**Information for parents and children regarding racism**

**and the global Black Lives Matter movement**

Talking to your children about racism:

* <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/7xvLw6Q4qbJBnkzkj6xm9Z/how-to-talk-to-your-children-about-race-and-racism>
* <https://theweekjunior.co.uk/TWJ-Protests>
* <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52813673>
* <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/06/02/parenting/kids-books-racism-protest.html>

A video for KS1:

<https://edition.cnn.com/videos/us/2020/06/06/elmo-louie-protests-racism-sesame-street-cnn-town-hall-vpx.cnn>

Children’s books concerning racism or with diverse protagonists:

* A list from an American library: <https://skokielibrary.info/lists/520/black-lives-matter-a-reading-list-for-children-families/>
* An Instagram account with books around diversity: <https://www.instagram.com/diverse_kids_books/?igshid=cp345qu86qyc>
* <https://www.hellomagazine.com/healthandbeauty/mother-and-baby/2020060390837/best-diverse-books-for-children/>
* <https://www.jacquelinewoodson.com/>

**Aged 0-4**

**A is for Activist** is an ABC board book which is for families who want their kids to grow up in a space that is unapologetic about activism, environmental justice, civil rights, LGBTQ rights and other social rights.

**Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes** by **Mem Fox** is a book about how babies are different all over the world, but how they also very much the same with ten little fingers and ten little toes.

**Dream Big Little One** by **Vashti Harrison** is a book featuring 18 trailblazing black women in American history.

**I Am Enough** by **Grace Byers** is a book about loving who you are, respecting others and being kind to people.

**Where Are You From?** by **Yamile Saied Mendez** is about a girl who constantly gets asked a simple question which has no simple answer.

**One Word from Sophia** by **Jim Averbeck** and **Yasmeen Ismail**, a book about a girl trying different techniques to get the giraffe she wants more than anything in a playful illustrated stories about the nuances of negotiation.

## Aged 4-9

**What If We Were All the Same** by **C. M. Harris** which is a book about helping children understand the beauty of having friends who are different from them and how our differences make us unique.

**Skin Again** by **Bell Hooks**, a book about celebrating what makes us unique and different.

**Not Like The Others** by **Jana Broecker**, a book about diversity, acceptance, understanding and kindness.

**Sulwe** by **Lupita Nyong'o**, a book about colourism featuring a girl Sulwe who is darker than everyone in her family and school and who learns true beauty comes from within.

**All Are Welcome** by **Alexandra Penfold** and **Suzanne Kaufman** following a group of children through a day at school where diversity is strength.

**I Am Human: A Book of Empathy** by **Susan Verde** which is about a celebration of empathy and compassion, encouraging children to see themselves as part of one big imperfect family millions strong.

## Aged 9-12

**New Kid** by **Jerry Craft** featuring child Jordan Banks who loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life.

**I Am Not a Number** by **Jenny Kay Dupuis**, a book about a girl who is removed from her First Nations family to live in a residential school where she is confused and homesick.

**Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer: The Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement** by **Weatherford Carole Boston**, a book about fierce prejudice and abuse, Fannie Lou Hamer was a champion of civil rights from the 1950s until her death in 1977.

**We've Got a Job: The 1963 Birmingham Children's March** by **Cynthia Y. Levinson**, a book about the lesser-known Birmingham Children’s March in 1963.

**The Crossover** by **Kwame Alexander** which is about a pair of twin brothers, one of which is into rap the other who is passionate about basketball.