

Books that link to Children's Rights



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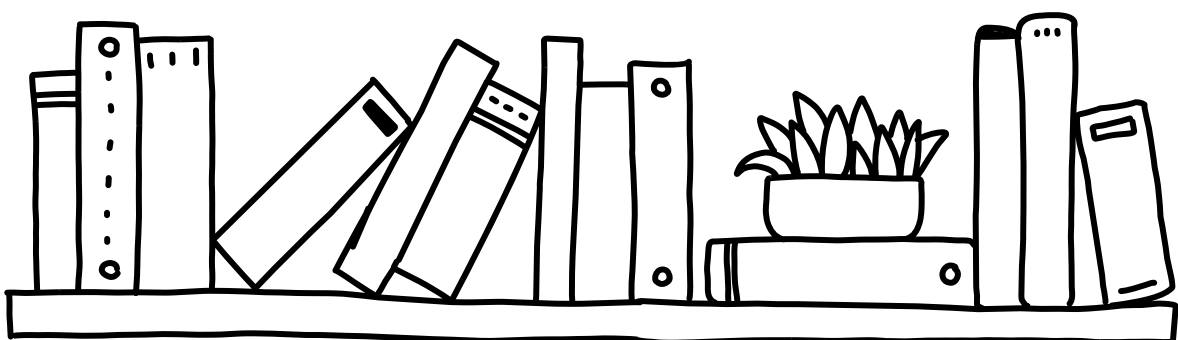
In this pack, you will find suggestions of books that link to rights.

There will be many more books that link to rights so if you have any suggestions we'd love to hear about them - please let us know by emailing your suggestion to sophie.williams@childcomwales.org.uk

We have grouped the books together under different Articles rather than age based. You may want to check the age suitability of the books and be mindful of the children you are working with and their experiences.

Where possible we have **highlighted** the books that are Welsh language/ bilingual.

Please Note: We have taken the blurbs for each book from an internet search engine, they are not our personal opinions of the books.



Article 2: All children have these rights no matter what their differences are



It's okay to be different by Todd Parr (available in Welsh)

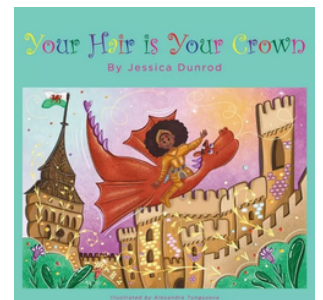
It's Okay to Be Different cleverly delivers the important messages of acceptance, understanding and confidence in an accessible, child-friendly format featuring Todd Parr's trademark bold, bright colours and silly scenes. Targeted to young children first beginning to read, this book will inspire kids to celebrate their individuality through acceptance of others and self-confidence.



Your hair is your crown - Jessica Dunrod (available in Welsh)

Discover the true magical colours of Wales, Hope as she learns that magical things happen when her beautiful Afro hair gets wet, and her curls are unleashed. Follow Hope as she is transported into a Welsh wonderland where Hope meets Dewi the Dragon, who flies her across Cardiff and introduces her to Afrodite the mermaid.

A tribute to the author's Welsh-West Indian heritage and our glorious multicultural society!



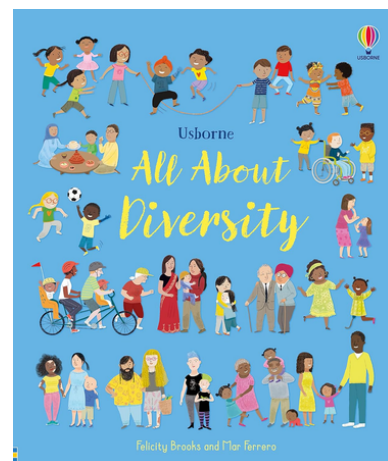
My Skin, Your Skin - Laura Henry-Allain MBE (available in Welsh)

My Skin Your Skin is a powerful book to help children and adults have meaningful discussions about race and anti-racism. Most importantly, the book empowers children to be the best versions of themselves; to have self-love, self-esteem and self-worth, irrespective of their skin colour. This book was specifically written by Early Years expert and children's media creator, Laura Henry-Allain MBE, to support parents, teachers and carers to explain what racism is, why it is wrong, and what children can do if they see it or experience it. It also explores how important it is for children to celebrate their achievements and greatness



All About Diversity by Felicity Brooks

This dynamic and joyous exploration of difference helps young children learn to respond in a kind and equal way to everyone, regardless of shape, size, age, physical and mental ability, gender, ethnicity, beliefs, language, culture, background, and so on. With topics ranging from clothes, music and food to homes, festivals and families, there is plenty for children to talk about as they find out about what makes people different and what makes them unique.

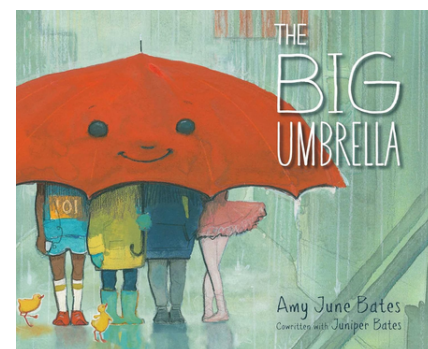


The Big Umbrella by Amy June Bates

By the door there is an umbrella. It is big. It is so big that when it starts to rain there is room for everyone underneath. It doesn't matter if you are tall. Or short. Or hairy. It doesn't matter how many legs you have.

Don't worry that there won't be enough room under the umbrella. Because there will always be room.

Lush illustrations and simple, lyrical text subtly address themes of inclusion and tolerance in this sweet story.



Love makes a family by Sophie Beer

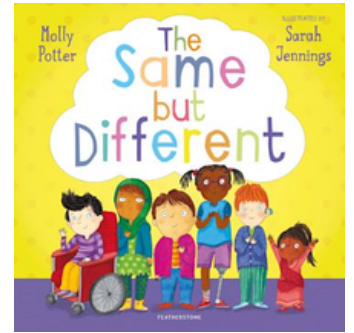
Whether you have two mums, two dads, one parent, or one of each, there's one thing that makes a family a family... and that's LOVE.



This book could also link to: Article 9, Article 20, Article 21

The same but different by Molly Potter

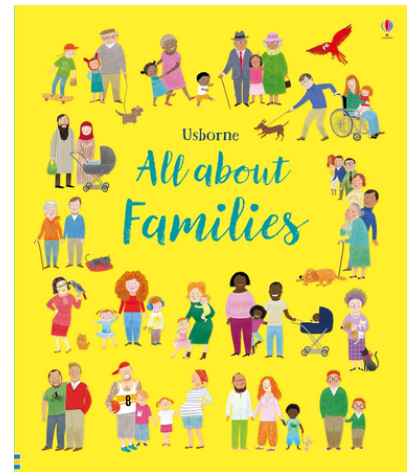
This book covers lots of ways in which we're different, including how we look, where we live, the languages we speak, what our families are like and what we believe in. It's the perfect resource for starting important conversations with children about diversity and inclusion, with topics such as race, disability, gender, sexual orientation and religion. Early Years and PSHE expert Molly Potter also provides a glossary of terms and notes for parents and carers offering advice on tackling prejudice right from the start.



This book could also link to: Article 8, Article 14 and Article 30

All About Families by Felicity Brooks

What do families look like? Who's in your family? And how can families change? With delightful illustrations, this glorious celebration of family diversity talks about lone-parent families, adoptive, foster, divorced, remarried, and multi-racial families, and lots, lots more, showing little children that families come in all shapes and sizes.

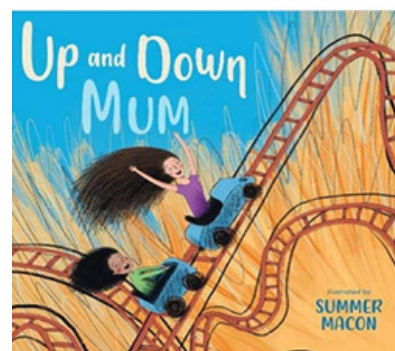


This book could also links to: Article 9, Article 20, Article 21

Article 9: I have a right to live with my family if they can keep me safe

Up and Down Mum - Summer Macon (Available in Welsh)

Living with Mum is a bit like a roller coaster ride. At times, she is excited and full of energy, but at others, she is tired and withdrawn. But she's always my mum, and we're sharing the ride. For children who grow up in the care of a parent who has bipolar disorder, life can be filled with anxiety and uncertainty. With the aid of a clear and simple information spread, this story helps us to understand the causes of bipolar disorder and how we can learn to live with someone who has it. Developed in close consultation with families who have a parent with bipolar disorder, and created in collaboration with the Wellcome Trust



Mum's jumper - Jayde Perkin (available in Welsh)

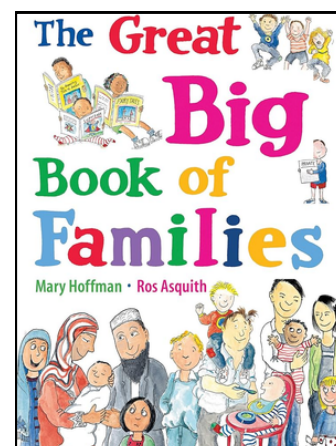
If Mum has gone, how do you carry on? Missing her feels like a dark cloud that follows you around, or like swimming to a shore that never comes any nearer. But memories are like a jumper that you can cuddle and wear. And Mum's jumper might be a way to keep her close. A simple, heartfelt and ultimately uplifting book for anyone coping with loss.



The Great Big Book of Families - Mary Hoffman

This fun and fascinating treasury features all kinds of families and their lives together. Each spread showcases one aspect of home life—from houses and holidays, to schools and pets, to feelings and family trees.

Link to Rights: Article 8, Article 19, Article (family who cares for me)



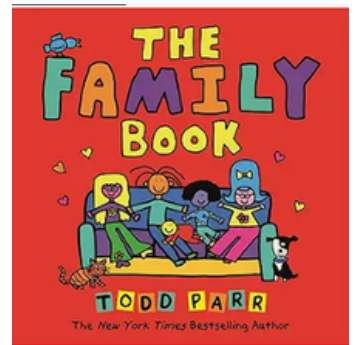
Picnic in the Park by Joe Griffith and Tony Pilgrim

"Picnic in the Park" tells the story of Jason's birthday picnic and his guests. In so doing, it introduces children to a range of family structures, including two- and one-parent families; adoptive and foster families; gay and lesbian families; and step-families. It also shows a diverse range of adults and children. Using the device of a birthday picnic in the park, each page shows a new set of guests coming to the party; children can draw their own and friends' families on the pages at the back.



The Family book by Todd Parr

The Family Book celebrates the love we feel for our families and all the different varieties they come in. Whether you have two mothers or two dads, a big family or a small family, a clean family or a messy one, Todd Parr assures readers that no matter what kind of family you have, every family is special in its own unique way.



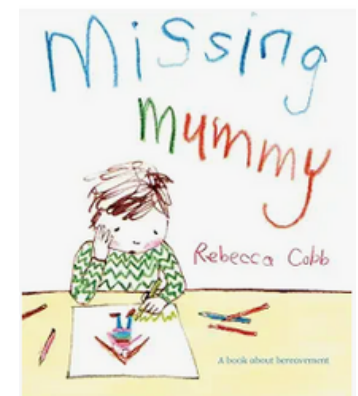
The Memory Tree by Britta Teckentrup

Fox has lived a long and happy life in the forest, but now he is tired. He lies down in his favourite clearing, and falls asleep for ever. Before long, Fox's friends begin to gather in the clearing. One by one, they tell stories of the special moments that they shared with Fox. And so, as they share their memories a tree begins to grow, becoming bigger and stronger with each memory, sheltering and protecting all the animals in the forest, just as Fox did when he was alive.



Missing Mummy: A Book About Bereavement by Rebecca Cobb

This extraordinary book deals with the loss of a parent from a child's point of view. Perfectly pitched text and evocative artwork explore the many emotions a bereaved child may experience, from anger to guilt and from sadness to bewilderment. And importantly, the book also focuses on the positive - the recognition that the child is still part of a family, and that his memories of his mother are to be treasured.



Article 12: I have the right to be listened to and taken seriously

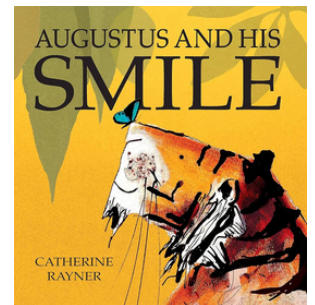
Sometimes I Feel Sunny by Gillian Shields (available in Welsh)

Follow four loveable friends through their day, and explore the emotions that naturally occur in every young child's life. A brilliant way to soothe a bad mood and to explain that everyone feels strong emotions sometimes.



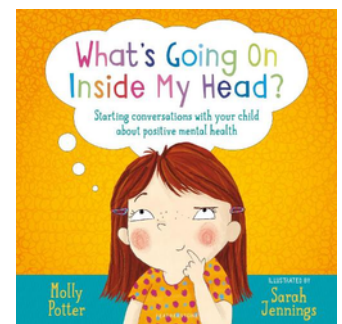
Augustus and his smile by Catherine Rayner (available in Welsh)

Augustus the tiger was sad. He had lost his smile. So he did a huge tigery stretch, and set off to find it. In this stunning, remarkable book, talented new author and illustrator Catherine Rayner celebrates the beauty of the world and the simple happiness it brings us when we open our eyes to it.



What's going on inside my head? by Molly Potter

By talking about positive self-image, emotional intelligence, relationships and mindfulness, this book will help children develop healthy habits and good coping strategies from the start. Presented in a warm, child-friendly but no-nonsense way it will help establish solid foundations for every child's current and future wellbeing. Perfect for starting conversations with children about their mental and emotional health.



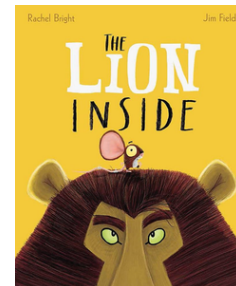
Happy by Emma Dodd

Little owl loves playing games, trying new things and singing, but what makes little owl happiest of all? When he cuddles close with his mummy and whispers, "I love you".



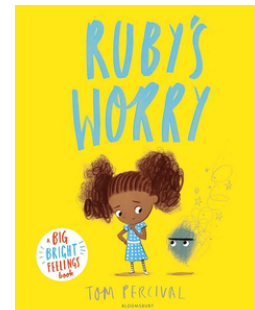
The Lion Inside by Rachel Bright and Jim Field

A story about confidence, self-esteem, and a shy little mouse who sets out on a journey to find his roar.



Ruby's Worry by Tom Percival

Ruby loves being Ruby. Until, one day, she finds a worry. At first it's not such a big worry, and that's all right, but then it starts to grow. It gets bigger and bigger every day and it makes Ruby sad. How can Ruby get rid of it and feel like herself again?



The Great Big Book of Feelings by Mary Hoffman

The book opens with the question: "How are you feeling today?" And this leads on to a wide range of feelings, including: *Happy * Sad * Excited * Bored * Interested * Angry * Upset * Calm * Silly * Lonely * Scared * Safe * The final spread is about Feeling Better because sharing and talking about feelings helps us to feel better. This book also links to: Article 3 Adults should always do what is best for you.



Feelings by Libby Walden

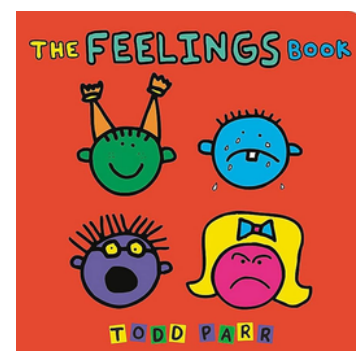
Explore the world of emotions with this stunning peek-through book. Lyrical text and enchanting illustrations bring each emotion to life to help children understand the universal and unique nature of feelings.



The Feelings Book by Todd Parr

Sometimes I feel silly/feel like eating pizza for breakfast/ I feel brave/ I feel like trying something new...

The Feelings Book vibrantly illustrates the wide range of moods we all experience. Kids and adults will appreciate Todd Parr's quirky intelligence as he pays special attention to the ever-changing, sometimes nonsensical emotions that we all feel. Targeted to young children first beginning to read, this book will inspire kids to discuss their multitude of feelings in a kid-friendly, accessible format.



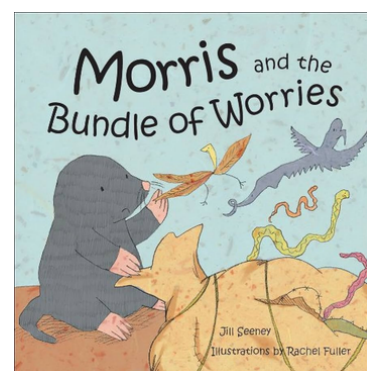
When sadness comes to call by Eva Eland

In *When Sadness Is at Your Door*, Eva Eland brilliantly approaches this feeling as if it is a visitor. She gives it a shape and a face, and encourages the reader to give it a name, all of which helps to demystify it and distinguish it from ourselves. She suggests activities to do with it, like sitting quietly, drawing, and going outside for a walk. The beauty of this approach is in the respect the book has for the feeling, and the absence of a narrative that encourages the reader to "get over" it or indicates that it's "bad," both of which are anxiety-producing notions.



Morris and the Bundle of Worries by Jill Seeneey

All young children have worries, but looked after children may have more worries than most as they lack the reassurance and security of permanent, stable family life. In this colourful picture book for young children, Morris the Mole finds out that talking about his problems, and facing his worries with the help of others, is more helpful than hiding his fears. This book also links to Article 20 and Article 21



Article 14: I have the right to have my own thoughts and beliefs and to choose my religion, with help from my parents.

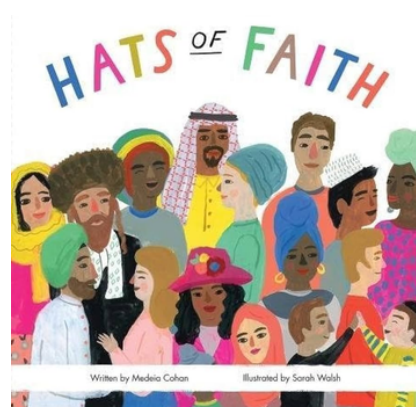
Holidays & Celebrations by Shine-A-Light

This gorgeously illustrated book is a wonderful first introduction to our world's celebrations. The interesting, easy-to-understand facts, accompanied by the fun shine-through mechanism, work together to create a party on every page.



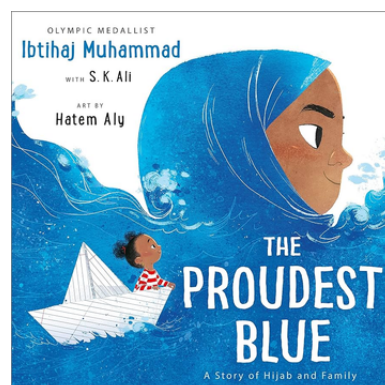
Hats of Faith by Medeia Cohan-Petrolino

Hats of Faith is a beautifully illustrated children's board book introducing readers to the shared custom of head covering. Using accurate terminology, phonetic pronunciations and bright, beautiful imagery, Hats of Faith helps educate and prepare young children and their parents for our culturally diverse modern world. Hats of Faith features 9 different head coverings including, a Turban, Hijab, Rasta Hat, Patka, Tichel, Chunni, Topi, Kippah and an African Head Wrap.



The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family by Ibtihaj Muhammad

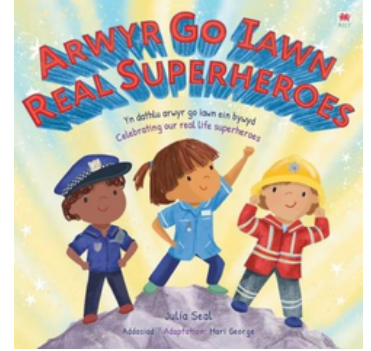
It's Faizah's first day of school, and her older sister Asiya's first day of hijab – made of a beautiful blue fabric. But not everyone sees hijab as beautiful. In the face of hurtful, confusing words, will Faizah find new ways to be strong? This is an uplifting picture book with Islam at its heart, with a universal story of new experiences, the unbreakable bond shared by siblings and of being proud of who you are,



Article 19: I have the right to be protected from being hurt or badly treated

Arwyr Go Iawn / Real Superheroes by Julia Seal

A heartwarming thank you to the essential workers who help us every day. From supermarket staff and firefighters to doctors and nurses, this charming picture book celebrates the brave, everyday heroes who keep our world turning through difficult times.



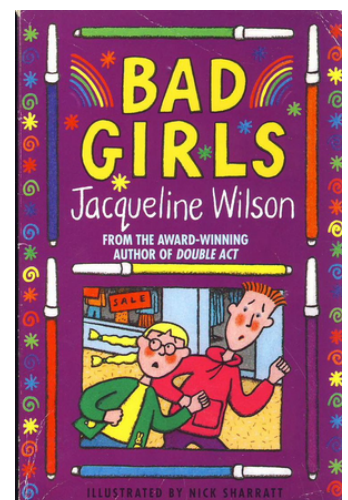
Wonder by R.J. Palacio

August Pullman (Auggie) has a severe facial deformity and is home-educated until the age of 10, when he begins to attend school. The story is not just told from Auggie's perspective, but also through the eyes of his family and friends - following his fears and challenges as he comes to terms with other children's reactions to his appearance. It's an emotional journey and a superb book to start discussions about accepting people for who they are, empathy and the importance of friendships.



Bad Girls by Jacqueline Wilson

Mandy is 10 and bullied at school, but finds friendship with an older, streetwise girl who is being fostered by a neighbour. Tanya is 14 and always seems to be in trouble. Mandy's overprotective parents are not keen on their friendship. This story sensitively deals with issues of friendships, family relationships, loyalty and acceptance.



All the Things that Could Go Wrong by Justine Laismith

Dan is angry. Nothing has been the same since his big brother left, and he's taking it out on the nearest and weakest target: Alex. Alex is struggling. His severe OCD makes it hard for him to leave the house, especially when Dan and his gang are waiting for him at school . . . Then the boys' mums arrange for them to meet up and finish building the raft that Dan started with his brother. Two enemies stuck together for the whole of the school holidays – what could possibly go wrong?



Article 20: I have the right to special protection and help if I can't live with my own family

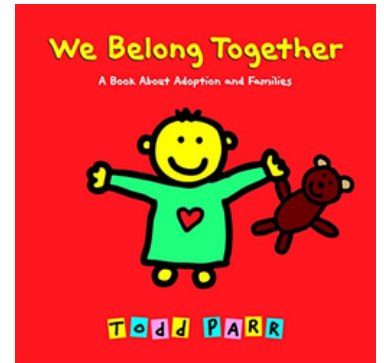
Article 21: I have the right to have the best care if I am adopted



We belong together: a book about adoption and families by Todd Parr

We belong together because....
You needed a home I had one to share
Now, we are a family

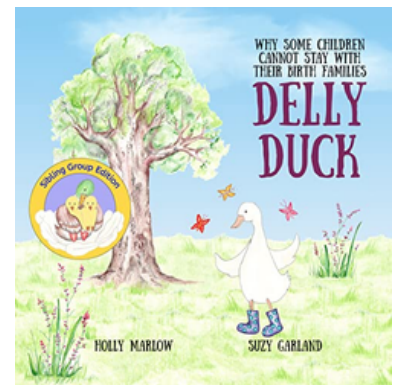
A book exploring Adoption



Delly Duck: Why a little chick couldn't stay with his birth mother by Holly Marlow

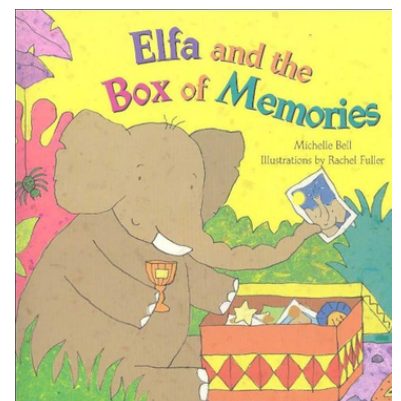
A foster care and adoption book for children.

When Delly Duck lays an egg, she is excited for it to hatch. But she doesn't really know how to keep an egg safe, or how to look after her chick when he hatches. See how a concerned goose tries to help Delly to learn how to care for her chick, in this touching adoption story.



Elfa and the box of Memories by Michelle Bell

Looked after children may have more difficult memories that most, because of separation and loss and traumatic events that may have taken place. In this charming picture book, Elfa the elephant discovers that sharing her memories and remembering the good things that happened is more helpful than keeping them locked away.



We love you hundreds and thousands: A children's picture book about foster care and adoption by Dara Read

We Love You Hundreds and Thousands enables children who are fostered and adopted to frame their identity in a positive way from a very young age. Written by an adoptee who is now a mother, this vibrant and touching story is about belonging and having a strong sense of self.

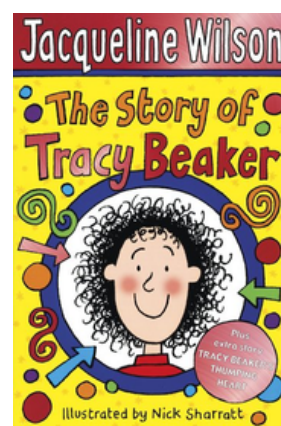
The book aims to promote a strong sense of security and self confidence in children who are fostered and adopted.

Embedded in it is a special message for them — you are loved enormously.



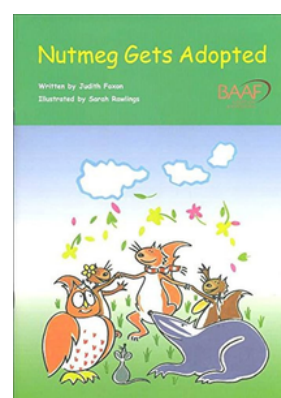
The story of Tracey Beaker by Jacqueline Wilson

Told in Tracy's own words, Jacqueline Wilson's hugely popular series of books features a 10-year-old with a wild imagination and a short fuse who lives in a children's home and would like a real home of her own. Touching and funny.



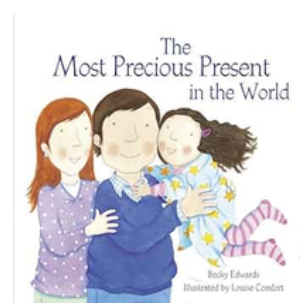
Nutmeg Gets Adopted by Judith Foxon

The story of a small red squirrel, Nutmeg, and his younger sister and brother who go through the process of separation, foster care and then going to live with a new, adopted family when their mother is unable to look after them and keep them safe.



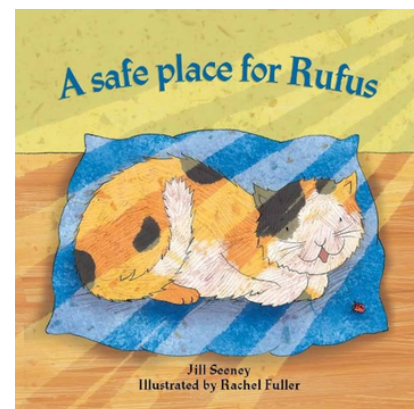
The Most Precious Present in the World by Becky Edwards

Mia has different hair and eye colour to her mum and dad. Why? In a dialogue between a little girl and her adoptive mother, this simple, reassuring book explores some of the questions that adopted children ask.



A Safe Place for Rufus by Jill Seeney

Rufus the cat lives with a family who looks after him, feeds him his favourite foods and gives him lots of cuddles. He feels happy and safe, especially when he is lying on his favourite blue cushion. But he didn't always feel this way. The family that Rufus used to live with were not kind to him at all. Thinking about his past makes him angry and sad and Rufus struggles to escape from his memories and find a safe place where he can just relax and be himself.



The Blanket Bears by Samuel Langley-Swain

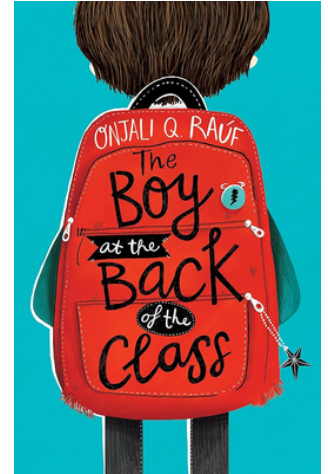
An accessible, warm-hearted story, written by an adoptive parent, centred around two young bears who find themselves out in the cold, alone, and begin their journey to being adopted into a 10 forever family. The story acknowledges the mix of emotions children being adopted can feel - the fear and worry, as well as the joy of experiencing love and kindness from their new carers.



Article 22: If you are a refugee, you have the same rights as any other child in the country.

The boy at the back of the class by Onjali Rauf

Told with heart and humour, *The Boy at the Back of the Class* is a child's perspective on the refugee crisis, highlighting the importance of friendship and kindness in a world that doesn't always make sense.



The Journey by Francesca Sanna

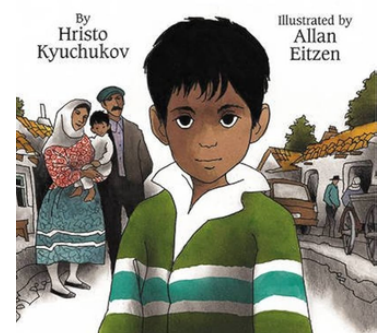
What is it like to have to leave everything behind and travel many miles to somewhere unfamiliar and strange? A mother and her two children set out on such a journey; one filled with fear of the unknown, but also great hope. Based on her interactions with people forced to seek a new home, and told from the perspective of a young child, Francesca Sanna has created a beautiful and sensitive book that is full of significance for our time.



My name was Hussein by Hristo Kyuchukov

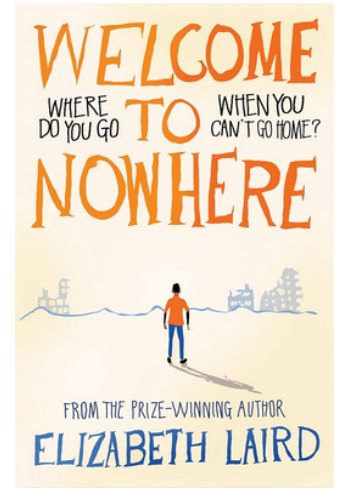
Offers readers a tale about racial and religious prejudice as a young boy named Hussein is forced to change his name and his family forced to change their ways when a group of soldiers marches into their small village in Bulgaria and takes away the rights of all the Muslims living there.

My Name Was Hussein



Welcome to Nowhere by Elizabeth Laird

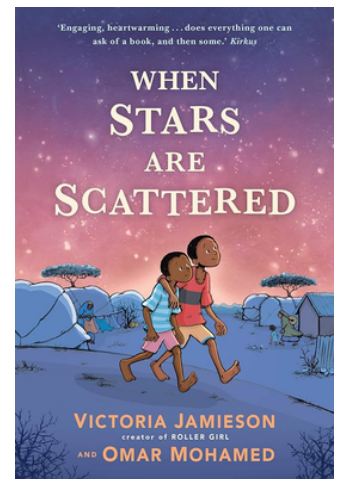
Twelve-year-old Omar and his brothers and sisters were born and raised in the beautiful and bustling city of Bosra, Syria. Omar doesn't care about politics - all he wants is to grow up to become a successful businessman who will take the world by storm. But when his clever older brother, Musa, gets mixed up with some young political activists, everything changes . . .



When Stars Are Scattered by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed (Graphic Novel)

A heart-wrenching true story about life in a Kenyan refugee camp that will restore your faith in real-life happy endings. This book perfectly depicts life in a refugee camp for 8-12 year olds.

Omar and his brother Hassan, two Somali boys, have spent a long time in the Dadaab refugee camp. Separated from their mother, they are looked after by a friendly stranger. Life in the camp isn't always easy.



King of the sky by Nicola Davies

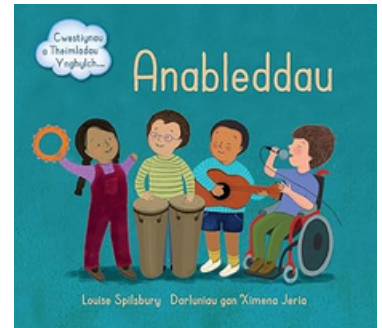
Starting a new life in a new country, a young boy feels lost and alone - until he meets an old man who keeps racing pigeons. Together they pin their hopes on a race across Europe and the special bird they believe can win it: King of the Sky.



Article 23: If I have a disability, I have the right to special care and education

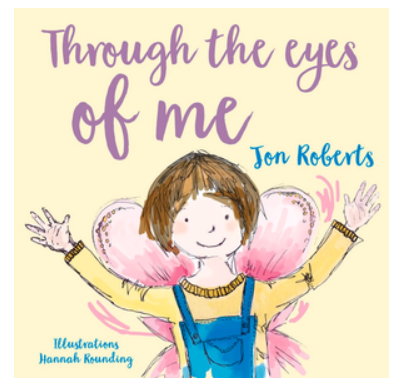
'Anableddau' by Lousie Spilsbury

A Welsh book - The 'Questions and Feelings' series encourages children to consider their emotions and discuss topics that can be hard for them to understand. This book contains suggestions and activities as well as advice for parents, carers and teachers.



Through the eyes of me by Jon Richards

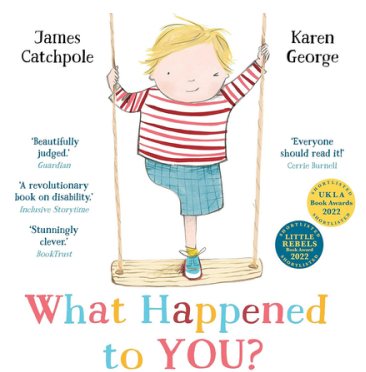
Through the Eyes of Me is a beautiful, colourful, illustrated book for children that allows a glimpse into the world of a child with autism. Readers will meet 4-year-old Kya who loves to run, read, look at and rip up stickers. Discover why Kya does certain things, doesn't like some things, and really, really loves other things. This wonderful book is an ideal and engaging tool for teaching children about autism and about life as a child with autism.



What happened to you? by James Catchpole

The first ever picture book addressing how a disabled child might want to be spoken to. Every time Joe goes out the questions are the same . . . what happened to his leg? But is this even a question Joe has to answer?

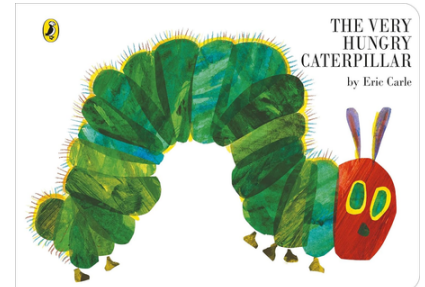
A ground-breaking, funny story that helps children understand what it might feel like to be seen as different.



Article 24: I have the right to be as healthy as possible

The Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

Eric Carle's The Very Hungry Caterpillar is a perennial favourite with children and adults alike. Its imaginative illustration and clever cut-out detail charts the progress of a very hungry caterpillar as he eats his way through the week.



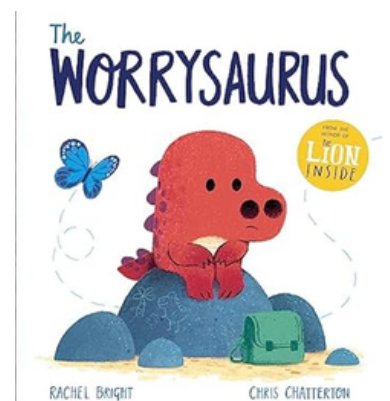
Y Goeden Ioga and Y Wariar Bach by Leisa Mererid

A story and picture book which introduces simple yoga positions to children and adults. This book takes us to the world of nature and the life cycle of the seed as it sprouts and grows into a big strong tree and grows leaves. But quickly the autumn comes and the wind blows the seeds away and begins the circle anew.



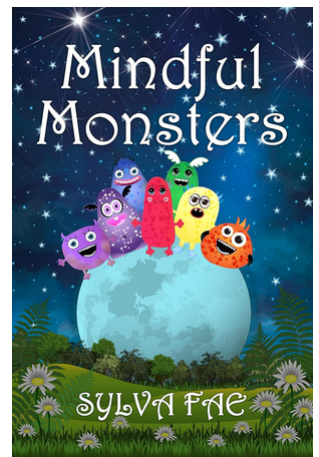
The Worrysaurus by Rachel Bright

It's a beautiful day and Worrysaurus has planned a special picnic. But it isn't long before a small butterfly of worry starts fluttering in his tummy...What if he hasn't brought enough to eat? What if he gets lost in the jungle? What if it rains?!With a little help from his mom, Worrysaurus finds a way to soothe the anxious butterflies, chase his fears away, and find peace and happiness in the moment at hand



Mindful Monsters by Sylva Fae

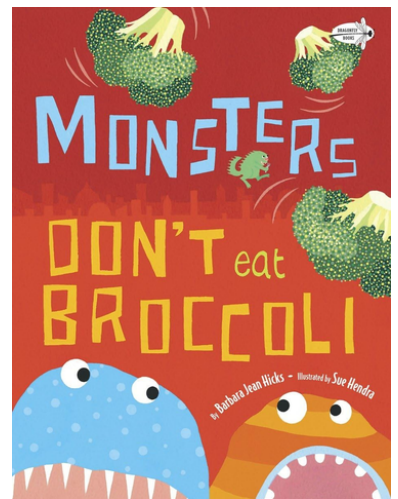
All the Rainbow Monsters are Mindful Monsters too, Respecting one another, like all good monsters do. The Rainbow Monsters are back, teaching you how to be mindful. If you want to grow up as fit, healthy, happy and strong as a monster, join them in their colourful antics



Monsters Don't Eat Broccoli by Barbara Jean Hicks

What do monsters eat? The waitress in this restaurant just doesn't have a clue. Monsters don't eat broccoli! How could she think we do? In this rollicking picture book written by Barbara Jean Hicks and illustrated by Sue Hendra, monsters insist they don't like broccoli. This hilarious book will have youngsters laughing out loud and craving healthy monster snacks of their own.

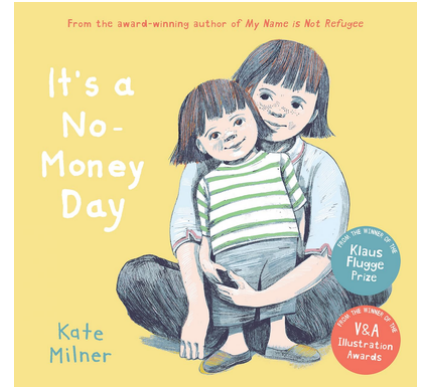
This book also links to Article 3: adults should always do what is best for you.



Article 26: You have the right to clean water, healthy food, a clean environment and good healthcare

It's a no-money day by Kate Milner

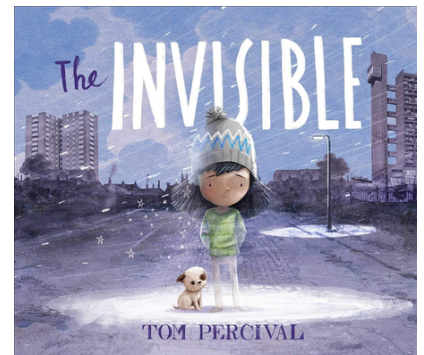
Mum works really hard, but today there is no money left and no food in the cupboards. Forced to visit the local foodbank, Mum feels ashamed that they have to rely on the kindness of others, but her young daughter can still see all the good in her day like reading and drawing, and even the foodbank. Maybe one day things will be different but for now together they brighten up even the darkest of days.



The Invisible by Tom Percival

The Invisible is the story of a young girl called Isabel and her family. They don't have much, but they have what they need to get by. Until one day, there isn't enough money to pay their rent and bills and they have to leave their home full of happy memories and move to the other side of the city.

It is the story of a girl who goes on to make one of the hardest things anyone can ever make...a difference.



Article 30: I have the right to speak my own language and to follow my family's way of life

The new girl by Nicola Davies

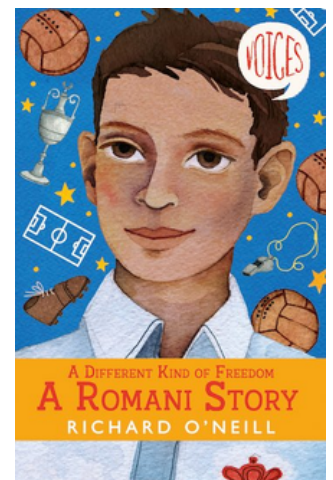
Kiku starts a new school in a strange new town. The children in her class are unfriendly towards her and refuse to include her. Kiku helps introduce the other children to the art of paper folding, creating many different kinds of flowers and introducing them to her culture, helping to transform the children's attitude towards her and their vision of themselves and their own lives in this inspiring story



A Different Kind of Freedom: A Romani Story by Richard O'Neill

A gripping football-filled adventure based in the Romani community of 19th-century Sheffield.

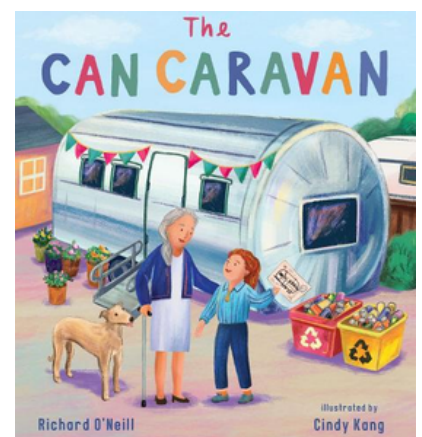
This action-packed story is told through the eyes of young Lijah, as he navigates life and discovers football and the legendary Rab Howell.



The Can Caravan by Richard O'Neill

When Janie's neighbour Mrs Tolen goes into hospital with a broken hip, it looks as though she will have to move out of her old caravan and into a house. Janie is desperate to help, but all seems lost until her school visits a local recycling plant.

The latest picture book by renowned Romani storyteller Richard O'Neill celebrates the traditional Traveller virtues of resilience, adaptability, loyalty and independence.



Article 31: I have a right to rest, relax and play

Hwyl ar iard yr ysgol

This storybook is for primary school children and their parents – as well as teachers and school staff. It's also a useful resource to support those working with children and families. The story is about one of the most important parts of the school day for many children – playtime. It aims to support children in making sure they have the right to play at school. Supported by a storyteller, the story was created by school staff working and living in the Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board region.

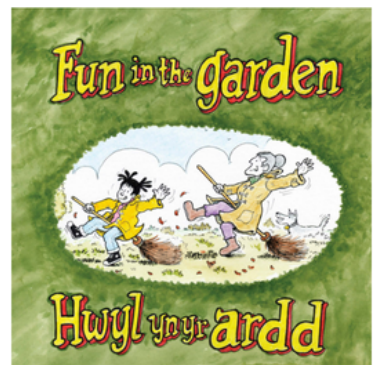


Hwyl yn yr ardd

The storybook is aimed at primary school children and their parents. It's also a useful resource for practitioners to support their work with children and families.

The story shows the importance of supportive and tolerant communities in helping children achieve their right to play.

To write this storybook, we worked with a storyteller, cartoonist, and year 6 children at Charles Williams Primary School in Caerleon. Supported by the storyteller, the children created an imaginative and playful story. Their ideas and drawings were shared with our illustrator, who brought their story to life in the resulting storybook.



Fun in the dungeon

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The story is about children's right to play. It aims to empower children and give parents the inspiration to campaign for play opportunities in their neighbourhoods.

To develop the storybook, we worked with a storyteller, illustrator, and children and parents at Mount Stuart Primary School in Cardiff. Through a series of workshops, the storyteller supported a group of children and parents in identifying issues and celebrations about play. Together they created words and images for the story – including inspiring drawings from the children that helped our illustrator bring the story to life.



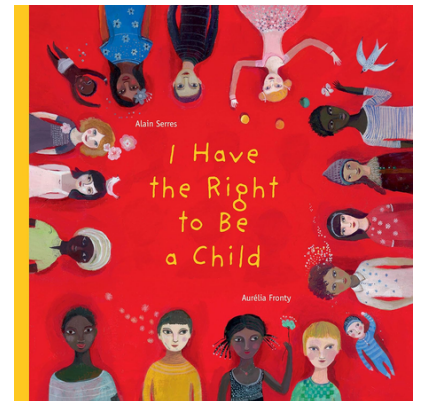
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General Rights Related Books

I have the right to be a Child by Alain Serres

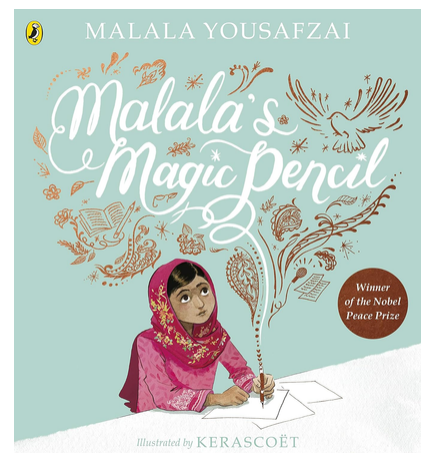
'I Have the Right to Be a Child' is a multi-layered teaching resource for primary schools that children can read and respond to at their own levels. A brilliant book for classroom and home discussion on the complexities implied by the term rights and the big questions about what it means to have rights in the world we live in today.

Teachers' notes and activity ideas available from Amnesty International and the publisher's website.



Malala's Magic Pencil by Malala Yousafzai

As a child in Pakistan, Malala made a wish for a magic pencil that she could use to redraw reality. She would use it for good; to give gifts to her family, to erase the smell from the rubbish dump near her house. (And to sleep an extra hour in the morning.) As she grew older, Malala wished for bigger and bigger things. She saw a world that needed fixing. And even if she never found a magic pencil, Malala realized that she could still work hard every day to make her wishes come true. This beautifully illustrated picture book tells Malala's story, in her own words, for a younger audience and shows them the worldview that allowed her to hold on to hope and to make her voice heard even in the most difficult of times.



This book links to a number of children's rights: Article 2, Article 12, Article 14, Article 26, Article 27, Article 28, and Article 29.