Understanding the World

Mirrors: Visits, visitors, books, resources and displays should reflect children's lives.
Can children see themselves in our curriculum?

Windows: Opening windows to new possibilities.
Can children see beyond their own lives with our curriculum?

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Socially Diverse World Books	Culturally Diverse World Books
• The Great Big Book of Families by Mary Hoffman (non-fiction) • Big Book of Families by Catherine Anholt (poetry) • And Tango Makes Three by Justin Richardson (the story of two male penguins) • It's a No-Money Day by Kate Milner (story – foodbank) • Homes by Carson Ellis (non-fiction) • We Are Family by Patrica Hegarty (non-fiction – types of families) • Julian is a Mermaid by Jessica Love (story) • Julian at the Wedding by Jessica Love (story – LGBTQIA+ families) • Lovely by Jessica Hong (story – we are all lovely) • Funny Bums and Freaky Beaks by Sarah Edmonds (non-fiction – life on earth) • The Big Umbrella by Amy June Bates (story – acceptance) • Fred Gets Dressed by Peter Brown (story) • What Happened to You? by James Catchpole (story – limb loss). • Pirate Mum's by Jodie Lancet-Grant and Lydia Corry (story – LGBTQIA+ families)	• The Proudest Blue by Ibtihaj Muhammad (story) • The Kindest Red by Ibtihaj Muhammad (story) • So Much by Trish Cooke (story – colloquialism) • Our Story Starts in Africa by Patrice Lawrence (story) • Eyes that Kiss in the Corners by Joanna Ho (story) • Eyes that Speak to the Stars by Joanna Ho (story) • My Hair by Hannah Lee (story) • My Village by Danielle Wright (rhymes) • Welcome to Our World: A Celebration of Children Everywhere by Moira Butterfield (non-fiction) • Let's Celebrate! Festival Poems from Around the World by Debjani Chatterjee (poetry) • All About Diversity by Felicity Brookes (non-fiction) • The Ghanaian Goldilocks by Dr Tamara Pizzoli (story) • The Best Diwali Ever by Sonali Shah and Chaaya Probhet (story) • Lunar New Year by Natasha Yim (story)

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• Jack Signs by Karen Hardwicke (story) • Grandad's Camper by Harry Woodgate (story – LGBTQIA+ families and bereavement) • Grandad's Pride by Harry Woodgate (story) • The New Small Person by Lauren Child (story – new baby) • Everybody's Welcome by Patricia Hegarty (story) • My Name is Not Refugee by Kate Milner (story) • Counting Kindness by Hollis Kurman and Barroux (refugee) • Grandma by Jessica Sheperd (story - age) • Off to the Park by Stephen Cheetham (story – visual impairment) • Talking is Not My Thing by Rose Robins • My Daddies by Gareth Peter • Heather has Two Mummies by Leslea Newman • Two Homes by Claire Masurel • A Handful of Buttons by Carmen Parets Luque • All Our Welcome by Aleander Penfold • Coming to England by Floella Benjamin • The Can Caravan by Richard O'Neill and Cindy Kang (GRT) • Can Bears Ski? By Raymond Antrobus • Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman (story –gender - end of reception) • We are all Born Free (non-fiction – end of reception)	• Colour and Me by Michaela Dias-Hayes (story) • Little Glow by Katie Sahota and Harry Woodgate (rhyme) • The Colour of Us by Lezette Rivera and Christie Hainsby (rhyme) • My Two Grannies by Floella Benjamin. • My Skin, Your Skin by Laura Henry-Allain • What is Passover? What is Hanukka? What is Purim? By Shari Last (non-fiction) • My Dad's Beard by Zanib Mian (Muslim Sunnah - story) • Dual language texts

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Technologically Diverse World Books	Ecologically Diverse World Books
• Astro Girl by Ken Wilson-Max (story – telescope and gender roles) • The Dark by Lemony Snicket (story – torch) • Magnets Stick Together by Shiva S Mohanty (story) • Betty Binoculars by Suzie Laverty (story) • Unplugged by Steve Antony (story - games console) • Click, Clack, Moo: Cows that type by Doreen Cronin (story - typewriter) • Shark in the Park by Nick Sharratt (story – telescope). • You Choose by Nick Sharratt and Pippa Goodhart (what you would out in your home and what you would od for fun pages) • Santa's High-Tech Christmas by Mike Dumbleton and Angela Perrini • Rocketmole by Matt Carr (story) • Hundred Decker Bus by Mike Smith (story) • Little Miss Inventor by Adam Hargreaves and Roger Hargreaves • The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba (true story – windmill – end of reception) • Izzy Gizmo by Pip Jones (story – invention – end of reception) • Invention Convention by Pip Jones (story – invention – end of reception) • The Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf by Eugene Trivizas (story – drill, sledgehammer – end of reception). • An Engineer Like Me by Dr Shini Somara • Wheels by Tracey Turner (non-fiction)	• 10 Things I Can Do to Help My World by Melanie Walsh (non-fiction) • Tree by Patricia Hegarty and Britta Teckentrup (non-fiction) • Sea by Patrica Hegarty and Britta Teckentrup (non-fiction) • Moon by Patrica Hegarty and Britta Teckentrup (non-fiction) • Bee by Patrica Hegarty and Britta Teckentrup (non-fiction) • Michael Recycle by Ellie Bethel (story) • Window by Jeannie Baker (wordless picture book) • Where the Forest Meets the Sea by Jeannie Baker (non-fiction) • Dinosaurs and All That Rubbish by Michael Foreman (story) • Errol's Garden by Gillian Hibbs (story) • Nurdle and Microplastics by Claire Vowell (story) • The Life of a Little Cardboard Box by Igloo Books (story) • The Life of a Little Plastic Bottle by Igloo Books (story) • Somebody Swallowed Stanley by Sarah Roberts (story) • What Did the Tree See? By Charlotte Guillain (rhyme) • First Atlas by Miles Kelly • Zonia's Rainforest by Juana Martinez-Neal • The World Came to My Place Today by Jo Readman (end of reception) • Here We Are: Notes for Living on Planet Earth by Oliver Jeffers (non-fiction – end of reception)

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Mapping Books
• My Map Book by Sara Fanelli (non-fiction) • Martha Maps It Out by Leigh Hodgkinson (non-fiction) • Marvellous Moon Map by Teresa Heapy (story)

Exploring Past and Present (Memory and Change)
Babies and Childhood • The Growing Story by Ruth Krauss and Helen Oxenbury • Once There Were Giants by Martin Waddell • When the Teddy Bears Came by Martin Waddell • Tell Me Again about the Night I was Born by Jamie Lee Curtis • When I was Little Like You by Jill Paton Walsh • Now I'm Big by Margaret Miller **Families** • Grandma's Bill by Martin Waddell • My Great Grandpa by Martin Waddell • My Two Grannies by Floella Benjamin • Coming to England by Floella Benjamin • Granny's Quilt by Penny Ives • Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge by Fox Mem • Memory Bottles by Beth Shoshan **Homes** • Peepo by Janet and Allan Ahlberg • A House That Once Was by Julie Fogliano • Our House by Emma Rogers and Paul Rogers **Toys and Games** • The Toymaker by Martin Waddell • Too Many Toys by Heidi Deedman • Lost in the Toy Museum by David Lucas • Dogger by Shirley Hughes • Brown Paper Bear by Catherine Allison **Letters and Emails** • Snail Mail by Samantha Berger • The Postbox by Samual Rogers • The Jolly Postman or Other People's Letters by Janet and Allan Ahlberg • Click, Clack Moo: Cows That Type by Doreen Cronin • Santa's High-Tech Christmas by Mike Dumbleton and Angela Perrini

Useful Websites
https://www.booksfortopics.com
https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/
https://images.scholastic.co.uk/assets/a/c5/0e/creating-a-reading-spine-hand-out-2137908.pdf

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Visits	**Visitors**
• Local area • Beach • Farm • Park • Library • Recycling Centre • Bristol Zoo Project • Slimbridge • Hedgehog Hospital • Secret World (wildlife rescue) • Open spaces (field, hills) • Supermarket and/or shop (consider if there are different types in the locality e.g. Chinses, Polish) • Café (consider if there are different types in the locality e.g. Greek) • Bus ride • Place of worship • Place of historical importance • Hairdressers • Bakery • Residential home (elders lunch club) • Sport centre, gym • Cave • Food bank Links Expressive Arts and Design • Art studio • Art gallery • Museum • Theatre Encourage parents to join you on regular outings which can result in family visits to the same places (Birth to 5 Matters).	• Family member, friend, baby • Farm animal (hen) • Children's pet (hamster) • Vet • Zoo lab • Bird of Prey • Farmer • Garden centre worker • Member of emergency services (fire fighter, police officer, paramedic, lifeboat crew) • Health worker (nurse, doctor, dental practitioner, carer) • Member of religious or cultural community • Car mechanic (AA, RAC) • Librarian • Olympian, Paralympian • Solider, Royal Marine • Supermarket worker • Plumber, carpenter, brick layer, electrician • Author • Chef, cook, baker • Refuse collector • Bus driver • Care home resident • Delivery personnel (Deliveroo, Amazon, Royal Mail, supermarket) • Football referee • Prison officer • Pilot, air hostess • Play therapist Links Expressive Arts and Design • Musician • Theatre group • Dance troupe