and being considerate towards those around us.

Can I Join Your Club? - John Kelly and Steph Leberis

A playful attempt to show the importance of being welcomed and welcoming, encouraging individuals to be themselves whilst also being part of a group.

How to Heal a Broken Wing - Bob Graham

A touching and thoughtful story of how to heal and support another being through their pain.

Counting on Community – Innosanto Nagara

Counting up from one stuffed piñata to ten hefty hens – and always counting on each other - children are encouraged to recognise the value of community and the joys inherent in healthy, eco-friendly activities.

KS2

My Little Book of Big Freedoms - Amnesty International and Chris Riddell

A beautifully illustrated and thought provoking book that offers the opportunity to discuss and reflect upon the importance of upholding fundamental freedoms and human rights.

Horton Hears A Who! - Dr Seuss

An unlikely hero, Horton is the embodiment of the hero we can all be in our daily lives, being kind, considerate, supportive and championing the needs of those seek his support.

We Are All Born Free - Amnesty International

An illustrated celebration of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and an important stimulus to support deeper discussions and considerations about our rights and responsibilities as members of society.

Martin Luther King, Jr - National Geographic Kids

Readers will learn about the fascinating life and legacy of civil rights leader Dr Martin Luther King, Jr. This book includes the subjects of peace, helping others and justice.

A is for Activist - Innosanto Nagare

Unapologetic about activism, environmental justice, civil rights, LGBTQ rights and everything else that activists believe in and fight for. The alliteration, rhyming and vibrant illustrations make this book exciting for children, while depicting big issues and celebrating the value of community, equality and justice.

Wolf Hollow - Lauren Wolk

Lauded as the successor to Harper Lee, Lauren Wolk's 'heart wrenching' story of bullying, prejudice and standing up for marginalised people is certainly reminiscent of "To Kill A Mockingbird" in its portrayal of the reclusive WW1 veteran, Toby, and his treatment by new girl Betty and the townspeople of Wolf Hollow. Set in the aftermath of WW2 (KS2/3).