

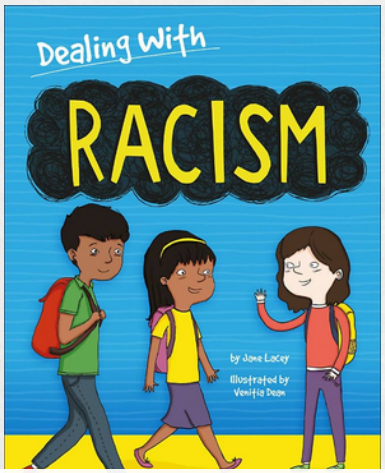

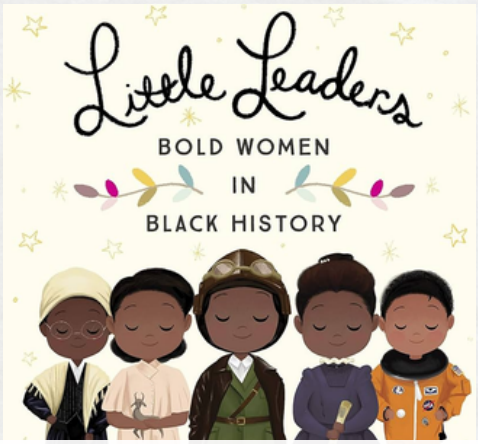

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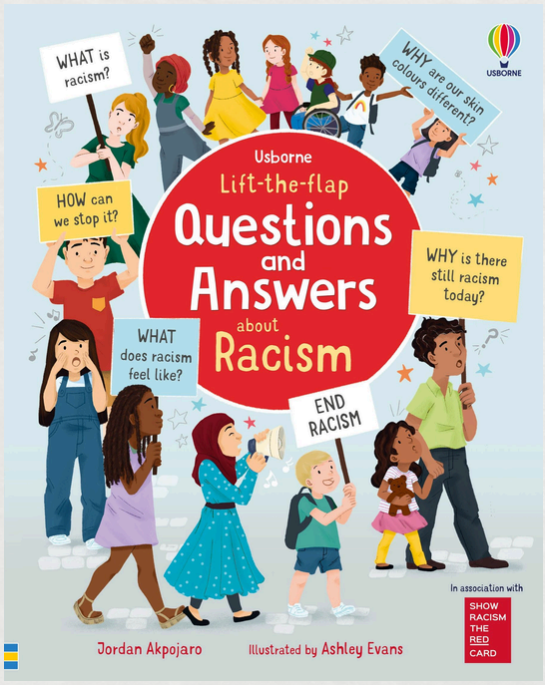
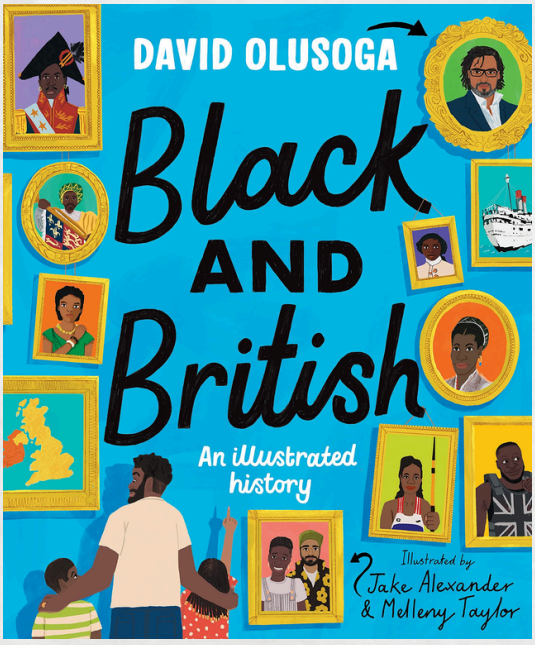
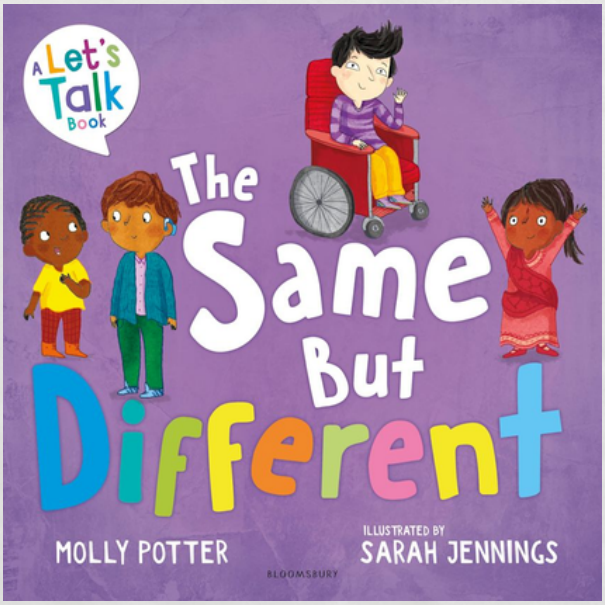
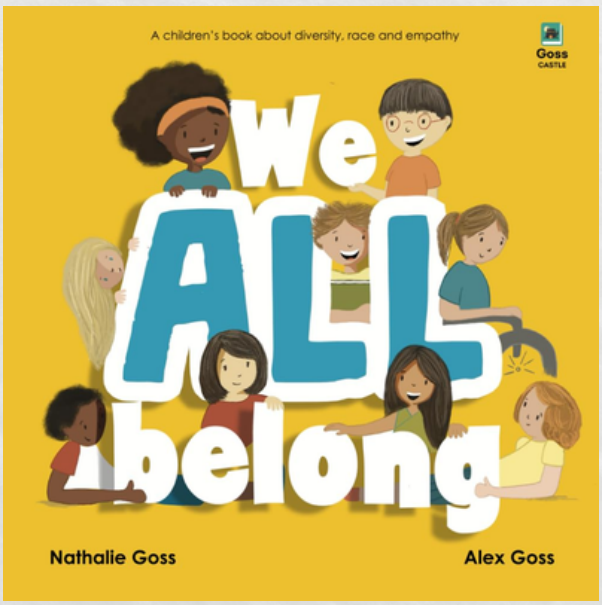
ANTI-RACISM READING LIST FOR KIDS









Anti-racism Reading List

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Education Resources
Curated by Victoria Nyanga-Ndiaye

Racism remains endemic in all aspects of life in Scotland, and it has become increasingly visible.

This is why Project Esperanza is involved in systemic change through an anti-racism lens. As part of our Fostering Equalities work, we have started the Anti-Racism Film and Book Club to encourage continued learning away from our sessions.

The books in this list are primarily written by Black and Minority Ethnicity authors, highlighting their experiences through their own words.

The Importance of Engaging in Anti-Racist Reading from a Young Age

Through our youth work with migrant children of colour, we have seen the devastating impact that racism from their peers can have on their well-being.

To tackle this issue, we decided to start doing anti-racism work not only with professionals but with children and young people as well.

From a very young age, children might start to notice differences between themselves and their peers, or become curious about things they have heard.

By starting education about ethnicity, culture and racism early we aim to prevent racist bullying as well as instilling pride in all children about their heritage.

We have used many of the books in this list in story workshops with primary school children and have found them to be both entertaining and thought provoking.

We hope you enjoy reading these books with any children in your life, or use them as a great gift idea for a child to read themself.

We are also aiming to engage school communities, and schools are welcome to join for free as part of our school based Youth work.

Involvement is by membership only, and upon joining you will receive:

- An extensive anti-racism reading list
- Anti-racism film recommendations list and other watching resources
- Unconditional access to our Fostering Equalities Training Sessions
- Unconditional access to our Anti-racism Awareness Sessions
- Unconditional access to our online discussion, learning and reflection forums
- Unconditional access to our brunch and learn community events
- Unlimited one-to-one support to unpack challenging race issues in a safe space
- Information on our activism, training, events and protest dates via our newsletter

To join, email **learning@projectesperanza.org.uk**

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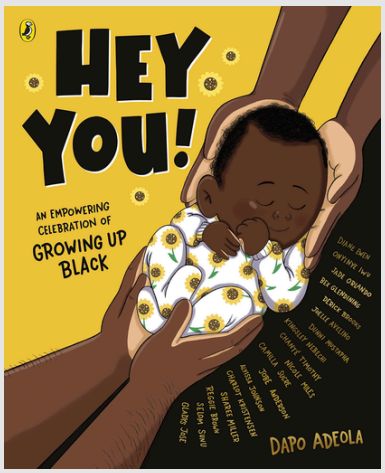



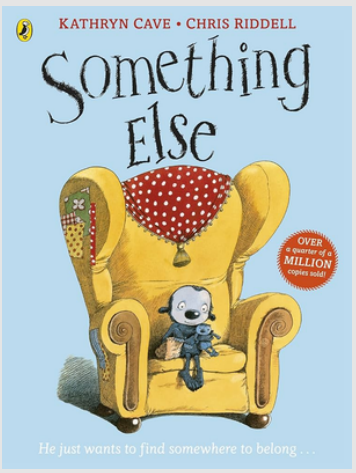

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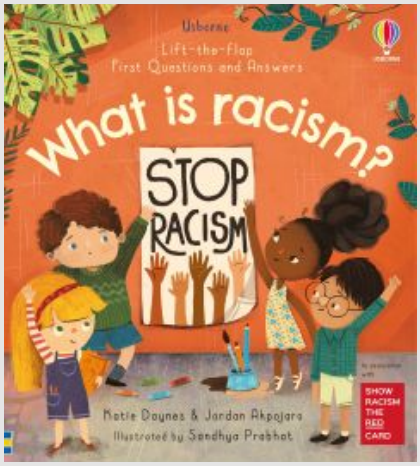

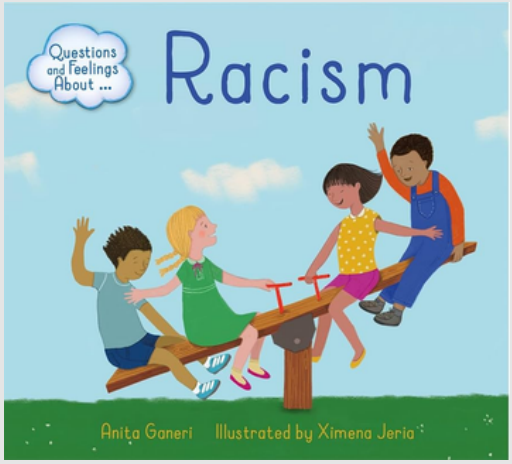



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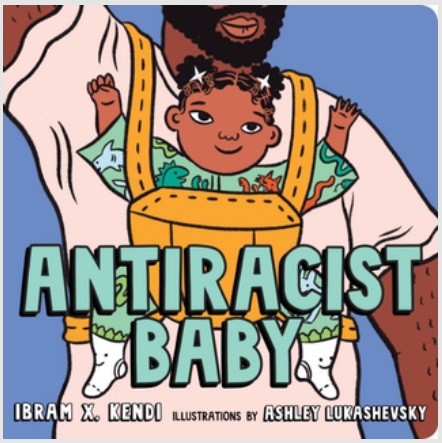

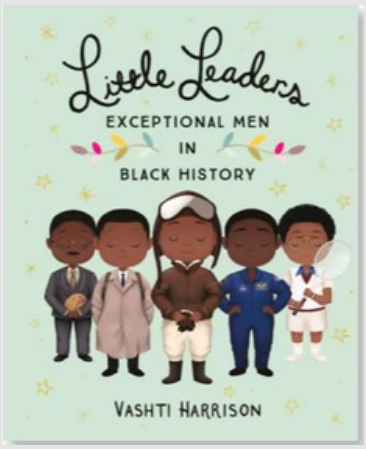

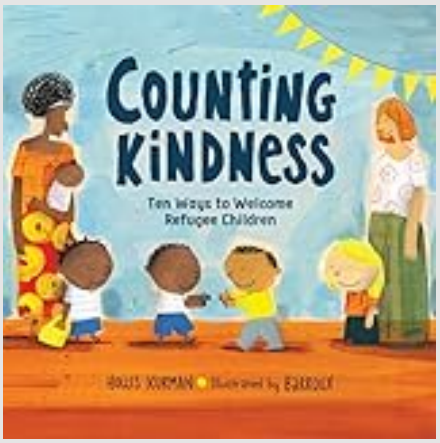

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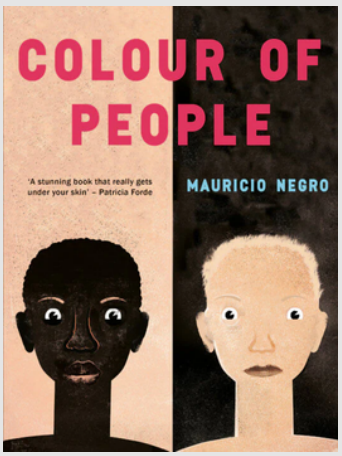

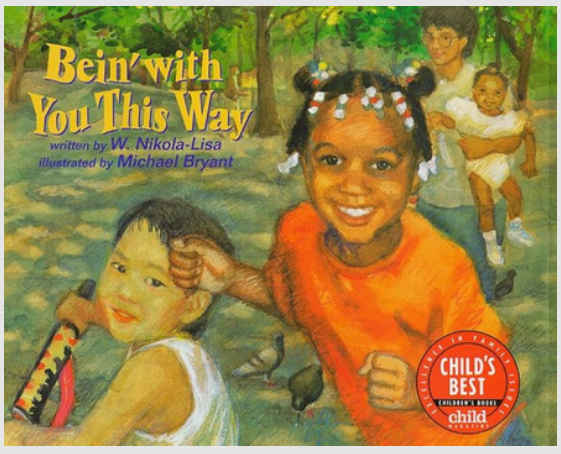



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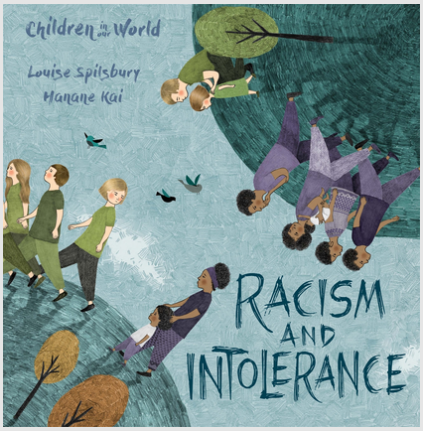

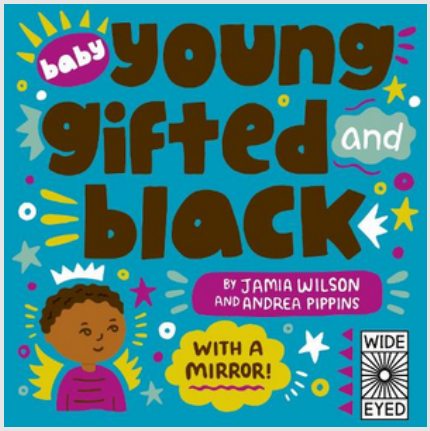

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